

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (MBE Set Aside)

**RFP NUMBER: 0A1110
DATE ISSUED: January 24, 2013**

The state of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services ("the State") is requesting proposals for an Ohio Certified MBE/EDGE offeror to assist ODJFS with establishing an Enterprise Product and Project Quality Assurance (PPQA) Process by conducting an assessment of its existing software test practices and methodologies, ODJFS staffing and organizational structure.

INQUIRY PERIOD BEGINS: January 24, 2013
INQUIRY PERIOD ENDS: February 13, 2013
OPENING DATE: February 20, 2013
OPENING TIME: 1:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time

OPENING LOCATION: DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION
IT PROCUREMENT SERVICES
ATTN: BID DESK
4200 SURFACE ROAD
COLUMBUS, OH 43228-1313

This RFP consists of five parts and eleven (11) attachments, totaling 85 consecutively numbered pages. Supplements also are attached to this RFP with a beginning header page and an ending trailer page. Please verify that you have a complete copy.

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose. This is a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (“RFP”) under Section 125.071 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Code”) and Section 123:5-1-8 of the Ohio Administrative Code (the “Administrative Code”) through the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (“the State”).

Using industry best practices and standards, the Contractor will recommend a formal test methodology suitable to the organization, provide a detailed implementation plan and make recommendations to the organizational structure and staffing levels.

If a suitable offer is made in response to this RFP, the State of Ohio (the “State”), through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, may enter into a contract (the “Contract”) to have the selected offeror (the “Contractor”) perform all or part of the Project. This RFP provides details on what is required to submit a Proposal for the Project, how the State will evaluate the Proposals, and what will be required of the Contractor in performing the work.

This RFP also gives the estimated dates for the various events in the submission process, selection process, and performance of the work. While these dates are subject to change, prospective offerors must be prepared to meet them as they currently stand.

Once awarded, the term of the Contract will be from the award date until June 30, 2013. The State may renew this Contract for one (1) biennium through June 30, 2015. Renewal is subject to and contingent on the discretionary decision of the Ohio General Assembly to appropriate funds for this Contract in each new biennium. Any such renewal of all or part of the Contract also is subject to the satisfactory performance of the Contractor and the needs of the ODJFS.

The State may reject any Proposal if the offeror fails to meet a deadline in the submission or evaluation phases of the selection process or objects to the dates for performance of the Project or the terms and conditions in this RFP.

Background. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), Office of Information Services (OIS), Enterprise Software Testing Center (ESTC) section was established in 2008 to centralize the software testing function within the Office. The primary purpose for centralization was to standardize testing methodologies, processes and metrics and achieve economies of scale by sharing testing resources across applications. The ESTC is comprised of approximately 37 staff, four (4) managers and one (1) section chief; and reports to the Assistant Deputy Director for Application Development. ESTC staff is divided into four units loosely based on ODJFS program areas and are responsible for planning, design, execution and reporting of system test activities for key ODJFS software applications. Each unit supports large, complex, multi-platform human services and employment services applications, as well as numerous smaller administrative applications. The ESTC uses the HP Application Lifecycle Management Quality Center (v11) as a test repository; HP Quick Test Professional (v11) for automation scripting; HP Performance Center (v11) for load testing; Serena Dimensions (V 2009 R2) for release management, Microsoft Project 2007 and Clarity to perform project tracking. Budget reductions, staffing loss through normal attrition and increased demand for system test services require ESTC to evaluate and streamline its current processes and practices to ensure high-quality software solutions continue to be delivered to OIS business partners.

Overview of the Project's Scope of Work. The scope of work for the Project is provided in Attachment Two: Part One of this RFP. This section only gives a summary of that work. If there is any inconsistency between this summary and the attachment's description of the work, the attachment will govern.

The State is soliciting Proposals to identify an Ohio Certified MBE offeror to assist ODJFS with evaluation and establishment of an Enterprise Product and Project Quality Assurance (PPQA) Process by conducting an assessment of the ODJFS existing software test practices, metrics, measurements, methodologies, staffing and organizational structure. Using industry best practices and standards, such as the Software Body of Knowledge (SWEBOK), the Contractor will recommend a formal test

methodology suitable to the ODJFS organization, provide a detailed implementation plan and make recommendations to the organizational structure and staffing levels.

Calendar of Events. The schedule for the RFP process and Project is given below. The State may change this schedule at any time. If the State changes the schedule before the Proposal due date, it will do so through an announcement on the State Procurement Website's question and answer area for this RFP. The Website announcement will be followed by an amendment to this RFP, also available through the State Procurement Website. After the Proposal due date and before the award of the Contract, the State will make schedule changes through the RFP amendment process. Additionally, the State will make changes in the Project schedule after the Contract award through the change order provisions in the General Terms and Conditions Attachment to this RFP. It is each prospective offeror's responsibility to check the Website question and answer area for this RFP for current information regarding this RFP and its Calendar of Events through award of the Contract.

Dates:

Firm Dates

RFP Issued: January 24, 2013
Inquiry Period Begins: January 24, 2013
Inquiry Period Ends: February 13, 2013
Proposal Due Date: February 20, 2013

Estimated Dates

Award Date: March 18, 2013

Estimated Project Dates

Project Work Begins: March 25, 2013

There are references in this RFP to the Proposal due date. Unless it is clearly provided to the contrary in this RFP, any such reference means the date and time (Columbus, Ohio local time) that the Proposals are due and not just the date.

PART TWO: STRUCTURE OF THIS RFP

Organization. This RFP is organized into five (5) parts and has eleven (11) attachments. The parts and attachments are listed below.

Parts:

- Part 1 Executive Summary
- Part 2 Structure of this RFP
- Part 3 General Instructions
- Part 4 Evaluation of Proposals
- Part 5 Award of the Contract

Attachments:

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| Attachment Two | Project Requirements and Special Provisions |
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| Attachment Six | Sample Deliverable/Milestone Submittal Form |
| Attachment Seven | Offeror Certification Form |
| Attachment Eight | Offeror Profile Summary |
| Attachment Nine | Personnel Profile Summary Form |
| Attachment Ten | Standard Affirmation and Disclosure Form (EO 2011-12K) |
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PART THREE: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following sections provide details on how to get more information about how to respond to this RFP. All responses must be complete and in the prescribed format.

Contacts. The following person will represent the State during the RFP process:

Procurement Representative:

Valerie Piccininni
Acquisition Analyst
Department of Administrative Services
I.T. Procurement Services
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228

During the performance of the Project, a State representative (the "Project Representative") will represent the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and be the primary contact for the Project. The State will designate the Project Representative in writing after the Contract award.

Inquiries. Offerors may make inquiries regarding this RFP anytime during the inquiry period listed in the Calendar of Events. To make an inquiry, offerors must use the following process:

- Access the State Procurement Website at <http://procure.ohio.gov/>;
- From the Navigation Bar on the left, select "Find It Fast";
- Select "Doc/Bid/Schedule #" as the Type;
- Enter the RFP number found on the first page of this RFP (the RFP number begins with zero followed by the letter "A");
- Click the "Find It Fast" button;
- On the document information page, click the "Submit Inquiry" button;
- On the document inquiry page, complete the required "Personal Information" section by providing:
 - First and last name of the prospective offeror's representative who is responsible for the inquiry,
 - Name of the prospective offeror,
 - Representative's business phone number, and
 - Representative's email address;
- Type the inquiry in the space provided including:
 - A reference to the relevant part of this RFP,
 - The heading for the provision under question, and
 - The page number of the RFP where the provision can be found; and
- Click the "Submit" button.

An offeror submitting an inquiry will receive an immediate acknowledgement that the State has received the inquiry as well as an email acknowledging receipt. The offeror will not receive a personalized response to the question nor notification when the State has answered the question.

Offerors may view inquiries and responses on the State's Procurement Website by using the "Find It Fast" feature described above and by clicking the "View Q & A" button on the document information page.

The State usually responds to all inquiries within three business days of receipt, excluding weekends and State holidays. However, the State will not respond to any inquiries received after 8:00 a.m. on the inquiry end date.

The State does not consider questions asked during the inquiry period through the inquiry process as exceptions to the terms and conditions of this RFP.

Amendments to the RFP. If the State revises this RFP before the Proposals are due, it will announce any amendments on the State Procurement Website.

Offerors may view amendments by using the “Find It Fast” function of the State’s Procurement Web page (described in the Inquiries Section above) and then clicking on the amendment number to display the amendment.

When an amendment to this RFP is necessary, the State may extend the Proposal due date through an announcement on the State Procurement Website. The State may issue amendment announcements any time before 5:00 p.m. on the day before Proposals are due, and it is each prospective offeror’s responsibility to check for announcements and other current information regarding this RFP.

After the Proposal due date, the State will distribute amendments only to those offerors whose Proposals are under active consideration. When the State amends the RFP after the due date for Proposals, the State will permit offerors to withdraw their Proposals within five business days after the amendment is issued. This withdrawal option will allow any offeror to remove its Proposal from active consideration should the offeror feel that the amendment changes the nature of the transaction so much that the offeror’s Proposal is no longer in its interest. Alternatively, the State may allow offerors that have Proposals under active consideration to modify their Proposals in response to the amendment.

If the State allows offerors to modify their Proposals in response to an amendment, the State may limit the nature and scope of the modifications. Unless otherwise provided in the State’s notice, offerors must make any modifications or withdrawals in writing and submit them to the State within five business days after the amendment is issued at the address and in the same manner required for the submission of the original Proposals. If this RFP provides for a negotiation phase, this submission procedure will not apply to changes negotiated during that phase. The State may reject any modification that is broader in scope than the State has authorized in the announcement of the amendment and treat it as a withdrawal of the offeror’s Proposal.

Proposal Submittal. Each offeror must submit a technical section and a cost section as part of its total Proposal before the opening time on the Proposal due date. The offeror must submit the technical section as a separate package from the cost section of its Proposal, and each section must be submitted in its own separate, opaque package. The package with the technical section of the Proposal must be sealed and contain one originally signed technical section and five (5) copies of the technical section, and the package with the cost section also must be sealed and contain two (2) complete copies of the cost section of the Proposal. Further, the offeror must mark the outside of each package with either “**Enterprise Product and Project Quality Assurance (PPQA) Process – Technical Proposal**” or “**Enterprise Product and Project Quality Assurance (PPQA) Process – Cost Summary,**” as appropriate.

Included in each sealed package, the offeror also must provide an electronic copy of everything contained within the package on CD-ROM in Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat format, as appropriate. If there is a discrepancy between the hard copy and the electronic copy of the Proposal, the hard copy will control, and the State will base its evaluation of the offeror’s Proposal on the hard copy.

Proposals are due no later than 1:00 p.m. on the Proposal due date. Proposals submitted by email, fax or other electronic means are not acceptable, and the State may reject them. Offerors must submit their Proposals to:

Department of Administrative Services
I.T. Procurement Services
Bid Room
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228

The State may reject any Proposals or unsolicited modifications that it receives after the deadline. An offeror that mails its Proposal must allow for adequate mailing time to ensure its timely receipt. Offerors also must allow for potential delays due to increased security. Offerors must allow sufficient time for this additional security process, since the State may reject late Proposals regardless of the cause for the delay.

Each offeror must carefully review the requirements of this RFP and the contents of its Proposal. Once opened, Proposals cannot be altered or withdrawn, except as allowed by this RFP.

By submitting a Proposal, the offeror acknowledges that it has read this RFP, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its requirements. The State is not responsible for the accuracy of any information regarding this RFP that was gathered through a source other than the inquiry process described in the RFP.

Revised Code Section 9.24 prohibits the State from awarding a contract to any entity against whom the Auditor of State has issued a finding for recovery (a "Finding"), if the Finding is unresolved at the time of the award. This also applies to renewals of contracts. By submitting a Proposal, the offeror warrants that it is not subject to an unresolved Finding under Section 9.24 at the time of its submission. The offeror also warrants that it will notify the Ohio Department of Administrative Services in writing immediately upon becoming subject to such an unresolved Finding after submitting its Proposal and before the award of a Contract under this RFP. Should the State select the offeror's Proposal for award of a Contract, this warranty of immediate written notice will apply during the term of the Contract, including any renewals or extensions. Further, the State may treat any unresolved Finding against the Contractor that prevents a renewal of the Contract as a breach, in accordance with the provisions of Attachment Four, General Terms and Conditions.

The State may reject any Proposal if the offeror takes exception to the terms and conditions of this RFP, includes unacceptable assumptions or conditions in its Proposal, fails to comply with the procedure for participating in the RFP process, or fails to meet any requirement of this RFP. The State also may reject any Proposal that it believes is not in its interest to accept and may decide not to award a contract to any or all of the offerors responding to this RFP.

Offerors may not prepare or modify their Proposals on State premises.

All Proposals and other material that offerors submit will become the property of the State and may be returned only at the State's option. Offerors should not include any confidential information in a Proposal or other material submitted as part of the evaluation process. All Proposals will be open to the public after the State has awarded the Contract.

The State will retain all Proposals, or a copy of them, as part of the Contract file for at least three years. After the three-year retention period, the State may return, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the Proposals and any copies of them.

Waiver of Defects. The State may waive any defects in any Proposal or in the submission process followed by an offeror, but the State will only do so if it believes that it is in the State's interest and will not cause any material unfairness to other offerors.

Multiple or Alternate Proposals. The State will not accept multiple Proposals from a single offeror or any alternative solutions or options to the requirements of this RFP.

Additionally, any offeror that disregards a requirement in this RFP simply by proposing an alternative to it will have submitted a defective Proposal that the State may reject. Further, any offeror that submits multiple Proposals may have all its Proposals rejected.

Changes to Proposals. The State will allow modifications or withdrawals of Proposals only if the State receives them before the Proposal due date. No modifications or withdrawals will be permitted after the due date, except as authorized by this RFP.

Proposal Instructions. Each Proposal must be organized in an indexed binder ordered in the same manner as the response items are ordered in the applicable attachments to this RFP. The requirements for a Proposal's contents and formatting are contained in the attachments to this RFP. The State wants clear and concise Proposals, but offerors must answer questions completely and meet all the RFP's requirements.

The State is not liable for any costs an offeror incurs in responding to this RFP or from participating in the evaluation process, regardless of whether the State awards the Contract through this process, decides not to go forward with the Project, cancels this RFP for any reason, or contracts for the Project through some other process or through another RFP.

Location of Data. Unless the State agrees otherwise in writing, the selected offeror and its subcontractors must do all work related to the Project and keep all State data at the location(s) disclosed in the offeror's Proposal. If Attachment Two contains any restrictions on where the work may be done or where any State data may be kept, the State may reject any Proposal that proposes to do any work or make State data available outside of those geographic restrictions.

PART FOUR: EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Disclosure of Proposal Contents. The State will seek to open the Proposals in a manner that avoids disclosing their contents. The State also will seek to keep the contents of all Proposals confidential until the Contract is awarded, but the State will prepare a registry of Proposals that contains the name of each offeror. The public may inspect that registry after the State opens the Proposals.

Rejection of Proposals. The State may reject any Proposal that is not in the required format, does not address all the requirements of this RFP, objects to the terms or conditions of this RFP, or that the State determines is excessive in price or otherwise not in the State's interest to accept. In addition, the State may cancel this RFP, reject all the Proposals, and seek to do the Project through a new RFP or other means.

Evaluation of Proposals Generally. The evaluation process may consist of up to six distinct phases:

1. Initial review;
2. Technical evaluation;
3. Product Demonstration;
4. Evaluation of costs;
5. Requests for more information;
6. Determination of responsibility; and
7. Contract Negotiations.

The State may decide whether phases four (4) and six (6) are necessary, and the State may rearrange the order in which it proceeds with the phases. The State also may add or remove sub-phases to any phase at any time, if the State believes doing so will improve the evaluation process.

Clarifications and Corrections. During the evaluation process, in the State's sole discretion, it may request clarifications from any offeror under active consideration and may give any offeror the opportunity to correct defects in its Proposal, if the State believes doing so would not result in an unfair advantage for the offeror, and it is in the State's interest. The State may reject any clarification that is non-responsive or broader in scope than what the State requested.

If the State does so, or if the offeror fails to respond to the request for clarification, the State then may request a corrected clarification, consider the offeror's Proposal without the clarification, or disqualify the offeror's Proposal.

Corrections and clarifications must be completed off State premises.

Initial Review. The Procurement Representative will review all Proposals for their format and completeness. The State normally rejects incomplete or incorrectly formatted Proposals, though the State may waive any defects or allow an offeror to submit a correction, if the State believes doing so would not result in an unfair advantage for the offeror and it is in the State's interest. Further, if the Auditor of State does not certify a Proposal due to lateness, the State will not open it.

After the initial review, the State will forward all timely, complete, and properly formatted Proposals to an evaluation team, which the Procurement Representative will lead.

Technical Evaluation. The State will evaluate each Proposal that it has determined is timely, complete, and properly formatted. The evaluation will be scored according to the requirements identified in this RFP, including the requirements in Attachment One. Other attachments to this RFP may further refine these requirements, and the State has a right to break these requirements into components and weight any components of a requirement according to their perceived importance.

The State also may have the Proposals or portions of them reviewed and evaluated by independent third parties or various State personnel with experience that relates to the work or to a criterion in the evaluation process. Additionally, the State may seek reviews from end users of the Project or the advice or evaluations of various State personnel that have subject matter expertise or an interest in the Project.

The State may adopt or reject any recommendations it receives from such reviews and evaluations or give them such weight as the State believes is appropriate.

During the technical evaluation, the State will calculate a point total for each Proposal that it evaluates. At the sole discretion of the State, it may reject any Proposal receiving a significant number of zeros for sections in the technical portions of the evaluation. The State may select those offerors submitting the highest rated Proposals for the next phase. The number of Proposals that advance to the next phase will be within the State's discretion, but regardless of the number of Proposals selected, they always will be the highest rated Proposals from this phase.

At any time during this phase, in the State's sole discretion, it may ask an offeror to correct, revise, or clarify any portions of its Proposal.

The State will document all major decisions and make these a part of the Contract file, along with the evaluation results for each Proposal considered.

Requirements. Attachment One provides requirements the State will use to evaluate the Proposals, including any mandatory requirements. If the offeror's Proposal meets all the mandatory requirements, the offeror's Proposal may be included in the next phase of the evaluation, which will consider other requirements described in a table in Attachment One.

This RFP asks for responses and submissions from offerors, most of which represent components of the requirements in Attachment One. While each requirement represents only a part of the total basis for a decision to award the Contract to an offeror, a failure by an offeror to make a required submission or meet a mandatory requirement normally will result in a rejection of that offeror's Proposal.

The value assigned above to each requirement is only a value used to determine which Proposal is the most advantageous to the State in relation to the other Proposals that the State received. It is not a basis for determining the importance of meeting that requirement. If the State does not receive any Proposal that meets all the mandatory requirements, the State may cancel this RFP.

Alternatively, if the State believes it is in its interest, the State may continue to consider the highest-ranking Proposals despite their failure to meet all the mandatory requirements.

In doing this, the State may consider one or more of the highest-ranking Proposals. The State may not consider any lower-ranking Proposals unless all Proposals ranked above it are also considered, except as provided below.

In any case where no Proposal meets all the mandatory requirements, it may be that an upper ranking Proposal contains a failure to meet a mandatory requirement that the State believes is critical to the success of the RFP's objectives. When this is so, the State may reject that Proposal and consider lower ranking Proposals. Before doing so, the State may notify the offeror of the situation and allow the offeror an opportunity to cure its failure to meet that mandatory requirement.

If the offeror cures its failure to meet a mandatory requirement that the State has deemed critical to the success of the RFP's objectives, the State may continue to consider the offeror's Proposal. However, if the offeror is unwilling or unable to cure the failure, its Proposal may be rejected. The State then may continue to consider the other remaining Proposals, including, if the State so chooses, Proposals that ranked lower than the rejected Proposal.

Cost Evaluation. Once the technical merits of the Proposals are considered, the State may consider the costs of one or more of the highest-ranking Proposals. But it is within the State's discretion to wait until after any interviews, presentations, and demonstrations to evaluate costs. Also, before evaluating the technical merits of the Proposals, the State may do an initial review of costs to determine if any Proposals should be rejected because of excessive cost. Further, the State may reconsider the excessiveness of any Proposal's cost at any time in the evaluation process.

The State may select one or more of the Proposals for further consideration in the next phase of the evaluation process based on the price performance formula contained in Attachment One. The Proposal(s) selected for consideration in the next phase always will be the highest-ranking Proposal(s) based on this analysis. That is, the State may not move a lower-ranking Proposal to the next phase unless all Proposals that rank above it also are moved to the next phase, excluding any Proposals that the State disqualifies because of excessive cost or other irregularities.

If the State finds that it should give one or more of the highest-ranking Proposals further consideration, the State may move the selected Proposals to the next phase. The State alternatively may choose to bypass any or all subsequent phases and make an award based solely on its scoring of the preceding phases, subject only to its review of the highest-ranking offeror's responsibility, as described below.

Requests for More Information. The State may require some offerors to interview, make a presentation about their Proposals, or demonstrate their products or services. If the presentations or demonstrations are held as part of the technical evaluation phase, all offerors that have Proposals under evaluation may participate. Alternatively, if the presentations or demonstrations are held after the technical evaluation, the State normally will limit them to one or more of the highest ranking offerors. The State normally will limit such presentations or demonstrations to areas in which it seeks further information from the highest ranking offeror or offerors. Typically, these discussions provide an offeror with an opportunity to do one or more of the following:

- Clarify its Proposal and ensure a mutual understanding of the Proposal's content;
- Show the features and functions of its proposed hardware, software, or solution; and
- Demonstrates the offeror's professionalism, qualifications, skills, and work knowledge

The State will schedule the presentations or demonstrations at its convenience and discretion. The State will determine the scope and format of any presentations or demonstrations and may record them. If the State moves more than one offeror to this phase, the scope and format of these presentations or demonstrations may vary from one offeror to the next, depending on the particular issues or concerns the State may have with each offeror's Proposal.

The State normally will not rank presentations or demonstrations. Rather, if the State conducts the presentations or demonstrations as part of the technical evaluation, the State may use the information it gathers during this process in evaluating the technical merits of the Proposals.

If the State holds the presentations or demonstrations only for one or more of the top-ranking offerors after the evaluation phase, the State may decide to revise its existing Proposal evaluations based on the results of this process.

Determination of Responsibility. The State may review the background of one or more of the highest-ranking offerors and its or their key team members and subcontractors to ensure their responsibility. For purposes of this RFP, a key team member is a person that an offeror identifies by name in its Proposal as a member of its proposed team. The State will not award the Contract to an offeror that it determines is not responsible or subcontractors to work on the Project that are not responsible. The State's determination of an offeror's responsibility may include the following factors: experience of the offeror and its key team members and subcontractors, its and their past conduct on previous contracts, past performance on previous contracts, ability to execute this Contract properly, and management skill. The State may make this determination of responsibility based on the offeror's Proposal, reference evaluations, a review of the offeror's financial ability, and any other information the State requests or determines is relevant.

Some of the factors used in determining an offeror's responsibility, such as reference checks, may also be used in the technical evaluation of Proposals in phase two of the evaluation process. In evaluating those factors in phase two, the weight the State assigns to them, if any, for purposes of the technical evaluation will not preclude the State from rejecting a Proposal based on a determination that an offeror is not responsible. For example, if the offeror's financial ability is adequate, the value, if any, assigned to the offeror's relative financial ability in relation to other offerors in the technical evaluation phase may or

may not be significant, depending on the nature of the Project. If the State believes the offeror's financial ability is inadequate, the State may reject the offeror's Proposal despite its other merits.

The State may make a responsibility determination at any time during the evaluation process, but it typically will do so only once it has evaluated the technical merits and costs of the Proposals. The State always will review the responsibility of an offeror selected for an award before making the award, if it has not already done so earlier in the evaluation process. If the State determines that the offeror selected for award is not responsible, the State then may go down the line of remaining offerors, according to rank, and determine responsibility with the next highest-ranking offeror.

Reference Checks. As part of the State's determination of an offeror's responsibility, the State may conduct reference checks to verify and validate the offeror and subcontractors' past performance. Reference checks that indicate poor or failed performance by the offeror or subcontractor may be cause for rejection of the offeror's Proposal. Additionally, the State may reject an offeror's Proposal as non-responsive if the offeror fails to provide requested reference contact information.

The State may consider the quality of offerors' and subcontractors' references as part of the technical evaluation phase, as well as in the State's determination of the offeror's responsibility. The State also may consider the information it receives from the references in weighing any requirement contained in the technical evaluation phase, if that information is relevant to the requirement. In checking an offeror's or any of its proposed subcontractors' references, the State will seek information that relates to the offeror's previous contract performance.

This may include performance with other governmental entities, as well as any other information the State deems important for the successful operation and management of the Project and a positive working relationship between the State and the offeror. In doing this, the State may check references other than those provided in the offeror's Proposal. The State also may use information from other sources, such as third-party reporting agencies.

Financial Ability. Part of State's determination of an offeror's responsibility may include the offeror's financial ability to perform the Contract.

This RFP may expressly require the submission of audited financial statements from all offerors in their Proposals, but if this RFP does not make this an express requirement, the State still may insist that an offeror submit audited financial statements for up to the past three years, if the State is concerned that an offeror may not have the financial ability to carry out the Contract. Also, the State may consider financial information other than the information that this RFP requires as part of the offeror's Proposal, such as credit reports from third-party reporting agencies.

Contract Negotiations. The final phase of the evaluation process may be contract negotiations. It is entirely within the discretion of the State whether to permit negotiations. An offeror must not submit a Proposal assuming that there will be an opportunity to negotiate any aspect of the Proposal, and any Proposal that is contingent on the State negotiating with the offeror may be rejected.

The State is free to limit negotiations to particular aspects of any Proposal or the RFP, to limit the offerors with whom the State negotiates, and to dispense with negotiations entirely. If negotiations are held, they will be scheduled at the convenience of the State, and the selected offeror or offerors must negotiate in good faith.

The State may limit negotiations to specific aspects of the RFP or the offeror's Proposal. Should the evaluation result in a top-ranked Proposal, the State may limit negotiations to only that offeror and not hold negotiations with any lower-ranking offeror. If negotiations are unsuccessful with the top-ranked offeror, the State then may go down the line of remaining offerors, according to rank, and negotiate with the next highest-ranking offeror. Lower-ranking offerors do not have a right to participate in negotiations conducted in such a manner.

If the State decides to negotiate simultaneously with more than one offeror, or decides that negotiations with the top-ranked offeror are not satisfactory and therefore negotiates with one or more of the lower-ranking offerors, the State then will determine if an adjustment in the ranking of the offerors with which it held negotiations is appropriate based on the negotiations. The Contract award, if any, then will be based on the final ranking of offerors, as adjusted.

Auction techniques that reveal one offeror's price to another or disclose any other material information derived from competing Proposals are prohibited. Any oral modification of a Proposal will be reduced to writing by the offeror as described below.

Following negotiations, the State may set a date and time for the offeror(s) with which the State conducted negotiations to submit a best and final Proposal. If negotiations were limited and all changes were reduced to signed writings during negotiations, the State need not require a best and final Proposal.

If best and final Proposals are required, they may be submitted only once, unless the State determines that it is in the State's interest to conduct additional negotiations. In such cases, the State may require another submission of best and final Proposals. Otherwise, discussion of or changes in the best and final Proposals will not be allowed. If an offeror does not submit a best and final Proposal, the State will treat that offeror's previous Proposal as its best and final Proposal.

The State usually will not rank negotiations and normally will hold them only to correct deficiencies in or enhance the value of the highest-ranked offeror's Proposal.

From the opening of the Proposals to the award of the Contract, everyone evaluating Proposals on behalf of the State will seek to limit access to information contained in the Proposals solely to those people with a need to know the information. The State also will seek to keep this information away from other offerors, and the State may not tell one offeror about the contents of another offeror's Proposal in order to gain a negotiating advantage.

Before the award of the Contract or cancellation of the RFP, any offeror that seeks to gain access to the contents of another offeror's Proposal may be disqualified from further consideration.

Negotiated changes will be reduced to writing and become a part of the Contract file, which will be available for public inspection after award of the Contract or cancellation of the RFP, provided the State does not plan to reissue the RFP. If the State plans to reissue the RFP, the Contract file will not be available until the subsequent RFP process is completed. Unless the State agrees otherwise in writing, the offeror must draft and sign the written changes and submit them to the State within five business days. If the State accepts the changes, the State will give the offeror written notice of the State's acceptance, and the negotiated changes to the successful offer will become a part of the Contract.

Failure to Negotiate. If an offeror fails to provide the necessary information for negotiations in a timely manner, or fails to negotiate in good faith, the State may terminate negotiations with that offeror, remove the offeror's Proposal from further consideration, and seek such other remedies as may be available in law or in equity. Further, if negotiations involve proposed changes to Attachment Eight for Key Commercial Software, the State may terminate negotiations with that offeror and remove the offeror's Proposal from further consideration, if the State and the offeror cannot agree on terms acceptable to the State.

PART FIVE: AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

Contract Award. The State plans to award the Contract based on the schedule in the RFP, if the State decides the Project is in its best interest and has not changed the award date.

Included with this RFP, as Attachment Five, is a sample of the Contract for the RFP. The State will issue two originals of the Contract to the Contractor proposed for award. The offeror must sign and return the two originals to the Procurement Representative. The State also will issue two originals of any Master Contract(s) for Software Licensing (Master Contract(s)) to the Contractor. If the licensor under any such Master Contract is not the offeror, the offeror will be responsible for coordinating execution of the document by the licensor and returning it to the State with the two originally signed copies of the Contract. The Contract and any Master Contract will bind the State only when the State's duly authorized representative signs all copies and returns one to the Contractor with an award letter, the State issues a purchase order, and all other prerequisites identified in the Contract have occurred.

The Contractor must begin work within 15 business days after the State issues a purchase order under the Contract. If the State awards a Contract pursuant to this RFP, and the Contractor is unable or unwilling to begin the work within the time specified above, the State may cancel the Contract, effective immediately on notice to the Contractor. The State then may return to the evaluation process under this RFP and resume the process without giving further consideration to the originally selected Proposal. The State also may seek such other remedies as may be available to the State in law or in equity for the selected offeror's failure to perform under the Contract.

Contract. If this RFP results in a Contract award, the Contract will consist of this RFP, including all attachments, written amendments to this RFP, the Contractor's accepted Proposal, and written, authorized amendments to the Contractor's Proposal. It also will include any materials incorporated by reference in the above documents and any purchase orders and change orders issued under the Contract. The form of the Contract is included as a one-page attachment to this RFP, but it incorporates all the documents identified above. The general terms and conditions for the Contract are contained in Attachment Four to this RFP. If there are conflicting provisions between the documents that make up the Contract, the order of precedence for the documents is as follows:

1. The one-page Contract (Attachment Five) in its final form;
2. This RFP, as amended;
3. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the RFP;
4. The Executive Order. EO 2011-12K incorporated by reference in the RFP;
5. The Contractor's Proposal, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State; and
6. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Proposal.

Notwithstanding the order listed above, change orders and amendments issued after the Contract is executed may expressly change the provisions of the Contract. If they do so expressly, then the most recent of them will take precedence over anything else that is part of the Contract.

To be binding on the State, a duly authorized representative of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services must sign any change order under or amendment to the Contract.

ATTACHMENT ONE: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Mandatory Requirements. The first table lists this RFP’s mandatory requirements. If the offeror’s Proposal meets all the mandatory requirements, the offeror’s Proposal may be included in the next part of the technical evaluation phase described in the next table.

Mandatory Requirements	Accepted	Rejected
An offeror is required to submit a copy of its current Ohio MBE certification as part of its proposal. Proposals submitted from any other entity or individuals will be rejected.		

In the technical evaluation phase, the State must rate the technical merits of the Proposals based on the following requirements and the weight assigned to each requirement:

Scored Criteria	Weight	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds
Offeror Requirements				
Offeror must have completed three (3) similar assessments of software testing organizations or development organizations that contain an independent software testing groups (i.e. a testing group whose division of duty is outside of the software development (coding) function)	20	0	5	7
Offeror must provide documented proof of assessment or audit certification from a reputable or industry recognized 3 rd party organization, with preference given to offerors possessing certification of CMMI Level 3 assessed or ISO 9001:2008 certified. Offerors must enclose copies of any certification along with the Audit results from the certifying auditor/organization.	15	0	5	7
Offeror must have experience as the prime contractor responsible for delivery of custom software on a minimum of (3) three projects involving matrixed or stand-alone quality assurance teams using Waterfall, RAD and/or Agile software development methodologies.	20	0	5	7
Offeror must have led the implementation of client adopted, IT-related process improvement recommendations on at least one (1) project.	10	0	5	7
Staff Qualifications: All scoring criteria must be met by the staff as a group, with at least one (1) or more proposed team members meeting or exceeding at one (1) or more of the criteria. A proposed team with several zeros may be rejected.				

At least 50% of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 60 months experience in Quality Assurance Management.	20	0	5	7
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 36 months experience in a leadership role responsible for providing Quality Assurance.	5	0	5	7
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of 60 months experience in comprehensive test tool utilization such as HP Quality Center, HP QuickTest Professional, Cucumber, IBM Rational products and similar industry standard tools.	10	0	5	7
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must submit proof of one of the following: Certified Software Quality Analyst (CSQA); Certified Manager of Software Quality (CMSQ); Certified Manager of Software Testing (CMST).	20	0	5	7
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have a minimum of 36 months experience as QA Lead and or QA Architect in organization that required compliance to federal standards.	15	0	5	7
Project Plan	15	0	5	7
Staffing Plan	10	0	5	7

Price Performance Formula. The evaluation team will rate the Proposals that meet the Mandatory Requirements based on the following criteria and respective weights.

Criteria	Percentage
Technical Proposal	70%
Cost Summary	30%

To ensure the scoring ratio is maintained, the State will use the following formulas to adjust the points awarded to each offeror.

The offeror with the highest point total for the Technical Proposal will receive 700 points. The remaining offerors will receive a percentage of the maximum points available based upon the following formula:

$$\text{Technical Proposal Points} = (\text{Offeror's Technical Proposal Points} / \text{Highest Number of Technical Proposal Points Obtained}) \times 700$$

The offeror with the lowest proposed Not-To-Exceed Fixed Price will receive 300 points. The remaining offerors will receive a percentage of the maximum cost points available based upon the following formula:

$$\text{Cost Summary Points} = (\text{Lowest Not-To-Exceed Fixed Price} / \text{Offeror's Not-To-Exceed Fixed Price}) \times 300$$

Total Points Score: The total points score is calculated using the following formula:
Total Points = Technical Proposal Points + Cost Summary Points

ATTACHMENT TWO: PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

This attachment describes the Project and what the Contractor must do to get the job done. It also describes what the Contractor must deliver as part of the completed Project (the "Deliverables"). Additionally, it gives a detailed description of the Project's schedule.

Scope of Work. The State will provide oversight for the entire Project, but the Contractor must provide overall project management for the tasks under this Contract, including the day-to-day management of its staff. The Contractor also must assist the State with coordinating assignments for State staff working on the Project. And the Contractor must provide all administrative support for its staff and activities.

The State will provide staff, as it deems appropriate, to perform Project monitoring, and will participate in quality assurance and configuration management tasks, and will participate in Project reviews. The State's technical staff is expected to assume increasing support roles throughout the Project phases and will assume full maintenance responsibility of the completed Project following the warranty period and any optional maintenance periods.

The Contractor will be responsible for the following Scope of Work:

- 1) Conducting a one (1) to three (3) month assessment of the quality assurance practices and methodologies, tools utilized, metrics and measurement methodology for adherence to industry best testing practices and standards of the ESTC by
 - a. Interviewing a minimum of ten (10) identified key stakeholders i.e. OIS managers (project, development and executive) and program areas
 - b. Documenting existing practices and findings from team integration, monitoring and interviewing
 - 2) Presenting findings of the assessment to the OIS Senior Leadership team within a three (3) month window of project start to include:
 - a. A gap analysis of current ESTC methodology and testing practices as compared to industry standards as specified within SWEBOK
 - b. Analysis of ESTC staffing levels and organizational structure
 - c. Evaluation of ODJFS staffs usage of existing tools within ESTC
 - 3) Documenting and presenting a detailed action plan (based on analysis) for implementing recommendations of staffing, tool usage, organizational structure, testing methodologies, training curriculum and implementation of key performance indicators and software testing metrics and measurements via an executive dashboard
- Optional Tasks:**
- 4) Providing onsite group and individual training and technical assistance to ESTC in the implementation of recommended processes, measurements, reports and practices by:
 - a. Participating in and monitoring of several small projects in ESTC over a six (6) month window with emphasis on use of the recommended tools, methodologies, and practices
 - b. Developing and delivering a weekly report on implementation progress to ESTC leadership and a monthly report to Senior Leadership on inclusion and adherence to new recommendations

The estimated duration of this effort will be seven (7) to nine (9) months, which includes an evaluation period of one (1) to three (3) months, followed by a six (6) month implementation period that includes onsite training and monitoring of implementation activities. Contractor will use ODJFS SharePoint software to store all deliverables, interview notes, meeting minutes, etc.

Contractor Responsibilities and Deliverables. The Contractor must meet all RFP requirements and complete all Project milestones and Deliverables, as provided in the Project Plan.

The minimal deliverables for this assignment include the following:

- 1) A completed assessment and gap analysis of the ESTC unit resulting in a document addressing the following:
 - a. Staff levels and organizational structure
 - b. Tool usage and staff knowledge of tools
 - c. Adherence to industry standards (SWEBOK)
 - i. Software Testing Fundamentals, including Testing-related terminology
 - ii. Test Levels including Unit testing, Integration testing and System testing, Performance Testing, Regression testing
 - iii. Test Techniques including Specification-based techniques, Code-based techniques
 - iv. Test-related measures including Evaluation of the program under test, Reliability growth models, and Comparison and relative effectiveness of different techniques
 - v. Test Process including Test Activities and Execution
 - d. Integration of the ESTC unit in the current OIS SDLC
- 2) A comprehensive and detailed action plan to address any gaps and recommendations found in the assessment.
- 3) Presentation of the assessment to senior leadership.
- 4) Utilization of a documentation repository inclusive of evaluation results, recommendations, training curriculum and other relevant materials to this effort with visibility to all team members.

Optional deliverables (Offerors must address and price the following deliverables. It is solely the State's option to decide if any of the deliverables listed below will be performed.):

- 5) Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request one (1) or more of the following:
 - a. Based on recommendations of the assessment, deliver a training curriculum that will address gap analysis findings (i.e. staff skills, methodologies used, and recommendations for tool usage).
 - b. On-site training at ODJFS, implementation and assessment of ODJFS staff espousal and adherence to recommended changes.
 - c. Creation of an executive dashboard via SharePoint, HP tool suite, or other means to allow executive leadership, project management, and ESTC staff to view key performance indicators for testing activity in relation to project time line, efforts expended and other quality metrics.

Provide Weekly Status Reports. The Contractor must provide written status reports to the Project Representative at least one (1) full business day before each weekly conference call status meetings. At a minimum, weekly status reports must contain the items identified below:

- Updated Gantt chart, along with a copy of the corresponding Project Plan files (i.e. Microsoft (MS) Project, on electronic media acceptable to the State.
- Status of currently planned tasks, specifically identifying tasks not on schedule and a resolution plan to return to the planned schedule; issues encountered, proposed resolutions and actual resolutions; the results of any tests. The following items must also be included:
 - A Problem Tracking Report must be attached;
 - Anticipated tasks to be completed in the next week;

- Task and Deliverable status, with percentage of completion and time ahead or behind schedule for tasks and milestones; and
- Proposed changes to the Project work breakdown structure and Project schedule.
- At a minimum, weekly status reports must contain the following:
 - A risk analysis of actual and perceived problems; and
 - Strategic changes to the Project Plan.

The Contractor must develop these plans from information that the State's Project personnel provide. These State personnel have varying percentages of their time to devote to this Project, and the Contractor must consider their time commitments to the Project in creating the Project schedule and when obtaining information from State staff to create the above plans. State's project personnel will be named after award.

The Contractor's proposed format and level of detail for the status report is subject to the State's approval.

- **Update Project Schedule.** The Project schedule submitted with the Contractor's Proposal must be updated and submitted in electronic form, CD-ROM, and paper form to the ODJFS Project Manager for approval within seven (7) calendar days of the work start date. The revised Project schedule will become the Contractor's baseline plan to fulfill the Contract. The Contractor must use MS Project as the automated Project Management tool for the maintenance and presentation of the Project schedule during the Project.

The Project schedule must be formally updated in conjunction with the weekly reporting requirements throughout the Project.

Work Hours and Conditions. Testing activities, planning and status meetings that involve ESTC unit staff will occur during normal working hours on State property, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

The State will provide the team with cubicle space, standard Microsoft computers with MS Office, access to all ESTC documentation and HP software, desk phones, secured access to the 4200 building during work hours, and training spaces, as needed.

Training activities must be conducted at ODJFS facilities located at 4200 E. Fifth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43219 during the same hours.

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Submittal of Deliverables. The Contractor must perform its tasks in a timely and professional manner that produces Deliverables that fully meet the Contract's requirements. The Contractor must complete its work in steps that will result in Deliverables associated with those steps, and the Contractor must provide the required Deliverables no later than the due dates proposed in the RFP or included in the Contractor's Project Plan as approved by the State. At the time of delivery of a written Deliverable, the Contractor must submit an original and one copy of each Deliverable, plus an electronic copy. The Contractor must provide the electronic copy in a file format acceptable to the State.

By submitting a Deliverable, the Contractor represents that, to the best of its knowledge, it has performed the associated tasks in a manner that meets the Contract's requirements.

The Contractor must provide all Deliverables to the Project Representative, who will review (or delegate review of) the materials or documents within a reasonable time after receipt, as specified in the Project Plan.

If the State determines that a Deliverable is not in compliance, the Project Representative will note the reason for non-compliance on the Deliverable Submittal Form and send the form to the Project Manager. At no expense to the State, the Contractor then must bring the Deliverable into conformance and re-submit it to the Project Representative within ten business days.

If the State agrees the Deliverable is compliant, the Project Representative will indicate that by signing the Deliverable Submittal Form and returning a copy of it to the Contractor. In addition, if the Project Representative or designee determines that the State should make a payment associated with the Deliverable, the Project Representative will indicate that the payment should be made on the Deliverable Submittal Form.

The State form authorizing payment (Attachment Four) and the payment itself do not indicate that the State has accepted the Deliverables associated with the payment. The State's acceptance of the Deliverables that are part of developing the Project is conditioned on a successful performance test upon completion of the Project.

Status reports are not subject to a review and approval process.

Special Maintenance Standards. None.

The Contractor's Fee Structure. The Contract award will be for a not-to-exceed fixed price, payable in accordance with the schedule below. Ten (10) percent of each payment will be held back until the successful completion and acceptance of all required phases (including optional tasks, if applicable) of the Project.

Deliverable	Payment
<p>Task 1: A completed assessment and gap analysis of the ESTC unit resulting in a document addressing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff levels and organizational structure b. Tool usage and staff knowledge of tools c. Adherence to industry standards (SWEBOK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Software Testing Fundamentals, including Testing-related terminology ii. Test Levels including Unit testing, Integration testing and System testing, Performance Testing, Regression testing iii. Test Techniques including Specification-based techniques, Code-based techniques iv. Test-related measures including Evaluation of the program under test, Reliability growth models, and Comparison and relative effectiveness of different techniques v. Test Process including Test Activities and Execution d. Integration of the ESTC unit in the current OIS SDLC 	<p>90% of the total of Task 1 upon acceptance</p>
<p>Task 2: A comprehensive and detailed action plan to address any gaps and recommendations found in the assessment.</p>	<p>90% of the total of Task 2 upon acceptance</p>

<p>Task 3: Presentation of the assessment to senior leadership.</p>	<p>90% of the total of Task 3 upon acceptance</p>
<p>Task 4: Utilization of a documentation repository inclusive of evaluation results, recommendations, training curriculum and other relevant materials to this effort with visibility to all team members.</p>	<p>90% of the total of Task 4 upon acceptance</p>
<p>Optional Tasks (Offerors must address and price the following deliverables. It is solely the State's option to decide if any of the deliverables listed below will be performed.)</p>	
<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Based on recommendations of the assessment, deliver a training curriculum that will address gap analysis findings (i.e. staff skills, methodologies used, and recommendations for tool usage). 	<p>90% of the total of Task 5a upon acceptance</p>
<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. On-site training at ODJFS, implementation and assessment of ODJFS staff espousal and adherence to recommended changes. 	<p>90% of the total of Task 5b upon acceptance</p>

<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <p>c. Creation of an executive dashboard via SharePoint, HP tool suite, or other means to allow executive leadership, project management, and ESTC staff to view key performance indicators for testing activity in relation to project time line, efforts expended and other quality metrics</p>	<p>90% of the total of Task 5c upon acceptance</p>
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Upon receipt of a signed Deliverable Submittal Form (Attachment Six) indicating the State agrees that the Deliverable identified in the work breakdown structure is compliant or that the Contractor has met an applicable milestone and payment should be made, the Contractor may submit an invoice for that Deliverable or milestone, according to the payment schedule identified above.

Reimbursable Expenses. None.

Bill to Address.

Ohio Jobs and Family Services/Fiscal Services
30 E. Broad St. – 37th Floor
Columbus Ohio 43215

Location of Data. Unless the State agrees otherwise in writing, the selected Contractor and its subcontractors must keep all State documents and data within the continental United States.

ATTACHMENT THREE: REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSALS

Proposal Format. Each Proposal must include sufficient data to allow the State to verify the total cost for the Project and all of the offeror's claims of meeting the RFP's requirements. Each Proposal must respond to every request for information in this attachment, whether the request requires a simple "yes" or "no" or requires a detailed explanation. Simply repeating the RFP's requirement and agreeing to comply may be an unacceptable response and may cause the Proposal to be rejected.

These instructions describe the required format for a responsive Proposal. The offeror may include any additional information it believes is relevant. An identifiable tab sheet must precede each section of a Proposal, and each Proposal must follow the format outlined below. All pages, except pre-printed technical inserts, must be sequentially numbered. Any material deviation from the format outlined below may result in a rejection of the non-conforming Proposal.

Each Proposal must contain the following:

- MBE Certification
- Vendor Information Form (OBM-5657)
- Offeror Certification Form
- Offeror Description
- Offeror Profile Summary Form
- Personnel Profile Summary Form
- Assumptions
- Project Plan
- Staffing Plan
- Support Requirements
- Conflict of Interest Statement
- Proof of Insurance
- Payment Address
- Legal Notice Address
- W-9 Form
- Standard Affirmation and Disclosure Form (EO 2011-12K)
- Affirmative Action
- Cost Summary (must be separately sealed)

MBE Certification. The offeror must submit a copy of its current MBE Certification issued by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Vendor Information Form. The offeror must submit a signed and completed Vendor Information Form (OBM-5657) for itself and for each subcontractor the offeror plans to use under the Contract. The form is available at <http://obm.ohio.gov/forms/OAKS.asp>.

Offeror Certification Form. The offeror must complete Attachment Seven, Offeror Certification Form.

Offeror Description. Each Proposal must include a description of the offeror's capability, capacity, and experience in the industry. The description should include the date the offeror was established, its leadership, number of employees, number of employees the offeror will engage in tasks directly related to the Project, and any other background information that will help the State gauge the ability of the offeror to fulfill the obligations of the Contract.

Offeror Profile Summary Form. This RFP includes an Offeror Profile Summary Form as an attachment. The offeror must use this form and fill it out completely to provide the required information.

The Offeror Profile Summary Form contained in this document has been customized for the applicable offeror requirements. (Refer to Attachment Eight.) Each page of the form may contain minor variations. If an offeror elects to duplicate the form electronically, the offeror

must carefully review each page of the form to ensure that it has been copied accurately. Failure to duplicate the form exactly may lead to the rejection of the offeror's Proposal.

Each offeror must meet all the mandatory requirements in the RFP. If an offeror does not meet all the mandatory requirements, the State may reject the offeror's Proposal as non-responsive.

The various sections of the Offeror Profile Summary Forms are described below:

- a) **Mandatory Experience and Qualifications.** An offeror is required to submit a copy of its current Ohio MBE certification as part of its proposal. Proposals submitted from any other entity or individuals will be rejected.
- b) **Required Experience and Qualifications.** The offeror must complete this section to demonstrate that it meets the requirements for experience. For each reference, the offeror must provide the following information:
 - **Contact Information.** The offeror must provide a client contact name, title, phone number, email address, company name, and mailing address. The offeror also must include the same information for an alternate client contact, in case the State cannot reach the primary contact. Failure to provide this information or providing information that is inaccurate or out of date may result in the State not including the reference in the evaluation process or rejecting the offeror's Proposal. The contact information given must be for a person within the client's organization and not a co-worker or a contact within the offeror's organization, subsidiaries, partnerships, etc.
 - **Project Name.** The offeror must provide the name of the project where it obtained the mandatory experience.
 - **Dates of Experience.** The offeror must complete this area with a beginning month and year and an ending month and year to show the length of time the offeror performed the work, not just the length of time the offeror was engaged by the reference.
 - **Description of the Related Service Provided.** The State will not assume that, since the experience requirement is provided at the top of the page, all descriptions on that page relate to that requirement. The offeror must reiterate the experience being described, including the capacity in which the work was performed and the role of the offeror on the Project. It is the offeror's responsibility to customize the description to clearly substantiate the qualification.
 - **Description of how the related service shows the offeror's experience, capability, and capacity to develop the Deliverables and to achieve this Project's milestones.**

The offeror must list each project experience separately and completely every time it is referenced, regardless of whether it is on the same or different pages of the form.

THE OFFEROR MAY NOT USE THE EXPERIENCE OR QUALIFICATIONS OF A SUBCONTRACTOR TO MEET ANY OF THE ABOVE MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS OR EXPERIENCE. THESE MUST BE FULFILLED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE OFFEROR. If the offeror seeks to meet any of the other qualifications and experience through a subcontractor, the offeror must identify the subcontractor by name in the appropriate part of the Offeror Profile Summary Form, in Attachment Eight to this RFP, for each reference.

Personnel Profile Summary Form. Each Proposal must include a profile for each key member of the proposed work team. This RFP includes Personnel Profile Summary Forms as Attachment Nine, and the offeror must use these forms and fill them out completely for each reference.

The Personnel Profile Summary Forms contained in this RFP have been customized for the applicable candidate requirements. Each page of the forms may contain minor variations. If an offeror elects to duplicate the forms electronically, the offeror must carefully review each form to ensure that it has been copied accurately. Failure to duplicate the forms exactly may lead to the rejection of the offeror's Proposal.

The offeror must propose a Project team that collectively meets all the requirements in this RFP, as demonstrated through the Personnel Profile Summary Forms. Each team member may have mandatory requirements listed in this RFP that the team member must individually meet. The offeror must name all candidates proposed, and each must meet the technical experience for the candidate's position.

The State will not consider a candidate's overlapping months of experience toward meeting the experience requirements in this RFP. Therefore, for each requirement for a key position, the Personnel Profile Summary Forms for the candidate must demonstrate that the candidate meets the requirement through a work experience that does not overlap in time with any other work experience used to meet any other requirement for the position.

The offeror must demonstrate that all candidate requirements have been met by using the Personnel Profile Summary Forms. The various sections of the forms are described below:

- a) Candidate References. If the offeror provides less than three projects, the offeror must explain why. The State may reject the Proposal if less than three projects are given for a candidate.
- b) Education and Training. The offeror must use this section to list the education and training of the proposed candidate and demonstrate, in detail, the proposed candidate's ability to properly perform under the Contract. The offeror must show how the candidate's education and training relates to the requirements of the RFP.
- c) Mandatory Experience and Qualifications.

The offeror must complete this section to show how a candidate meets the mandatory experience requirements, if any are applicable to that candidate. If any candidate does not meet the mandatory requirements for the position the candidate is proposed to fill, the offeror's Proposal may be rejected as non-responsive.

For each reference, the offeror must provide the following information:

- Candidate's Name.
- Contact Information. The offeror must completely fill out the client contact name, title, phone number, email address, company name, and mailing address. The offeror must include the same information for an alternate client contact, in case the State cannot reach the primary contact. Failure to provide this information may result in the State not including the reference experience in the evaluation process. It also may be a basis for rejecting the Proposal as non-responsive. The offeror must give contact information for a person in the client's organization and not a co-worker or a contact in the offeror's organization, subsidiaries, partnerships, etc.
- Dates of Experience. The offeror must complete this section with a beginning month and year and an ending month and year to show the length of time a candidate performed the technical experience being described, not just the length of time the candidate worked for the company.
- Description of the Related Service Provided. The State will not assume that, since the technical requirement is provided at the top of the page, all descriptions on that page relate to that requirement. The offeror must reiterate the technical experience being described, including the capacity in which the candidate gained the experience and the role of the candidate in the project as it relates to this Project. It is the Contractor's responsibility to customize the description to clearly substantiate the candidate's qualification.

The candidate's project experience must be listed separately and completely every time it is referenced, regardless of whether it is on the same or different pages of the form.

- d) Required Experience and Qualifications. The offeror must complete this section to show how its candidate meets the experience requirements. (Refer to Attachment Nine.) For each reference, the following information must be provided:

- Candidate's Name.
- Contact Information. The client contact name, title, phone number, email address, company name, and mailing address must be completely filled out. The same information must be included for an alternate client contact, in case the State cannot reach the primary contact. Failure to provide requested contact information may result in the State not including the experience in the evaluation process or rejecting the offeror's Proposal. The contact information given must be for a person within the client's organization and not a co-worker or a contact within the offeror's organization, subsidiaries, partnerships etc.
- Dates of Experience. The offeror must complete this section with a beginning month and year and an ending month and year to show the length of time the candidate performed the technical experience being described, not just the length of time the candidate worked for the company.
- Description of the Related Service Provided. The State does not assume that, since the technical requirement is provided at the top of the page, all descriptions on that page relate to that requirement. Offerors must reiterate the technical experience being described, including the capacity in which the experience was performed and the role of the candidate in the project as it relates to this Project. It is the offeror's responsibility to customize the description to clearly substantiate the candidate's qualification.

The candidate's project experience must be listed separately and completely every time it is referenced, regardless of whether it is on the same or different pages of the form.

Assumptions. The offeror must list all the assumptions the offeror made in preparing the Proposal. If any assumption is unacceptable to the State, the State may reject the Proposal. No assumptions may be included regarding negotiation, terms and conditions, or requirements.

Project Plan. The offeror must describe in detail how its Project Plan meets the requirements described in this RFP. The offeror may not simply state the proposed solution will meet or exceed the specified requirements. Instead, the offeror must provide a written narrative that shows the offeror understands the functionality and the technical requirements of this RFP and how the offeror's proposed solution meets those requirements. The proposed solution must address the following:

- 1) Conducting a one (1) to three (3) month assessment of the quality assurance practices and methodologies, tools utilized, metrics and measurement methodology for adherence to industry best testing practices and standards of the ESTC by
 - a. Interviewing a minimum of ten (10) identified key stakeholders i.e. OIS managers (project, development and executive) and program areas
 - b. Documenting existing practices and findings from team integration, monitoring and interviewing
- 2) Presenting findings of the assessment to the OIS Senior Leadership team within a three (3) month window of project start to include:
 - a. A gap analysis of current ESTC methodology and testing practices as compared to industry standards as specified within SWEBOK
 - b. Analysis of ESTC staffing levels and organizational structure
 - c. Evaluation of ODJFS staffs usage of existing tools within ESTC
- 3) Documenting and presenting a detailed action plan (based on analysis) for implementing recommendations of staffing, tool usage, organizational structure, testing methodologies, training curriculum and implementation of key performance indicators and software testing metrics and measurements via an executive dashboard

Optional Tasks (Offerors must address how it will complete the following tasks. It is solely the State's option to decide if any of the tasks listed below will be performed.)

- 4) Providing onsite group and individual training and technical assistance to ESTC in the implementation of recommended processes, measurements, reports and practices by:
 - a. Participating in and monitoring of several small projects in ESTC over a six (6) month window with emphasis on use of the recommended tools, methodologies, and practices
 - b. Developing and delivering a weekly report on implementation progress to ESTC leadership and a monthly report to Senior Leadership on inclusion and adherence to new recommendations

The Project Plan must also include detail sufficient to give the State an understanding the offeror's project schedule by including the following items:

- Work breakdown structure as a baseline scope document that includes Project elements. The work breakdown structure must show the elements at a level of detail that demonstrates the offeror's understanding of the effort required to do the work. The work breakdown structure also must have increasingly descending levels of detailed definition added as the Project continues. The Project elements must include, at a minimum, scope definition, requirements gathering, design, development, conversion, testing, benchmarking, implementation, training, and transition, as applicable;
- Detailed Project schedule for all Project Deliverables and milestones. The offeror must provide the Project schedule as a Microsoft Project Gantt chart, showing all major Project tasks on a week-by-week schedule to serve as the basis for managing the Project. The schedule must clearly demonstrate how the Project will be completed by the delivery date. The offeror must give dates for when all Deliverables and milestones will be completed and start and finish dates for tasks. The offeror also must identify and describe all risk factors associated with the forecasted milestone schedule;
- Major milestones and target date(s) for each milestone that are consistent with this RFP's timelines;
- Definition of the review processes for each milestone and Deliverable (e.g. gap analysis and a description of how the parties will conduct communication and status review);
- Description of the Project issue resolution process; and
- If the offeror chooses to use subcontractors, this part of the offeror's Proposal must describe its approach to managing its subcontractors effectively.

Staffing Plan. The offeror must provide a staffing plan that identifies all the personnel by position that the offeror proposes and that are required to do the Project. The staffing plan must show each individual's responsibilities on the Project. The State also requires a staffing plan that matches the proposed Project key personnel and qualifications to the activities and tasks that will be completed on the Project.

The offeror must submit a team organization chart that clearly defines reporting relationships within the project team delivering the services. The offeror must provide descriptive narrative indicating the role and responsibility of each resource or entity identified on the organization chart.

The Staffing Plan must also indicate the number of hours for each proposed Key Team Member and the number of resources not specifically named within the proposal and their number of hours to be worked on the Project. Key Team Members should be identified by name and title/classification. Resources not specifically named within the proposal should be identified by title/classification.

The offeror must submit a statement and a chart that clearly indicates the time commitment of the offeror's proposed Key Team Members for this Project. The offeror also must include a statement indicating to what extent, if any, the Key Team Members may work on other projects during the Project. The State may reject any Proposal that commits the proposed Key Team Members to other projects if the State believes that any such commitment may be detrimental to the offeror's performance.

In addition, the plan must have the following information:

- A matrix matching each team member to the staffing requirements in this RFP;
(Offeror can add columns for team members, if applicable.)

Personnel Experience Requirements	Team Member A	Team Member B	Team Member C	Team Member D
At least 50% of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 60 months experience in Quality Assurance Management.				
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 36 months experience in a leadership role responsible for providing Quality Assurance.				
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of 60 months experience in comprehensive test tool utilization such as HP Quality Center, HP QuickTest Professional, Cucumber, IBM Rational products and similar industry standard tools.				
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must submit proof of one of the following: Certified Software Quality Analyst (CSQA); Certified Manager of Software Quality (CMSQ); Certified Manager of Software Testing (CMST).				
At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have a minimum of 36 months experience as QA Lead and or QA Architect in organization that required compliance to federal standards.				

- A contingency plan that shows the ability to add more staff if needed to ensure meeting the Project's due date(s); and
- The number of people onsite at the State location at any given time to allow the State to plan for the appropriate workspace.

Support Requirements. The offeror must describe the support it wants from the State other than what the State has offered in this RFP. Specifically, the offeror must address the following:

- Nature and extent of State support required in terms of staff roles, percentage of time available, and so on;
- Assistance from State staff and the experience and qualification levels required; and
- Other support requirements.

The State may not be able or willing to provide the additional support the offeror lists in this part of its Proposal. The offeror therefore must indicate whether its request for additional support is a requirement for its performance. If any part of the list is a requirement, the State may reject the offeror's Proposal, if the State is unwilling or unable to meet the requirements.

Conflict of Interest Statement. Each Proposal must include a statement indicating whether the offeror or any people that may work on or benefit from the Project through the offeror have a possible conflict of interest (e.g., employed by the State of Ohio, etc.) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. The State may reject a Proposal in which an actual or apparent conflict is disclosed. The State also may terminate the Contract if it discovers any actual or apparent conflict of interest that the offeror did not disclose in its Proposal.

Proof of Insurance. The offeror must provide the certificate of insurance in the form that Attachment Three requires. The policy may be written on an occurrence or claims made basis.

Payment Address. The offeror must give the address to which the State should send payments under the Contract.

Legal Notice Address. The offeror must give the name, title, and address to which the State should send legal notices under the Contract.

W-9 Form. The offeror must submit at least one originally signed W-9. A current W-9 form is available at www.irs.gov.

Standard Affirmation and Disclosure Form (EO 2011-12K). The offeror must complete and sign the Affirmation and Disclosure Form as part of its Proposal.

Affirmative Action. Before a contract can be awarded or renewed, an Affirmative Action Program Verification Form must be completed using:
<http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/AffirmativeActionProgramVerification.aspx>

Cost Summary. This RFP includes a Cost Summary Form provided as an attachment. Offerors may not reformat this form. Each offeror must complete the Cost Summary Form in the exact format provided, since the State may reject any Proposal with a reformatted Cost Summary Form or that is not separately sealed. (See: Part Three: General Instructions, Proposal Submittal.)

The Cost Summary Form must not include exceptions, additional terms and conditions, or assumptions.

The offeror must provide a proposed cost for Optional Tasks included on the Cost Summary Form.

The offeror's total cost for the entire Project must be represented as the not-to-exceed fixed price.

The State will not be liable for or pay any Project costs that the offeror does not identify in its Proposal.

ATTACHMENT FOUR: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PART ONE: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT

Statement of Work. The RFP and the Contractor's Proposal (collectively, the "RFP Documents") are a part of this Contract and describe the work (the "Project") the Contractor will do and any materials the Contractor will deliver (the "Deliverables") under this Contract. The Contractor must do the Project in a professional, timely, and efficient manner and will provide the Deliverables in a proper fashion. The Contractor also must furnish its own support staff necessary for the satisfactory performance of the Project.

The Contractor will consult with the appropriate State representatives and others necessary to ensure a thorough understanding of the Project and satisfactory performance. The State may give instructions to or make requests of the Contractor relating to the Project, and the Contractor will comply with those instructions and fulfill those requests in a timely and professional manner. Those instructions and requests will be for the sole purpose of ensuring satisfactory completion of the Project and will not amend or alter the scope of the Project.

Term. Unless this Contract is terminated or expires without renewal, it will remain in effect until the Project is completed to the satisfaction of the State, including all optional renewal periods for maintenance or continuing commitments, and the Contractor is paid. However, the current General Assembly cannot commit a future General Assembly to an expenditure. Therefore, this Contract will automatically expire at the end of each biennium, the first of which is June 30, 2013. The State may renew this Contract in the next biennium by issuing written notice to the Contractor of the decision to do so. This expiration and renewal procedure also will apply to the end of any subsequent biennium during which the Project continues, including any optional renewal periods. Termination or expiration of this Contract will not limit the Contractor's continuing obligations with respect to Deliverables that the State paid for before termination or limit the State's rights in such.

The State's funds are contingent upon the availability of lawful appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly. If the General Assembly fails to continue funding for the payments and other obligations due as part of this Contract, the State's obligations under this Contract will terminate as of the date that the funding expires without further obligation of the State.

The Project has a completion date that is identified in the RFP Documents. The RFP Documents also may have several dates for the delivery of Deliverables or reaching certain milestones in the Project. The Contractor must make those deliveries, meet those milestones, and complete the Project within the times the RFP Documents require. If the Contractor does not meet those dates, the Contractor will be in default, and the State may terminate this Contract under the termination provision contained below.

The State also may have certain obligations to meet. Those obligations, if any, are also listed in the RFP Documents. If the State agrees that the Contractor's failure to meet the delivery, milestone, or completion dates in the RFP Documents is due to the State's failure to meet its own obligations in a timely fashion, then the Contractor will not be in default, and the delivery, milestone, and completion dates affected by the State's failure to perform will be extended by the same amount of time as the State's delay. The Contractor may not rely on this provision unless the Contractor has in good faith exerted reasonable management skill to avoid an extension and has given the State meaningful written notice of the State's failure to meet its obligations within five business days of the Contractor's realization that the State's delay may impact the Project. The Contractor must deliver any such notice to both the Project Representative and Procurement Representative and title the notice as a "Notice of State Delay." The notice must identify any delay in detail, as well as the impact the delay has or will have on the Project. Unless the State decides, in its sole and exclusive judgment, that an equitable adjustment in the Contractor's Fee is warranted in the case of an extended delay, an extension of the Contractor's time to perform will be the Contractor's exclusive remedy for the State's delay. Should the State determine that an equitable adjustment in the Contractor's Fee is warranted, the equitable adjustment will be handled as a Change Order under the Changes Section of this Contract, and the extension of time and equitable adjustment will be the exclusive remedies of the Contractor for the State's delay.

The State seeks a complete Project, and the Contractor must provide any incidental items omitted in the RFP Documents as part of the Contractor's not-to-exceed fixed price. The Contractor also must fully identify, describe, and document all systems that are delivered as a part of the Project. Unless expressly excluded elsewhere in the RFP, all hardware, software, supplies, and other required components (such as documentation, conversion, training, and maintenance) necessary for the Project to be complete and useful to the State are included in the Project and the not-to-exceed fixed price.

Compensation. In consideration of the Contractor's promises and satisfactory performance, the State will pay the Contractor the amount(s) identified in the RFP Documents (the "Fee"), plus any other expenses identified as reimbursable in the RFP Documents. In no event, however, will payments under this Contract exceed the "not-to-exceed" amount in the RFP Documents without the prior written approval of the State and, when required, the Ohio Controlling Board and any other source of funding. The Contractor's right to the Fee is contingent on the complete and satisfactory performance of the Project or, in the case of milestone payments or periodic payments of an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or annual rate, all relevant parts of the Project tied to the applicable milestone or period. Payment of the Fee also is contingent on the Contractor delivering a proper invoice and any other documents the RFP Documents require. An invoice must comply with the State's then current policies regarding invoices and their submission. The State will notify the Contractor in writing within fifteen (15) business days after it receives a defective invoice of any defect and provide the information necessary to correct the defect.

The Contractor must send all invoices under this Contract to the "bill to" address in the RFP Documents or in the applicable purchase order.

The State will pay the Contractor interest on any late payment, as provided in Section 126.30 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Revised Code"). If the State disputes a payment for anything covered by an invoice, within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of that invoice, the State will notify the Contractor, in writing, stating the grounds for the dispute. The State then may deduct the disputed amount from its payment as a nonexclusive remedy. If the Contractor has committed a material breach, in the sole opinion of the State, the State also may withhold payment otherwise due to the Contractor. Both parties will attempt to resolve any claims of material breach or payment disputes through discussions among the Project Manager, the Contractor's Project executive, the Project Representative, and the State Contract Management Administrator. The State will consult with the Contractor as early as reasonably possible about the nature of the claim or dispute and the amount of payment affected. When the Contractor has resolved the matter to the State's satisfaction, the State will pay the disputed amount within thirty (30) business days after the matter is resolved. The State has no obligation to make any disputed payments until the matter is resolved, and the Contractor must continue its performance under this Contract pending resolution of the dispute or claim.

If the State has already paid the Contractor on an invoice but later disputes the amount covered by the invoice, and if the Contractor fails to correct the problem within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice, the Contractor must reimburse the State for that amount at the end of the thirty (30) calendar days as a nonexclusive remedy for the State. On written request from the Contractor, the State will provide reasonable assistance in determining the nature of the problem by giving the Contractor reasonable access to the State's facilities and any information the State has regarding the problem.

If the RFP Documents provide for any retainage, the State will withhold from each invoice paid the percentage specified in the RFP Documents as retainage. The State will pay the retainage only after the State has accepted the Project, and then only in accordance with the payment schedule specified in the RFP Documents. The State will withhold all amounts under this section arising from claims or disputes in addition to any retainage specified in the RFP Documents.

The State may pay any part of the not-to-exceed fixed price identified in the RFP documents as being for a license in Commercial Material from a third party in accordance with the applicable license agreement, if the license agreement addresses payment. For all Key Commercial Software with a license agreement substantially in the form of Attachment Eight, payment of any license or support fees will be governed exclusively by that license agreement.

Reimbursable Expenses. The State will pay all reimbursable expenses identified in the RFP Documents, if any, in accordance with the terms in the RFP Documents and, where applicable, Section 126.31 of the Revised Code. The Contractor must assume all expenses that it incurs in the performance of this Contract that are not identified as reimbursable in the RFP Documents.

In making any reimbursable expenditure, the Contractor always must comply with the more restrictive of its own, then current internal policies for making such expenditures or the State's then current policies. All reimbursable travel will require the advance written approval of the State's Project Representative. The Contractor must bill all reimbursable expenses monthly, and the State will reimburse the Contractor for them within thirty (30) business days of receiving the Contractor's invoice.

Right of Offset. The State may set off the amount of any Ohio tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its subsidiaries to the State, including any amounts the Contractor owes to the State under this or other contracts, against any payments due from the State to the Contractor under this or any other contracts with the State.

Certification of Funds. None of the rights, duties, or obligations in this Contract will be binding on the State, and the Contractor will not begin its performance until all the following conditions have been met:

- (a) All statutory provisions under the Revised Code, including Section 126.07, have been met;
- (b) All necessary funds are made available by the appropriate State entities;
- (c) If required, the Controlling Board of Ohio approves this Contract; and
- (d) If the State is relying on federal or third-party funds for this Contract, the State gives the Contractor written notice that such funds are available.

Employment Taxes. All people furnished by the Contractor (the "Contractor Personnel") are employees or subcontractors of the Contractor, and none are or will be deemed employees or contractors of the State. No Contractor Personnel will be entitled to participate in, claim benefits under, or become an "eligible employee" for purposes of any employee benefit plan of the State by reason of any work done under this Contract. The Contractor will pay all federal, state, local, and other applicable payroll taxes and make the required contributions, withholdings, and deductions imposed or assessed under any provision of any law and measured by wages, salaries, or other remuneration paid by or which may be due from the Contractor to the Contractor Personnel. The Contractor will indemnify, defend (with the consent and approval of the Ohio Attorney General), and hold the State harmless from and against all claims, losses, liability, demands, fines, and expense (including court costs, defense costs, and redeemable attorney fees) arising out of or relating to such taxes, withholdings, deductions, and contributions with respect to the Contractor Personnel. The Contractor's indemnity and defense obligations also apply to any claim or assertion of tax liability made by or on behalf of any Contractor Personnel or governmental agency on the basis that any Contractor Personnel are employees or contractors of the State, that the State is the "joint employer" or "co-employer" of any Contractor Personnel, or that any Contractor Personnel are entitled to any employee benefit offered only to eligible regular fulltime or regular part-time employees of the State.

Sales, Use, Excise, and Property Taxes. The State is exempt from any sales, use, excise, and property tax. To the extent sales, use, excise, or any similar tax is imposed on the Contractor in connection with the Project, such will be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Contractor. Further, the Contractor will pay such taxes, together with any interest and penalties not disputed with the appropriate taxing authority, whether they are imposed at the time the services are rendered or a later time.

PART TWO: PROJECT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Related Contracts. The Contractor warrants that the Contractor has not and will not enter into any contracts without written approval of the State to perform substantially identical services for the State, such that the Project duplicates the work done or to be done under the other contracts.

Other Contractors. The State may hold other contracts for additional or related work, including among others independent verification and validation (IV&V) work for this Project. The Contractor must fully cooperate with all other contractors and State employees and coordinate its work with such other contractors and State employees as may be required for the smooth and efficient operation of all related or additional work. The Contractor may not act in any way that may unreasonably interfere with the work of any other contractors or the State's employees. Further, the Contractor must fully cooperate with any IV&V contractor assigned to this Project. Such cooperation includes expeditiously providing the IV&V contractor with full and complete access to all Project work product, records, materials, personnel, meetings, and correspondence as the IV&V contractor may request. Additionally, the Contractor must include the obligations of this provision in all its contracts with its subcontractors that work on this Project.

Subcontracting. The Contractor may not enter into subcontracts related to the Project after award without written approval from the State. Nevertheless, the Contractor will not need the State's written approval to subcontract for the purchase of commercial goods that are required for satisfactory completion of the Project. All subcontracts will be at the sole expense of the Contractor unless expressly stated otherwise in the RFP Documents.

The State's approval of the use of subcontractors does not mean that the State will pay for them. The Contractor will be solely responsible for payment of its subcontractor and any claims of subcontractors for any failure of the Contractor or any of its other subcontractors to meet the performance schedule or performance specifications for the Project in a timely and professional manner. The Contractor will hold the State harmless for and will indemnify the State against any such claims.

The Contractor assumes responsibility for all Deliverables whether it, a subcontractor, or third-party manufacturer produces them in whole or in part. Further, the Contractor will be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of all charges resulting from the Contract. Further, the Contractor will be fully responsible for any default by a subcontractor, just as if the Contractor itself had defaulted.

If the Contractor uses any subcontractors, each subcontractor must have a written agreement with the Contractor. That written agreement must incorporate this Contract by reference. The agreement also must pass through to the subcontractor all provisions of this Contract that would be fully effective only if they bind both the subcontractor and the Contractor. Among such provisions are the limitations on the Contractor's remedies, the insurance requirements, record keeping obligations, and audit rights. Some sections of this Contract may limit the need to pass through their requirements to subcontracts to avoid placing cumbersome obligations on minor subcontractors. This exception is applicable only to sections that expressly provide an exclusion for small-dollar subcontracts. Should the Contractor fail to pass through any provisions of this Contract to one of its subcontractors and the failure damages the State in any way, the Contractor must indemnify the State for the damage.

Record Keeping. The Contractor must keep all financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. The Contractor also must file documentation to support each action under this Contract in a manner allowing the documentation to be readily located. Additionally, the Contractor must keep all Project-related records and documents at its principal place of business or at its office where the work was performed.

Audits. During the term of this Contract and for three years after the payment of the Contractor's Fee, on reasonable notice, and during customary business hours, the State may audit the Contractor's records

and other materials that relate to the Project. This audit right also applies to the State's duly authorized representatives and any person or organization providing financial support for the Project.

Insurance. The Contractor must provide the following insurance coverage at its own expense throughout the term of this Contract:

- (a) Workers' compensation insurance, as required by Ohio law, and, if some of the Project will be done outside Ohio, the laws of the appropriate state(s) where work on the Project will be done. The Contractor also must maintain employer's liability insurance with at least a \$1,000,000.00 limit.
- (b) Commercial General Liability insurance coverage for bodily injury, personal injury, wrongful death, and property damage. The defense cost must be outside of the policy limits. Such policy must designate the State of Ohio as an additional insured, as its interest may appear. The policy also must be endorsed to include a blanket waiver of subrogation. At a minimum, the limits of the insurance must be:

- \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$ 2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$ 1,000,000 Per Occurrence Limit
- \$ 1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit
- \$ 100,000 Fire Legal Liability
- \$ 10,000 Medical Payments

The policy must be endorsed to provide the State with thirty (30)-days prior written notice of cancellation or material change to the policy. And the Contractor's Commercial General Liability must be primary over any other insurance coverage.

- (c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit of \$500,000.
- (d) Professional Liability insurance covering all staff with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 aggregate. If the Contractor's policy is written on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor must provide the State with proof of continuous coverage at the time the policy is renewed. If for any reason the policy expires, or coverage is terminated, the Contractor must purchase and maintain "tail" coverage through the applicable statute of limitations.

The certificate(s) must be in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the State as to the contents of the policies and the quality of the insurance carriers. All carriers must have at least an "A-" rating by A.M. Best.

Replacement Personnel. If the RFP Documents contain the names of specific people who will work on the Project, then the quality and professional credentials of those people were material factors in the State's decision to enter into this Contract. Therefore, the Contractor must use all commercially reasonable efforts to ensure the continued availability of those people. Also, the Contractor may not remove those people from the Project without the prior written consent of the State, except as provided below.

The Contractor may remove a person listed in the RFP Documents from the Project, if doing so is necessary for legal or disciplinary reasons. However, the Contractor must make a reasonable effort to give the State thirty (30) calendar days' prior, written notice of the removal. If the Contractor removes a person listed in the RFP Documents from the Project for any reason other than those specified above, the State may assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00 for every day between the date on which the individual was removed and the date that this Contract is terminated or the individual's qualified replacement, selected in accordance with the process identified in this section, starts performing on the Project. The State also may provide the Contractor with written notice of its default under this section,

which the Contractor must cure within thirty (30) days. Should the Contractor fail to cure its default within the thirty (30) day cure period, this Contract will terminate immediately for cause, and the State will be entitled to damages in accordance with the Suspension and Termination Section of this Contract due to the termination. Should the State assess liquidated damages or otherwise be entitled to damages under this provision, it may offset these damages from any Fees due under this Contract.

The Contractor must have qualified replacement people available to replace any people listed in the RFP Documents by name or identified as a key individual on the Project.

When the removal of a listed person is permitted under this Section, or if a person becomes unavailable, the Contractor must submit the resumes for two replacement people to the State for each person removed or who otherwise becomes unavailable. The Contractor must submit the two resumes, along with such other information as the State may reasonably request, within five business days after the decision to remove a person is made or the unavailability of a listed person becomes known to the Contractor.

The State will select one of the two proposed replacements or will reject both of them within ten business days after the Contractor has submitted the proposed replacements to the State. The State may reject the proposed replacements for any legal reason. Should the State reject both replacement candidates due to their failure to meet the minimum qualifications identified in the RFP Documents, or should the Contractor fail to provide the notice required under this Section or fail to provide two qualified replacement candidates for each removed or unavailable person, the Contractor will be in default and the cure period for default specified elsewhere in this Contract will not apply. In any such case, the State will have the following options:

- (a) The State may assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00 for every day between the date on which the Contractor failed to provide the applicable notice, failed to provide the two replacement candidates, or the date the State rejected all candidates for cause and the date on which the Contractor affects a cure or the Contract expires without renewal or is terminated.
- (b) The State may terminate this Contract immediately for cause and without any cure period.

Should the State exercise its option under item (a) above, it nevertheless will be entitled anytime thereafter to exercise its option under item (b) above. Additionally, should the State terminate this Contract under this provision, it will be entitled to damages in accordance with the Suspension and Termination Section of this Contract due to the termination. Should the State assess liquidated damages or otherwise be entitled to damages under this provision, it may offset these damages from any Fees due under this Contract.

The State may determine that the proposed replacement candidates meet the minimum qualifications of this Contract and still substantially reduce the value the State perceived it would receive through the effort of the original individual(s) the Contractor proposed and on whose credentials the State decided to enter into this Contract. Therefore, the State will have the right to reject any candidate that the State determines may provide it with diminished value.

Should the State reject both proposed candidates for any legal reason other than their failure to meet the minimum qualifications identified in the RFP Documents, the State may terminate this Contract for its convenience.

The State has an interest in providing a healthy and safe environment for its employees and guests at its facilities. The State also has an interest in ensuring that its operations are carried out in an efficient, professional, legal, and secure manner. Therefore, the State will have the right to require the Contractor to remove any individual involved in the Project, if the State determines that any such individual has or may interfere with the State's interests identified above. In such a case, the request for removal will be treated as a case in which an individual providing services under this Contract has become unavailable, and the Contractor must follow the procedures identified above for replacing unavailable people. This

provision also applies to people that the Contractor's subcontractors engage, if they are listed by name or as a key person in the RFP Documents.

Suspension and Termination. The State may terminate this Contract if the Contractor defaults in meeting its obligations under this Contract and fails to cure its default within the time allowed by this Contract, or if a petition in bankruptcy (or similar proceeding) has been filed by or against the Contractor. The State also may terminate this Contract if the Contractor violates any law or regulation in doing the Project, or if it appears to the State that the Contractor's performance is substantially endangered through no fault of the State. In any such case, the termination will be for cause, and the State's rights and remedies will be those identified below for termination for cause.

On written notice, the Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days to cure any breach of its obligations under this Contract, provided the breach is curable. If the Contractor fails to cure the breach within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice, or if the breach is not one that is curable, the State will have the right to terminate this Contract immediately on notice to the Contractor. The State also may terminate this Contract in the case of breaches that are cured within thirty (30) calendar days but are persistent. "Persistent" in this context means that the State has notified the Contractor in writing of the Contractor's failure to meet any of its obligations three times. After the third notice, the State may terminate this Contract on written notice to the Contractor without a cure period if the Contractor again fails to meet any obligation. The three notices do not have to relate to the same obligation or type of failure. Some provisions of this Contract may provide for a shorter cure period than thirty (30) calendar days or for no cure period at all, and those provisions will prevail over this one. If a particular section does not state what the cure period will be, this provision will govern.

The State also may terminate this Contract for its convenience and without cause or if the Ohio General Assembly fails to appropriate funds for any part of the Project. If a third party is providing funding for the Project, the State also may terminate this Contract should that third party fail to release any Project funds. The RFP Documents normally identify any third party source of funds for the Project, but an absence of such in the RFP Documents will not diminish the State's rights under this section.

The notice of termination, whether for cause or without cause, will be effective as soon as the Contractor receives it. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, the Contractor must immediately cease all work on the Project and take all steps necessary to minimize any costs the Contractor will incur related to this Contract. The Contractor also must immediately prepare a report and deliver it to the State. The report must be all-inclusive and must detail the work completed at the date of termination, the percentage of the Project's completion, any costs incurred in doing the Project to that date, and any Deliverables completed or partially completed but not delivered to the State at the time of termination. The Contractor also must deliver all the completed and partially completed Deliverables to the State with its report. However, if the State determines that delivery in that manner would not be in its interest, then the State will designate a suitable alternative form of delivery, which the Contractor must honor.

If the State terminates this Contract for cause, it will be entitled to cover for the Project by using another Contractor on such commercially reasonable terms as the State and the covering contractor may agree. The Contractor will be liable to the State for all costs related to covering for the Project to the extent that such costs, when combined with payments already made to the Contractor for the Project before termination, exceed the costs that the State would have incurred under this Contract. The Contractor also will be liable for any other direct damages resulting from its breach of this Contract or other action leading to termination for cause.

If the termination is for the convenience of the State, the Contractor will be entitled to compensation for any work on the Project that the Contractor has performed before the termination. Such compensation will be the Contractor's exclusive remedy in the case of termination for convenience and will be available to the Contractor only once the Contractor has submitted a proper invoice for such, with the invoice reflecting the amount that the State determines it owes to the Contractor. The State will make that determination based on the lesser of the percentage of the Project completed or the hours of work performed in relation to the estimated total hours required to perform the entire Project.

The State will have the option of suspending rather than terminating the Project, if the State believes that doing so would better serve its interests. In the event of a suspension for the convenience of the State, the Contractor will be entitled to receive payment for the work performed before the suspension. In the case of suspension of the Project rather than termination for cause, the Contractor will not be entitled to any compensation for any work performed.

If the State reinstates the Project after suspension for cause, rather than terminating this Contract after the suspension, the Contractor may be entitled to compensation for work performed before the suspension, less any damage to the State resulting from the Contractor's breach of this Contract or other fault. Any amount due for work before or after the suspension for cause will be offset by any damage to the State from the default or other event giving rise to the suspension.

In the case of a suspension for the State's convenience, the State will calculate the amount of compensation due to the Contractor for work performed before the suspension in the same manner as provided in this section for termination for the State's convenience. The Contractor will not be entitled to compensation for any other costs associated with a suspension for the State's convenience, and the State will make no payment under this provision to the Contractor until the Contractor submits a proper invoice.

If the State decides to allow the work to continue rather than terminating this Contract after the suspension, the State will not be required to make any payment to the Contractor other than those payments specified in this Contract and in accordance with the payment schedule specified in this Contract for properly completed work.

Any notice of suspension, whether with or without cause, will be effective immediately on the Contractor's receipt of the notice. The Contractor will prepare a report concerning the Project just as is required by this Section in the case of termination. After suspension of the Project, the Contractor may not perform any work without the consent of the State and may resume work only on written notice from the State to do so. In any case of suspension, the State retains its right to terminate this Contract rather than to continue the suspension or resume the Project. If the suspension is for the convenience of the State, then termination of the Contract will be a termination for convenience. If the suspension is with cause, the termination will also be for cause.

The State may not suspend the Project for its convenience more than twice during the term of this Contract, and any suspension for the State's convenience may not continue for more than thirty (30) calendar days. If the Contractor does not receive notice to resume or terminate the Project within the thirty (30)-day suspension, then this Contract will terminate automatically for the State's convenience at the end of the thirty (30) calendar day period.

Any default by the Contractor or one of its subcontractors will be treated as a default by the Contractor and all of its subcontractors. The Contractor will be solely responsible for satisfying any claims of its subcontractors for any suspension or termination and must indemnify the State for any liability to them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each subcontractor must hold the State harmless for any damage caused to them from a suspension or termination. They must look solely to the Contractor for any compensation to which they may be entitled.

Handling the State's Data. The Contractor must use due diligence to ensure computer and telecommunications systems and services involved in storing, using, or transmitting State data are secure and to protect that data from unauthorized disclosure, modification, or destruction. The State's minimum standard is the NIST 800-53 moderate baseline. To accomplish this, the Contractor must:

- (1) Apply appropriate risk management techniques to ensure security for all sensitive data, including but not limited to any data identified as Confidential Information elsewhere in this Contract.
- (2) Ensure that its internal security policies, plans, and procedures address the basic security elements of confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

- (3) Maintain plans and policies that include methods to protect against security and integrity threats and vulnerabilities, as well as and detect and respond to those threats and vulnerabilities.
- (4) Maintain appropriate identification and authentication process for information systems and services associated with State data.
- (5) Maintain appropriate access control and authorization policies, plans, and procedures to protect system assets and other information resources associated with State data.
- (6) Implement and manage security audit logging on information systems, including computers and network devices.

The Contractor must maintain a robust boundary security capacity that incorporates generally recognized system hardening techniques. This includes determining which ports and services are required to support access to systems that hold State data, limiting access to only these points, and disable all others. To do this, the Contractor must use assets and techniques such as properly configured firewalls, a demilitarized zone for handling public traffic, host-to-host management, Internet protocol specification for source and destination, strong authentication, encryption, packet filtering, activity logging, and implementation of system security fixes and patches as they become available. The Contractor must use two-factor authentication to limit access to systems that contain particularly sensitive State data, such as personally identifiable data.

Unless the State instructs the Contractor otherwise in writing, the Contractor must assume all State data is both confidential and critical for State operations, and the Contractor's security policies, plans, and procedure for the handling, storage, backup, access, and, if appropriate, destruction of that data must be commensurate to this level of sensitivity. As part of the Contractor's protection and control of access to and use of data, the Contractor must employ appropriate intrusion and attack prevention and detection capabilities. Those capabilities must track unauthorized access and attempts to access the State's data, as well as attacks on the Contractor's infrastructure associated with the State's data. Further, the Contractor must monitor and appropriately address information from its system tools used to prevent and detect unauthorized access to and attacks on the infrastructure associated with the State's data.

The Contractor must use appropriate measures to ensure that State's data is secure before transferring control of any systems or media on which State data is stored. The method of securing the data must be appropriate to the situation and may include erasure, destruction, or encryption of the data before transfer of control. The transfer of any such system or media must be reasonably necessary for the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

The Contractor must have a business continuity plan in place. The Contractor must test and update the IT disaster recovery portion of its business continuity plan at least annually. The plan must address procedures for response to emergencies and other business interruptions. Part of the plan must address backing up and storing data at a location sufficiently remote from the facilities at which the Contractor maintains the State's data in case of loss of that data at the primary site. The plan also must address the rapid restoration, relocation, or replacement of resources associated with the State's data in the case of a disaster or other business interruption. The Contractor's business continuity plan must address short- and long-term restoration, relocation, or replacement of resources that will ensure the smooth continuation of operations related to the State's data. Such resources may include, among others, communications, supplies, transportation, space, power and environmental controls, documentation, people, data, software, and hardware. The Contractor also must provide for reviewing, testing, and adjusting the plan on an annual basis.

The Contractor may not allow the State's data to be loaded onto portable computing devices or portable storage components or media unless necessary to perform its obligations under this Contract properly and approved by the State's Chief Information Security Officer. Even then, the Contractor may permit such only if adequate security measures are in place to ensure the integrity and security of the data. Those measures must include a policy on physical security for such devices to minimize the risks of theft and unauthorized access that includes a prohibition against viewing sensitive or confidential data in public

or common areas. At a minimum, portable computing devices must have anti-virus software, personal firewalls, and system password protection. In addition, the State's data must be encrypted when stored on any portable computing or storage device or media or when transmitted from them across any data network. The Contractor also must maintain an accurate inventory of all such devices and the individuals to whom they are assigned.

Any encryption requirement identified in this provision must meet the Ohio standard as defined in Ohio IT standard ITS-SEC-01, "Data Encryption and Cryptography".

The Contractor must have reporting requirements for lost or stolen portable computing devices authorized for use with State data and must report any loss or theft of such to the State in writing as quickly as reasonably possible. The Contractor also must maintain an incident response capability for all security breaches involving State data whether involving mobile devices or media or not. The Contractor must detail this capability in a written policy that defines procedures for how the Contractor will detect, evaluate, and respond to adverse events that may indicate a breach or attempt to attack or access State data or the infrastructure associated with State data.

In case of an actual security breach that may have compromised State data, including but not loss or theft of devices or media, the Contractor must notify the State in writing of the breach, or the suspicion of a breach, no more than within 24 hours of the Contractor becoming aware of the breach, and fully cooperate with the State to mitigate the consequences of such a breach. This includes any use or disclosure of the State data that is inconsistent with the terms of this Contract and of which the Contractor becomes aware, including but not limited to, any discovery of a use or disclosure that is not consistent with this Contract by an employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor.

The Contractor must give the State full access to the details of the breach and assist the State in making any notifications to potentially affected people and organizations that the State deems are necessary or appropriate. The Contractor must document all such incidents, including its response to them, and make that documentation available to the State on request. In addition to any other liability under this Contract related to the Contractor's improper disclosure of State data, and regardless of any limitation on liability of any kind in this Contract, the Contractor will be responsible for acquiring one year's identity theft protection service on behalf of any individual or entity whose personally identifiable information is compromised while it is in the Contractor's possession. Such identity theft protection must be reasonably acceptable to the State.

All State Data will remain the property of the State. The Contractor must ensure that the State retains access and download capability for purposes of retrieving its data for research, investigation, transfer, or migration to others systems.

Return of State Data

The Contractor may use Confidential Information only as necessary for Contractor's performance under or pursuant to rights granted in this Agreement and for no other purpose. The Contractor's limited right to use Confidential Information expires upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason. The Contractor's obligations of confidentiality and non-disclosure survive termination or expiration for any reason of this Agreement.

Confidentiality Agreements

When the Contractor performs services under this Contract that require the Contractor's and its subcontractors' personnel to access facilities, data, or systems that the State, in its sole discretion, deems sensitive, the State may require the Contractor's and its subcontractors' personnel with such access to sign an individual acknowledgement of data handling responsibilities, and have a background check performed before accessing those facilities, data, or systems. Each State agency, board, and commission may require a different confidentiality agreement or acknowledgement, and the Contractor's and its subcontractors' personnel may be required to sign a different confidentiality agreement or acknowledgement for each agency. The Contractor must immediately replace any of its or its subcontractors' personnel who refuse to sign a required confidentiality agreement or acknowledgment or have a background check performed.

Representatives. The State's representative under this Contract will be the person identified in the RFP Documents or in a subsequent notice to the Contractor as the "Project Representative." The Project Representative will review all reports the Contractor makes in the performance of the Project, will conduct all liaison with the Contractor, and will accept or reject the Deliverables and the completed Project. The Project Representative may delegate his responsibilities for individual aspects of the Project to one or more managers, who may act as the Project Representative for those individual portions of the Project.

The Contractor's Project Manager under this Contract will be the person identified on the RFP Documents as the "Project Manager." The Project Manager will be the Contractor's liaison with the State under this Contract. The Project Manager also will conduct all Project meetings and prepare and submit to the Project Representative all reports, plans, and other materials that the RFP Documents require from the Contractor.

Either party, upon written notice to the other party, may designate another representative. However, the Contractor may not replace the Project Manager without the approval of the State if that person is identified in the RFP Documents by name or as a key individual on the Project.

Work Responsibilities. The State will be responsible for providing only those things, if any, expressly identified in the RFP Documents. If the State has agreed to provide facilities or equipment, the Contractor, by signing this Contract, warrants that the Contractor has either inspected the facilities and equipment or has voluntarily waived an inspection and will work with the equipment and facilities on an "as is" basis.

The Contractor must assume the lead in the areas of management, design, and development of the Project. The Contractor must coordinate the successful execution of the Project and direct all Project activities on a day-to-day basis, with the advice and consent of the Project Representative. The Contractor will be responsible for all communications regarding the progress of the Project and will discuss with the Project Representative any issues, recommendations, and decisions related to the Project.

If any part of the Project requires installation on the State's property, the State will provide the Contractor with reasonable access to the installation site for the installation and any site preparation that is needed. After the installation is complete, the Contractor must complete an installation letter and secure the signature of the Project Representative certifying that installation is complete and the Project, or applicable portion of it, is operational. The letter must describe the nature, date, and location of the installation, as well as the date the Project Representative certified the installation as complete and operational.

Unless otherwise provided in the RFP Documents, the Contractor is solely responsible for obtaining all official permits, approvals, licenses, certifications, and similar authorizations required by any local, state, or federal agency for the Project and maintaining them throughout the duration of this Contract.

Changes. The State may make reasonable changes within the general scope of the Project. The State will do so by issuing a written order under this Contract describing the nature of the change ("Change Order"). Additionally, if the State provides directions or makes requests of the Contractor without a change order, and the Contractor reasonably believes the directions or requests are outside the specifications for the Project, the Contractor may request a Change Order from the State. The parties will handle such changes as follows: The Contractor will provide pricing to the State. The State will execute a Change Order once it and the Contractor have agreed on the description of and specifications for the change, as well as any equitable adjustments that need to be made in the Contractor's Fee or the performance schedule for the work. Then within five business days after receiving the Change Order, the Contractor must sign it to signify agreement with it.

If a change causes an increase in the cost of, or the time required for, the performance of the Project, the Contractor must notify the State in writing and request an equitable adjustment in its Fee, the delivery schedule, or both before the Contractor signs the Change Order. If the Contractor claims an adjustment under this section in connection with a change to the Project not described in a written Change Order, the

Contractor must notify the State in writing of the claim within five business days after the Contractor is notified of the change and before work on the change begins. Otherwise, the Contractor will have waived the claim. In no event will the State be responsible for any increase in the Fee or revision in any delivery schedule unless the State expressly ordered the relevant change in writing and the Contractor has complied with the requirements of this section. Provided the State has complied with the procedure for Change Orders in this section, nothing in this clause will excuse the Contractor from proceeding with performance of the Project, as changed.

Where an equitable adjustment to the Contractor's Fee is appropriate, the State and the Contractor may agree upon such an adjustment. If the State and the Contractor are unable to agree, either party may submit the dispute to the senior management of the Contractor and the senior management of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for resolution. If within thirty (30) calendar days following referral to senior management, the claim or dispute has not been resolved, the Contractor must submit its actual costs for materials needed for the change (or estimated amount if the precise amount of materials cannot be determined) and an estimate of the hours of labor required to do the work under the Change Order. The Contractor must break down the hours of labor by employee position, and provide the actual hourly pay rate for each employee involved in the change.

The total amount of the equitable adjustment for the Change Order then will be made based on the actual cost of materials (or estimated materials) and actual rate for each person doing the labor (based on the estimated hours of work required to do the change). Labor rates will be increased by 25% to cover benefits and taxes. The equitable adjustment for the Change Order then will be set based on this amount, plus 15% to cover overhead and profit. This amount will be the not-to-exceed amount of the Change Order. If the change involves removing a requirement from the Project or replacing one part of the Project with the change, the State will get a credit for the work no longer required under the original scope of the Project. The credit will be calculated in the same manner as the Contractor's Fee for the change, and the not-to-exceed amount will be reduced by this credit.

The Contractor is responsible for coordinating changes with its subcontractors and adjusting their compensation and performance schedule. The State will not pay any subcontractor for the Change Order. If a subcontractor will perform any work under a Change Order, that work must be included in the Contractor's not-to-exceed amount and calculated in the same manner as the Contractor's equitable adjustment for the portion of the work the Contractor will perform. The Contractor will not receive an overhead percentage for any work a subcontractor will do under a Change Order.

If the RFP Documents provide for the retainage of a portion of the Contractor's Fee, all equitable adjustments for Change Orders also will be subject to the same retainage, which the State will pay only on completion and acceptance of the Project, as provided in the RFP Documents.

Excusable Delay. Neither party will be liable for any delay in its performance that arises from causes beyond its control and without its negligence or fault. The delayed party must notify the other promptly of any material delay in performance and must specify in writing the proposed revised performance date as soon as practicable after notice of delay. In the event of any such excusable delay, the date of performance or of delivery will be extended for a period equal to the time lost by reason of the excusable delay. The delayed party also must describe the cause of the delay and what steps it is taking to remove the cause. The delayed party may not rely on a claim of excusable delay to avoid liability for a delay if the delayed party has not taken commercially reasonable steps to mitigate or avoid the delay. Things that are

controllable by the Contractor's subcontractors will be considered controllable by the Contractor, except for third-party manufacturers supplying commercial items and over whom the Contractor has no legal control.

Independent Status of the Contractor. The parties are independent of one another, and the Contractor's Personnel may act only in the capacity of representatives of the Contractor and not as representatives of the State. Further, the Contractor's Personnel will not be deemed for any purpose to be employees, representatives, or agents of the State. The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the

actions of the Contractor's Personnel while they are performing under this Contract and will be solely responsible for paying the Contractor's Personnel (including withholding, and paying income taxes and social security, workers' compensation, disability benefits and the like). The Contractor may not commit, and is not authorized to commit, the State in any manner. The Contractor's subcontractors will be considered the agents of the Contractor for purposes of this Contract.

Publicity. The Contractor may not advertise or publicize that it is doing business with the State or use this Contract or the Contractor's relationship with the State as a marketing or sales tool, unless the State agrees otherwise in writing.

PART THREE: OWNERSHIP AND HANDLING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Confidentiality. The State may disclose to the Contractor written material or oral or other information that the State treats as confidential ("Confidential Information"). Title to the Confidential Information and all related materials and documentation the State delivers to the Contractor will remain with the State. The Contractor must treat such Confidential Information as secret, if it is so marked, otherwise identified as such, or when, by its very nature, it deals with matters that, if generally known, would be damaging to the best interest of the public, other contractors, potential contractors with the State, or individuals or organizations about whom the State keeps information.

By way of example, information must be treated as confidential if it includes any proprietary documentation, materials, flow charts, codes, software, computer instructions, techniques, models, information, diagrams, know-how, trade secrets, data, business records, or marketing information. By way of further example, the Contractor also must treat as confidential materials such as police and investigative records, files containing personal information about individuals or employees of the State, such as personnel records, tax records, and so on, court and administrative records related to pending actions, any material to which an attorney-client, physician-patient, or similar privilege may apply, and any documents or records excluded by Ohio law from public records disclosure requirements.

The Contractor may not disclose any Confidential Information to third parties and must use it solely to do the Project. The Contractor must restrict circulation of Confidential Information within its organization and then only to people in the Contractor's organization that have a need to know the Confidential Information to do the Project. The Contractor will be liable for the disclosure of such information, whether the disclosure is intentional, negligent, or accidental, unless otherwise provided below.

The Contractor will not incorporate any portion of any Confidential Information into any work or product, other than a Deliverable, and will have no proprietary interest in any of the Confidential Information. Furthermore, the Contractor must cause all of its Personnel who have access to any Confidential Information to execute a confidentiality agreement incorporating the obligations in this section.

The Contractor's obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information will not apply where such: one (1) was already in the Contractor's possession before disclosure by the State, and such was received by the Contractor without obligation of confidence; two (2) is independently developed by the Contractor; three (3) except as provided in the next paragraph, is or becomes publicly available without breach of this Contract; four (4) is rightfully received by the Contractor from a third party without an obligation of confidence; five (5) is disclosed by the Contractor with the written consent of the State; or six (6) is released in accordance with a valid order of a court or governmental agency, provided that the Contractor (a) notifies the State of such order immediately upon receipt of the order and (b) makes a reasonable effort to obtain a protective order from the issuing court or agency limiting disclosure and use of the Confidential Information solely for the purposes intended to be served by the original order of production. The Contractor must return all originals of any Confidential Information and destroy any copies it has made on termination or expiration of this Contract.

Information that may be available publicly through other sources about people that is personal in nature, such as medical records, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, and similar things are

nevertheless sensitive in nature and may not be disclosed or used in any manner except as expressly authorized in this Contract. Therefore, item three (3) in the preceding paragraph does not apply, and the Contractor must treat such information as Confidential Information whether it is available elsewhere or not.

The Contractor may disclose Confidential Information to its subcontractors on a need-to-know basis, but the Contractor first must obligate them to the requirements of this section.

Ownership of Deliverables. The State owns all Deliverables that the Contractor produces under this Contract, including any software enhancements, and documentation, with all rights, title, and interest in all intellectual property that come into existence through the Contractor's custom work being assigned to the State. Additionally, the Contractor waives any author rights and similar retained interests in custom-developed material. The Contractor must provide the State with all assistance reasonably needed to vest such rights of ownership in the State. The Contractor will retain ownership of all tools, methods, techniques, standards, and other development procedures, as well as generic and preexisting shells, subroutines, and similar material incorporated into any custom Deliverable ("Pre-existing Materials"), if the Contractor provides the non-exclusive license described in the next paragraph.

The Contractor may grant the State a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, modify, and distribute all Pre-existing Materials that are incorporated into any custom-developed Deliverable rather than grant the State ownership of the Pre-existing Materials. The State may distribute such Pre-existing materials to third parties only to the extent required by governmental funding mandates. The Contractor may not include in any custom Deliverable any intellectual property unless such has been created under this Contract or qualifies as Pre-existing Material. If the Contractor wants to incorporate any Pre-existing Materials into a custom Deliverable, the Contractor must first disclose that desire to the State in writing and seek the State's approval for doing so in advance. The State will not be obligated to provide that approval, unless the Contractor disclosed its intention to do so in the RFP Documents. On the Contractor's request, the State will incorporate into any copies of a custom Deliverable any proprietary notice that the Contractor included with the original copy, if that notice is reasonably necessary to protect the Contractor's interest in any Pre-existing Materials contained in the custom Deliverable.

Subject to the limitations and obligations of the State with respect to Pre-existing Materials, the State may make all custom Deliverables available to the general public without any proprietary notices of any kind.

For Deliverables that include custom materials such as software, scripts, or similar computer instructions developed for the State, the State is entitled to the source material. Scripts and similar functionality may not be locked or otherwise protected from access by the State, unless the State has any passwords or other tools necessary to access the material. Source material must include annotations or comments according to industry standards. Further, the State is entitled to any working papers the Contractor has developed during the performance of the Project that would reasonably assist the State in using the Deliverables that include source materials or that would help the State protect its interests in the Deliverable or update, modify, or otherwise maintain the Deliverable. This also includes all design and architectural materials, such as schemas.

License in Commercial Material. As used in this section, "Commercial Material" means anything that the Contractor or a third party has developed at private expense, is commercially available in the marketplace, subject to intellectual property rights, and readily copied through duplication on magnetic media, paper, or other media. Examples include written reports, books, pictures, videos, movies, computer programs, and computer source code and documentation. It does not include Key Commercial Software that will be governed by Attachment Eight, Master Contract, but does include other Commercial Software.

Any Commercial Material that the Contractor intends to deliver as a Deliverable must have the scope of the license granted in such material disclosed in the RFP Documents or as an attachment referenced in the RFP Documents, if that scope of license is different from the scope of license contained in this section for Commercial Materials.

Except for Commercial Material that is software ("Commercial Software"), if the Commercial Material is copyrighted and published material, then the State will have the rights permitted under the federal copyright laws for each copy of the Commercial Material delivered to it by the Contractor.

Except for Commercial Software, if the Commercial Material is patented, then the State will have the rights permitted under the federal patent laws for each copy of the Commercial Material delivered to it by the Contractor.

Except for Commercial Software, if the Commercial Material consists of trade secrets, then the State will treat the material as confidential. In this regard, the State will assume all obligations with respect to the Commercial Material that the Contractor assumes under the Confidentiality section of this Contract with respect to the State's Confidential Information. Otherwise, the State will have the same rights and duties permitted under the federal copyright laws for each copy of the Commercial Material delivered to it by the Contractor, whether or not the material is copyrighted when delivered to the State.

For Commercial Software, the State will have the rights in items one (1) through six (6) of this section with respect to the software. The State will not use any Commercial Software except as provided in the six items below or as expressly stated otherwise in this Contract. The Commercial Software may be:

1. Used or copied for use in or with the computer or computers for which it was acquired, including use at any State installation to which such computer or computers may be transferred;
2. Used or copied for use in or with a backup computer for disaster recovery and disaster recovery testing purposes or if any computer for which it was acquired is inoperative;
3. Reproduced for safekeeping (archives) or backup purposes;
4. Modified, adapted, or combined with other computer software, but the modified, combined, or adapted portions of the derivative software incorporating any of the Commercial Software will be subject to same restrictions set forth in this Contract;
5. Disclosed to and reproduced for use on behalf of the State by support service contractors or their subcontractors, subject to the same restrictions set forth in this Contract; and
6. Used or copied for use in or transferred to a replacement computer.

Commercial Software delivered under this Contract is licensed to the State without disclosure restrictions unless it is clearly marked as confidential or secret. The State will treat any Commercial Software that is marked as confidential or secret as Confidential Information to the extent that such is actually the case.

Key Commercial Software will be covered by a separate Master Contract for Software Licensing, in the form of Attachment Eight. When such a Master Contract is executed, it will be a separate agreement and not part of this Contract, though the Contractor remains responsible for ensuring that the completed Project, including any Key Commercial Software, meets the requirements of this Contract and performs according to the RFP Documents' requirements.

PART FOUR: REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND LIABILITIES

General Warranties. The Contractor warrants that the recommendations, guidance, and performance of the Contractor under this Contract will: one (1) be in accordance with sound professional standards and the requirements of this Contract and without any material defects; and two (2) unless otherwise provided in the RFP Documents, be the work solely of the Contractor. The Contractor also warrants that: one (1) no Deliverable will infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party; and two (2) the Contractor's work and the Deliverables resulting from that work will be merchantable and fit for the particular purposes described in the RFP Documents.

Additionally, with respect to the Contractor's activities under this Contract, the Contractor warrants that: one (1) the Contractor has the right to enter into this Contract; two (2) the Contractor has not entered into any other contracts or employment relationships that restrict the Contractor's ability to perform the contemplated services; three (3) the Contractor will observe and abide by all applicable laws and regulations, including those of the State regarding conduct on any premises under the State's control and security for the State's data, systems, and networks; four (4) the Contractor has good and marketable

title to any goods delivered under this Contract and in which title passes to the State; five (5) the Contractor has the right and ability to grant the license granted in any Deliverable in which title does not pass to the State; and six (6) the Contractor is not subject to any unresolved findings of the Auditor of State under Revised Code Section 9.24 and will not become subject to an unresolved finding that prevents the extension or renewal of this Contract.

The warranties regarding material defects, merchantability, and fitness are one-year warranties. All other warranties will be continuing warranties. If any portion of the Project fails to comply with these warranties, and the Contractor is so notified in writing, the Contractor must correct such failure with all due speed or must refund the amount of the compensation paid for such portion of the Project. The Contractor also must indemnify the State for any direct damages and claims by third parties based on a breach of these warranties. This obligation of indemnification will not apply where the State has modified or misused the Deliverable and the claim is based on the modification or misuse. The State will give the Contractor notice of any such claim as soon as reasonably practicable.

If a successful claim of infringement is made, or if the Contractor reasonably believes that an infringement claim that is pending may actually succeed, the Contractor must do one of the following things: one (1) modify the Deliverable so that it is no longer infringing; two (2) replace the Deliverable with an equivalent or better item; three (3) acquire the right for the State to use the infringing Deliverable as it was intended for the State to use under this Contract; or four (4) remove the Deliverable and refund the amount the State paid for the Deliverable and the amount of any other Deliverable or item that requires the availability of the infringing Deliverable for it to be useful to the State.

Software Warranty. If this Contract involves software as a Deliverable, then, on acceptance and for twelve (12) months after the date of acceptance of any Deliverable that includes software, the Contractor warrants as to all software developed under this Contract that: (a) the software will operate on the computer(s) for which the software is intended in the manner described in the relevant software documentation, the Contractor's Proposal, and the RFP Documents; (b) the software will be free of any material defects; (c) the Contractor will deliver and maintain relevant and complete software documentation, commentary, and source code; and (d) the source code language used to code the software is readily available in the commercial market, widely used and accepted for the type of programming involved, and support programming in the language is reasonably available in the open market; and (e) the software and all maintenance will be provided in a professional, timely, and efficient manner.

For Commercial Software licensed from a third party that is incorporated into a Deliverable, and for which the State has not approved a separate license agreement governing that Commercial Software's warranties as part of the RFP process, the Contractor represents and warrants that it has done one of the following things: (a) obtained the right from the third-party licensor to commit to the warranties and maintenance obligations in this Section; (b) obtained a binding commitment from the licensor to make those warranties and maintenance obligations directly to the State; or (c) fully disclosed in the RFP Documents any discrepancies between the requirements of this section and the commitment the third-party licensor has made.

In addition, for Commercial Software that is incorporated into a Deliverable, the Contractor will: (a) maintain or cause the third-party licensor to maintain the Commercial Software so that it operates in the manner described in the RFP Documents (or any attachment referenced in the RFP Documents) and relevant Commercial Software documentation; (b) supply technical bulletins and updated user guides; (c) supply the State with updates, improvements, enhancements, and modifications to the Commercial Software and documentation and, if available, the commentary and the source code; (d) correct or replace the Commercial Software and/or remedy any material programming error that is attributable to the Contractor or the third-party licensee; (e) maintain or cause the third-party licensor to maintain the Commercial Software and documentation to reflect changes in the subject matter the Commercial Software deals with; (f) maintain or obtain a commitment from the third-party licensor to maintain the Commercial Software so that it will properly operate in conjunction with changes in the operating environment in which it is designed to operate.

For purposes of the warranties and the delivery requirements in this Contract, software documentation means well written, readily understood, clear, and concise instructions for the software's users as well as a system administrator. The software documentation will provide the users of the software with meaningful instructions on how to take full advantage of all of the capabilities designed for end users. It also means installation and system administration documentation for a system administrator to allow proper control, configuration, and management of the software. Source code means the uncompiled operating instructions for the software. However, the Contractor will not be obligated to provide source code for Commercial Software unless it is readily available from the licensor. The source code must be provided in the language in which it was written and will include commentary that will allow a competent programmer proficient in the source language to readily interpret the source code and understand the purpose of all routines and subroutines contained within the source code.

Equipment Warranty. If any electrical equipment, mechanical device, computer hardware, telecommunications hardware, or other type of physical machinery ("Equipment") will be a part of any Deliverable, the following warranties apply.

The Contractor warrants that the Equipment fully complies with all government environmental and safety standards applicable to the Equipment. The Contractor also warrants for one year from the acceptance date of the Equipment that the Equipment will perform substantially in accordance with specifications described in the RFP Documents, the user manuals, technical materials, and related writings published by the manufacturer for the Equipment. The foregoing warranties will not apply to Equipment that is modified or damaged after title passes to the State.

The Contractor must notify the State in writing immediately upon the discovery of any breach of the warranties given above.

The Contractor must do the following if any Equipment does not meet the above warranties:

- (a) Cause the Equipment to perform as required, or, if that is not commercially practicable, then;
- (b) Grant the State a refund equal to the amount the State paid for the Equipment or, if such has not been individually priced, the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the Equipment.

Except where the Contractor's breach of a warranty makes it not possible for the State to do so, the State will return the affected Equipment to the Contractor in the case of a refund under the previous paragraph.

GENERAL EXCLUSION OF WARRANTIES. THE CONTRACTOR MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OTHER THAN THOSE EXPRESS WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THIS CONTRACT.

Indemnity for Property Damage and Bodily Injury. The Contractor must indemnify the State for all liability and expense resulting from bodily injury to any person (including injury resulting in death) and damage to tangible or real property arising out of the performance of this Contract, provided that such bodily injury or property damage is due to the negligence or other tortious conduct of the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The Contractor will not be responsible for any damages or liability to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the State, its employees, other contractors, or agents.

Limitation of Liability. Neither party will be liable for any indirect, incidental, or consequential loss or damage of the other party, including but not limited to lost profits, even if the parties have been advised, knew, or should have known of the possibility of such damages. Additionally, neither party will be liable to the other for direct or other damages in excess of two (2) times the not-to-exceed fixed price of this Contract. The limitations in this paragraph do not apply to any obligation of the Contractor to indemnify the State against claims made against it or for damages to the State caused by the Contractor's negligence or other tortious conduct.

PART FIVE: ACCEPTANCE AND MAINTENANCE

Standards of Performance and Acceptance. There will be a period for performance testing of the completed Project. During the performance period, the State, with the assistance of the Contractor, will perform acceptance testing. The performance period will last up to ninety (90) calendar days, during which time the Project must meet the standard of performance required by the RFP Documents for thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. The performance criteria in the RFP Documents will be supplemented with the relevant user manuals, technical materials, and related writings, to the extent that the specifications in those writings supplement and refine rather than contradict the performance criteria in the RFP Documents. Acceptance of the Project depends on a successful completion of the performance period defined in this section and the RFP Documents. This section applies to the Project, and any part of it, as well as replacements or substitutes for the Project after completion of a successful performance period.

If the Project does not meet the standard of performance during the initial performance period, the State will give the Contractor details about the problems in a timely manner and in a useful and relevant form. Until the Contractor demonstrably corrects all outstanding problems, the second performance period will not start, and the State will not accept the Project (or part thereof). The second performance test will continue on a day-by-day basis until the standard of performance is met for a total of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days or until the ninety (90)-day performance period has ended without meeting the standard of performance.

If the Project fails to meet the standard of performance after ninety (90) calendar days from the start of the second performance period, the Contractor will be in default and will not have a cure period. In addition to all other remedies the State may have under this Contract, the State may request a correction or replacement of the relevant portion of the Project.

The Project may have components that can be tested for acceptance individually. If that is so, there may be acceptance criteria listed on the RFP Documents for each part of the Project that will be independently tested and accepted. However, unless the RFP Documents expressly provide otherwise, the failure of any independently tested component to meet its acceptance criteria will give the State the right to reject the entire Project. Alternatively, if the State determines that it is in the State's interest to reject only the part of the Project that was independently and unsuccessfully tested, it may do so. If the State chooses this option, the State will be entitled to a refund or credit toward the Contractor's Fee equal to the cost of acquiring a replacement for the rejected component.

The acceptable level of performance for the Project will be 99.999%, unless otherwise specified in the RFP Documents. The performance level for the Project is computed by dividing the sum of the uptime by the number of working hours during the test time. "Uptime" means the total hours, rounded to the nearest quarter hour, during which all components of the Project are operational and all functions of the Project are available to its users. The number of "working hours" means the total number of working hours for the period during which the Project was scheduled to be available to its users. Uptime and downtime will be measured in hours and quarter hours.

The Project "downtime" is that period when any part of the Project is inoperable due to failure of the Project or a particular Deliverable to operate according to the specifications in the RFP Documents, the user documentation, or the published technical specifications. During a period of downtime, the State may use operable components of the Project when that will not interfere with repair of inoperable components of the Project. Downtime will start from the time the State notifies the Project Manager of the inoperable condition of the Project until the Project is returned in proper operating condition.

The Project will not be accepted until the performance period is complete.

Should it be necessary, the State may delay the start of the performance period, but the delay will not exceed thirty (30) consecutive calendar days after the scheduled date for implementation of the Project.

Such a delay will not be considered a suspension of work under the Suspension and Termination section of this Contract.

Passage of Title. Title to any Deliverable will pass to the State only on acceptance of the Deliverable. All risk of loss, regardless of the cause, will remain with the Contractor until title to the Deliverable passes to the State.

Software Maintenance. If this Contract involves software as a Deliverable, then, during the warranty period, as well as any optional maintenance periods that the State exercises, the Contractor must correct any material programming errors that are attributable to the Contractor within a reasonable period of time. However, the State must notify the Contractor, either orally or in writing, of a problem with the software and provide sufficient information for the Contractor to identify the problem.

The Contractor's response to a programming error will depend upon the severity of the problem. For programming errors that slow the processing of data by a small degree, render minor and non-mandatory functions of the System inoperable or unstable, or require users or administrators to employ workarounds to fully use the software, Contractor will respond to the request for resolution within four business hours. Furthermore, the Contractor must begin working on a proper solution for the problem within one business day, dedicating the resources required to fix the problem.

For any defects with more significant consequences, including those that render key functions of the system inoperable or significantly slow processing of data, the Contractor will respond within two business hours of notice. The Contractor also must begin working on a proper solution for the problem immediately after responding and, if requested, provide on-site assistance and dedicate all available resources to resolving the problem.

For software classified as Commercial Software in the Ownership of Deliverables section and for which the State has not signed a separate license agreement, the Contractor must acquire for the State the right to maintenance for one year. That maintenance must be the third-party licensor's standard maintenance program, but at a minimum, that maintenance program must include all, updates, patches, and fixes to the software. It also must include a commitment to keep the software current with the operating environment in which it is designed to function (and, if applicable, the subject matter covered by the software) and to correct material defects in the software in a timely fashion. Additionally, the Contractor must obtain a commitment from the licensor to make maintenance available for the product for at least four (4) years after the first year of maintenance. The Contractor also must obtain a commitment from the licensor to limit increases in the annual Fee for maintenance to no more than 7% annually. If the licensor is unable to provide maintenance during that five-year period, then the licensor must be committed to doing one of the following two things: (a) give the State a *pro rata* refund of the license fee based on a five (5) year useful life; or (b) release the source code for the software (except third party software) to the State for use by the State solely for the purpose of maintaining the copy(ies) of the software for which the State has a proper license. For purposes of receiving the source code, the State agrees to treat it as confidential and to be obligated to the requirements under the Confidentiality section of this Contract with respect to the source code. That is, with respect to the source code that the State gets under this section, the State will do all the things that the Confidentiality section requires the Contractor to do in handling the State's Confidential Information.

Equipment Maintenance. If this Contract involves Equipment as a Deliverable, then, upon Equipment delivery and for twelve (12) months after acceptance, the Contractor must provide Equipment maintenance to keep the Equipment in or restore the Equipment to good working order. If the State exercises its right to any optional maintenance periods, the Contractor's obligations hereunder will extend to those periods as well. This maintenance must include preventative and remedial maintenance, installation of safety changes, and installation of engineering changes based upon the specific needs of the individual item of Equipment. This maintenance must include the repair, replacement, or exchange deemed necessary to keep the Equipment in good working condition. For purposes of this Contract, Equipment restored to good working condition means Equipment that performs in accordance with the manufacturer's published specifications and the RFP Documents.

The Contractor must exert its best efforts to perform all fault isolation and problem determination attributed to the Equipment covered under this Contract.

The following services are outside the scope of this Contract:

- a. Maintenance to bring the Equipment into compliance with any law, rule, or regulation if such law, rule, or regulation was not in effect on the acceptance date.
- b. Repair and replacement work or increase in maintenance time as a result of damage or loss resulting from casualty or the State's misuse of the Equipment, damage resulting from improper packing or failure to follow prescribed shipping instructions (if such is done by the State), failure of electrical power, air conditioning or humidity control, use of supplies not approved by the original manufacturer of the Equipment as described or included in the Contractor's Proposal, or causes other than ordinary use of the Equipment.
- c. Furnishing supplies or accessories, making specification changes, or adding or removing approved accessories, attachments, or other devices.
- d. Maintenance or any increase in maintenance time resulting from any maintenance or inappropriate connection to other equipment (not done by the Contractor) that results in damage to the Equipment.
- e. Activities required to restore the Equipment to good operating condition if the problem has resulted from someone other than Contractor's authorized service personnel repairing, modifying, or performing any maintenance service on the Equipment.

Equipment Maintenance Standards. This section applies if Equipment will be a Deliverable under this Contract.

The Contractor must complete all remedial Equipment maintenance within eight (8) business hours after notification by the State that maintenance is required. In the case of preventative maintenance, the Contractor must perform such in accordance with the manufacturer's published schedule and specifications. If maintenance is not completed or substitute equipment provided within eight (8) hours after notification by the State, the Contractor will be in default.

All maintenance also must meet any standards contained in the RFP Documents. Failure of the Contractor to meet or maintain these requirements will provide the State with the same rights and remedies specified elsewhere in the RFP Documents for default, except that the Contractor will only have eight hours to remedy the default.

The Contractor must provide adequate staff to provide the maintenance required by this Contract.

Equipment Maintenance Continuity. This section applies if Equipment will be a Deliverable under this Contract.

If the Contractor is unable to provide maintenance services to meet the State's ongoing performance requirements for Equipment delivered under this Contract, and if, in the State's sole opinion, the Contractor is unlikely to resume providing warranty services that meet the State's ongoing performance requirement, the Contractor will be in default. The State then will be entitled to the remedies in the default section of this Contract. However, the State will also be entitled to the following items from the Contractor: (a) all information necessary for the State to perform the maintenance, including logic diagrams, maintenance manuals and system and unit schematics, as modified by the Contractor; and (b) a listing of suppliers capable of supplying necessary spare parts.

Any information in items (a) and (b) above that is rightfully identified by the Contractor as confidential information will be maintained in confidence by the State, except where disclosure to a third party is

necessary for the State to continue the maintenance. However, any third party to whom disclosure is made must agree to hold such proprietary information in confidence and to make no further disclosure of it. Further, any such confidential information will be used solely to perform the Contractor's maintenance obligations hereunder and will be returned to the Contractor upon completion of such use.

Principal Period of Maintenance (General). This section applies if software or Equipment will be a Deliverable under this Contract.

The Contractor must make maintenance available nine working hours per weekday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Travel time and expenses related to remedial and preventive maintenance will not be considered billable but will be included in the Contractor's firm, fixed Fee for the Project during the warranty period and a part of the annual maintenance Fee during later annual maintenance periods.

Maintenance Access (General). This section applies if software or Equipment will be a Deliverable under this Contract.

The Contractor must keep the Project in good operating condition during the warranty period and any annual maintenance period during which the State contracts for continued maintenance. The State will provide the Contractor with reasonable access to the Project to perform maintenance. All maintenance that requires the Project to be inoperable must be performed outside the State's customary working hours, except when the Project is already inoperable. Preventive or scheduled maintenance will be performed at mutually agreeable times, within the parameters of the manufacturer's published schedule.

Key Maintenance Personnel (General). This section applies if software or Equipment will be a Deliverable under this Contract.

The Contractor must identify all key people responsible for providing maintenance on the Project, furnish the State with a means of identifying these people, furnish the State with their credentials, and notify the State at least 30 calendar days in advance of any reductions in staffing levels of key people at the office serving the State.

PART SIX: CONSTRUCTION

Entire Document. This Contract is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any previous agreements, whether oral or written.

Binding Effect. This Contract will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the State and the Contractor.

Amendments – Waiver. No change to any provision of this Contract will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties. The failure of either party at any time to demand strict performance by the other party of any of the terms of this Contract will not be a waiver of those terms. Waivers must be in writing to be effective, and either party may at any later time demand strict performance.

Severability. If any provision of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of this Contract will remain in full force and effect to the extent that such does not create an absurdity.

Construction. This Contract will be construed in accordance with the plain meaning of its language and neither for nor against the drafting party.

Headings. The headings used herein are for the sole sake of convenience and may not be used to interpret any section.

Notices. For any notice under this Contract to be effective, it must be made in writing and sent to the address of the appropriate contact provided elsewhere in the Contract, unless such party has notified the

other party, in accordance with the provisions of this section, of a new mailing address. This notice requirement will not apply to any notices that this Contract expressly authorized to be made orally.

Continuing Obligations. The terms of this Contract will survive the termination or expiration of the time for completion of Project and the time for meeting any final payment of compensation, except where such creates an absurdity.

Time. Unless otherwise expressly provided, any reference in this document to a number of days for an action or event to occur means calendar days, and any reference to a time of the day, such as 5:00 p.m., is a reference to the local time in Columbus, Ohio.

PART SEVEN: LAW AND COURTS

Compliance with Law. The Contractor must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws while performing under this Contract.

Drug-Free Workplace. The Contractor must comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding keeping a drug-free workplace. The Contractor must make a good faith effort to ensure that all the Contractor's Personnel, while working on state property, will not have or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

Conflicts of Interest. None of the Contractor's Personnel may voluntarily acquire any personal interest that conflicts with their responsibilities under this Contract. Additionally, the Contractor may not knowingly permit any public official or public employee who has any responsibilities related to this Contract or the Project to acquire an interest in anything or any entity under the Contractor's control, if such an interest would conflict with that official's or employee's duties. The Contractor must disclose to the State knowledge of any such person who acquires an incompatible or conflicting personal interest related to this Contract. The Contractor also must take steps to ensure that such a person does not participate in any action affecting the work under this Contract. However, this will not apply when the State has determined, in light of the personal interest disclosed, that person's participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest.

Ohio Ethics Law and Limits on Political Contributions. The Contractor certifies that it is currently in compliance and will continue to adhere to the requirements of the Ohio ethics laws. The Contractor also certifies that all applicable parties listed in Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.13 are in full compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.13.

Governing the Expenditure of Public Funds on Offshore Services (EO 2011-12K). The Contractor affirms to have read and understands Executive Order 2011-12K and shall abide by those requirements in the performance of this Contract. Notwithstanding any other terms of this Contract, the State reserves the right to recover any funds paid for services the Contractor performs outside of the United States for which it did not receive a waiver. The State does not waive any other rights and remedies provided the State in this Contract.

The Contractor agrees to complete the attached Executive Order 2011-12K Affirmation and Disclosure Form which is incorporated and becomes a part of this Agreement.

Unresolved Finding for Recovery. If the Contractor was subject to an unresolved finding of the Auditor of State under Revised Code Section 9.24 on the date the parties sign this Contract, the Contract is void. Further, if the Contractor is subject to an unresolved finding of the Auditor of State under Revised Code Section 9.24 on any date on which the parties renew or extend this Contract, the renewal or extension will be void.

Equal Employment Opportunity. During the Project, the Contractor must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age,

or Vietnam-era veteran status ("Protected Status"). The Contractor must ensure that applicants for employment and employees are treated without regard to their Protected Status.

The Contractor must post notices with the provisions of this section in conspicuous places that are available to employees and applicants and must state in all solicitations and advertisements for employees that it is an equal opportunity employer.

Security & Safety Rules. When using or possessing State data or accessing State networks and systems, the Contractor must comply with all applicable State rules, policies, and regulations regarding data security and integrity. And when on any property owned or controlled by the State, the Contractor must comply with all security and safety rules, regulations, and policies applicable to people on those premises.

Injunctive Relief. Nothing in this Contract is intended to limit the State's right to injunctive relief, if such is necessary to protect its interests or to keep it whole.

Assignment. The Contractor may not assign this Contract or any of its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior, written consent of the State. The State is not obligated to provide its consent to any proposed assignment.

Governing Law. This Contract will be governed by the laws of Ohio, and venue for any disputes will lie exclusively with the appropriate court in Franklin County, Ohio.

**ATTACHMENT FIVE
SAMPLE CONTRACT**

**A CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
ON BEHALF OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
AND**

(CONTRACTOR)

THIS CONTRACT, which results from RFP [0A1110](#), entitled **Enterprise Product and Project Quality Assurance (PPQA) Process**, is between the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and _____ (the "Contractor").

This Contract consists of the referenced RFP, including all its attachments and supplements, written amendments to the RFP, the Contractor's Proposal, and written, authorized amendments to the Contractor's Proposal. It also includes any materials incorporated by reference in the above documents and any purchase orders and Change Orders issued under the Contract. The form of the Contract is this one page document, which incorporates by reference all the documents identified above. The General Terms and Conditions for the Contract are contained in an attachment to the RFP. If there are conflicting provisions among the documents that make up the Contract, the order of precedence for the documents is as follows:

1. The one-page Contract (Attachment Five) in its final form;
2. This RFP, as amended;
3. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the RFP;
4. The Executive Order, EO 2011-12K incorporated by reference in the RFP;
5. The Contractor's Proposal, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State; and
6. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Proposal.

Notwithstanding the order listed above, Change Orders and amendments issued after the Contract is executed may expressly change the provisions of the Contract. If they do so expressly, then the most recent of them will take precedence over anything else that is part of the Contract.

This Contract has an effective date of the later of _____, 2013, or the occurrence of all conditions precedent specified in the General Terms and Conditions.

TO SHOW THEIR AGREEMENT, the parties have executed this Contract as of the dates below.

CONTRACTOR

STATE OF OHIO
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SAMPLE - DO NOT FILL OUT

By: _____

By: [Robert Blair](#)

Title: _____

Title: [Director](#)

Date: _____

Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT SIX
SAMPLE DELIVERABLE/MILESTONE SUBMITTAL FORM**

Client Name:	[Insert Client Name]
Project Name:	[Insert Project Name]
Contract Number:	[Insert Contract Number]
Deliverable To Be Reviewed or Milestone Attained:	[Insert Deliverable/Milestone Name and Work Breakdown Structure Task #]
Date Deliverable Submitted for Review or Milestone Achievement Date:	[Insert Applicable Date]

The [insert Deliverable/milestone name] Deliverable/milestone is complete. This Deliverable/milestone has been completed/attained by [insert Corporate name] in accordance with the requirements specified in the RFP and Project Plan. Please obtain signatures below indicating the compliance of [insert Deliverable/milestone name]. Please obtain all signatures within **XX** calendar days of the Submitted or Achievement Date, above, [insert date XX calendar days from submitted date].

Please contact _____ at **XXX-XXX** with any questions.

Sincerely,

[Insert Company Name]
[Insert Project Name] Project Manager

Printed Name
Contractor Project Manager
{Same as person signing above}

<p>COMPLIANT: Deliverable Payment Authorized: Yes _____ No _____ N/A _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of State Project Representative/Date</p>
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<p>NOT COMPLIANT: Describe reason(s) for non-compliance: (Continue on back if necessary)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of State Project Representative/ Date Payment <u>Not</u> Authorized</p>

**ATTACHMENT SEVEN
OFFEROR CERTIFICATION FORM**

1. The offeror is not currently subject to an “unresolved” finding for recovery under Revised Code Section 9.24, and the offeror will notify the Procurement Representative any time it becomes subject to such a finding before the award of a Contract arising out of this RFP.
2. The offeror certifies that it will not and will not allow others to perform work for the State of Ohio outside the geographic limitations contained in Attachment Two or take data that belongs to the State of Ohio outside the geographic limitations contained in Attachment Two without express written authorization from the State.
3. The offeror certifies that its responses to the following statements are true and accurate. The offeror’s answers apply to the last seven (7) years. Please indicate yes or no in each column.

Yes/No	Description
	The offeror has had a contract terminated for default or cause.
	The offeror has been assessed any penalties in excess of \$10,000.00, including liquidated damages, under any of its existing or past contracts with any organization (including any governmental entity).
	The offeror was the subject of any governmental action limiting the right of the offeror to do business with that entity or any other governmental entity.
	Trading in the stock of the company has ever been suspended with the date(s) and explanation(s).
	The offeror, any officer of the offeror, or any owner of a 20% interest or greater in the offeror has filed for bankruptcy, reorganization, a debt arrangement, moratorium, or any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law, or any dissolution or liquidation proceeding.
	The offeror, any officer of the offeror, or any owner with a 20% interest or greater in the offeror has been convicted of a felony or is currently under indictment on any felony charge.

If the answer to any item above is affirmative, the offeror must provide complete details about the matter. While an affirmative answer to any of these items will not automatically disqualify an offeror from consideration, at the sole discretion of the State, such an answer and a review of the background details may result in a rejection of the Proposal. The State will make this decision based on its determination of the seriousness of the matter, the matter’s possible impact on the offeror’s performance under the Contract, and the best interest of the State.

4. The offeror certifies that neither it nor any of its people that may work on or benefit from the Contract through the offeror has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., employed by the State of Ohio, etc.) other than the conflicts identified immediately below:

Potential Conflicts (by person or entity affected)

(Attach an additional sheet if more space is need.)

The State may reject a Proposal in which an actual or apparent conflict is disclosed. And the State may cancel or terminate the Contract for cause if it discovers any actual or apparent conflict of interest that the offeror did not disclose in its Proposal.

5. The offeror certifies that all its and its subcontractors' personnel provided for the Project will have a valid I-9 form on file with the offeror or subcontractor, as appropriate, and will have presented valid employment authorization documents, if they are not United States citizens.
6. The offeror certifies that its regular, fulltime employees will perform at least 30% of the work on the Project.
7. The following is a complete list of all subcontractors, if any, that the offeror will use on the Project, if the State selects the offeror to do the work:

The offeror certifies that it has obtained and submitted a subcontractor letter, as required by Attachment Three, for each subcontractor it plans to use on the project.

Please provide the following information for a contact person who has authority to answer questions regarding the offeror's Proposal:

Name:	
Title:	
Mailing Address:	
Office Phone Number:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Email Address:	

Signature

Name

Title

Company Name

Company D-U-N-S Number

**ATTACHMENT EIGHT
OFFEROR PROFILE SUMMARY**

OFFEROR MANDATORY REQUIREMENT

(MBE) Offerors are required to submit a copy of their current Ohio MBE certification as part of their proposals. Proposals submitted from any other entity or individuals will be rejected.

**ATTACHMENT EIGHT
OFFEROR PROFILE SUMMARY**

OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS

Offeror must have completed three (3) similar assessments of software testing organizations or development organizations that contain an independent software testing groups (i.e. a testing group whose division of duty is outside of the software development (coding) function)

Company Name:	Contact Name: (Indicate Primary or Alternate) Contact Title:
Company Address:	Contact Phone Number: Contact Email Address:
Project Name:	Beginning Date of Expr: / Ending Date of Expr: Month/Year Month/Year
List Related Service Provided: Describe how the Related Service shows the offeror's experience, capability, and capacity to develop the Deliverables or to achieve the milestones for this Project:	

Company Name:	Contact Name: (Indicate Primary or Alternate) Contact Title:
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**ATTACHMENT EIGHT
OFFEROR PROFILE SUMMARY**

**OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS
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Offeror must provide documented proof of assessment or audit certification from a reputable or industry recognized 3rd party organization, with preference given to offerors possessing certification of CMMI Level 3 assessed or ISO 9001:2008 certified. Offerors must enclose copies of any certification along with the Audit results from the certifying auditor/organization.

**ATTACHMENT EIGHT
OFFEROR PROFILE SUMMARY**

OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS

Offeror must have completed three (3) similar assessments of software testing organizations or development organizations that contain an independent software testing groups (i.e. a testing group whose division of duty is outside of the software development (coding) function)

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OFFEROR PROFILE SUMMARY**

OFFEROR REQUIREMENTS

Offeror must have led the implementation of client adopted, IT-related process improvement recommendations on at least one (1) project.

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**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY
CANDIDATE REFERENCES**

Candidate's Name:

References. Provide three references for which the proposed candidate has successfully demonstrated meeting the requirements of the RFP on projects of similar size and scope in the past five years. The name of the person to be contacted, phone number, company, address, brief description of project size and complexity, and date (month and year) of employment must be given for each reference. These references must be able to attest to the candidate's specific qualifications.

The reference given should be a person within the client's organization and not a co-worker or a contact within the offerors organization.

If less than three references are provided, the offeror must explain why. The State may disqualify the Proposal if less than three references are given.

Client Company:	Client Contact Name:	Client Contact Title:	
Client Address:		Client Contact Phone Number:	
Project Name:		Beginning Date of Employment: Month/Year	Ending Date of Employment: Month/Year
Description of services provided that are in line with those to be provided as part of this Project:			
Description of how client project size and complexity are similar to this project:			

**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY**

CANDIDATE REFERENCES CONTINUED

Candidate's Name:

Client Company:	Client Contact Name:	Client Contact Title:	
Client Address:		Client Contact Phone Number:	
Project Name:		Beginning Date of Employment: Month/Year	Ending Date of Employment: Month/Year
Description of services provided that are in line with those to be provided as part of this Project: Description of how client project size and complexity are similar to this project:			

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Description of services provided that are in line with those to be provided as part of this Project: Description of how client project size and complexity are similar to this project:			

**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY**

CANDIDATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Candidate's Name:

Education and Training. This section must be completed to list the education and training of each proposed candidate and must demonstrate in detail the proposed candidate's ability to properly execute the Contract based on the relevance of the education and training to the requirements of the RFP.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING	MONTHS/YEARS	WHERE OBTAINED	DEGREE/MAJOR YEAR EARNED
College			
Technical School			
Other Training			

**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY
CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidate's Name:

At least 50% of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 60 months experience in Quality Assurance Management.

Company Name:	Contact Name: Primary or Alternate ___	Contact Title:	
Address:		Contact Phone Number: Email Address:	
Project Name:		Beginning Date of Expr: Month/Year	Ending Date of Expr: Month/Year
Description of technical experience, capacity performed, and role that is related to services to be provided for this Project:			

Company:	Contact Name: Primary or Alternate ___	Contact Title:	
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Project Name:		Beginning Date of Expr: Month/Year	Ending Date of Expr: Month/Year
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CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS
CONTINUED**

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**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY
CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidate's Name:

At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of a minimum of 36 months experience in a leadership role responsible for providing Quality Assurance.

Company:	Contact Name: Primary or Alternate	Contact Title:	
Address:		Contact Phone Number: Email Address:	
Project Name:		Beginning Date of Expr: Month/Year	Ending Date of Expr: Month/Year
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**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY**

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Candidate's Name:

At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have documented proof of 60 months experience in comprehensive test tool utilization such as HP Quality Center, HP QuickTest Professional, Cucumber, IBM Rational products and similar industry standard tools.

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**CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS
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**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY
CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidate's Name:

At least one (1) of the team members proposed must submit proof of one of the following: Certified Software Quality Analyst (CSQA); Certified Manager of Software Quality (CMSQ); Certified Manager of Software Testing (CMST).

**ATTACHMENT NINE
PERSONNEL PROFILE SUMMARY
CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

Candidate's Name:

At least one (1) of the team members proposed must have a minimum of 36 months experience as QA Lead and or QA Architect in organization that required compliance to federal standards.

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**ATTACHMENT TEN
STANDARD AFFIRMATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-12K**

Governing the Expenditure of Public Funds on Offshore Services

All of the following provisions must be included in all invitations to bid, requests for proposals, state term schedules, multiple award contracts, requests for quotations, informal quotations, and statements of work. This information is to be submitted as part of the response to any of the procurement methods listed.

By the signature affixed hereto, the Contractor affirms, understands and will abide by the requirements of Executive Order 2011-12K. If awarded a contract, both the Contractor and any of its subcontractors shall perform no services requested under this Contract outside of the United States.

The Contractor shall provide all the name(s) and location(s) where services under this Contract will be performed in the spaces provided below or by attachment. Failure to provide this information may subject the Contractor to sanctions. If the Contractor will not be using subcontractors, indicate "Not Applicable" in the appropriate spaces.

1. Principal location of business of Contractor:

(Address) (City, State, Zip)

Name/Principal location of business of subcontractor(s):

(Name) (Address, City, State, Zip)

(Name) (Address, City, State, Zip)

2. Location where services will be performed by Contractor:

(Address) (City, State, Zip)

Name/Location where services will be performed by subcontractor(s):

(Name) (Address, City, State, Zip)

(Name) (Address, City, State, Zip)

3. Location where state data will be stored, accessed, tested, maintained or backed-up, by Contractor:

(Address) (Address, City, State, Zip)

Name/Location(s) where state data will be stored, accessed, tested, maintained or backed-up by

subcontractor(s):

(Name)

(Address, City, State, Zip)

Contractor also affirms, understands and agrees that Contractor and its subcontractors are under a duty to disclose to the State any change or shift in location of services performed by Contractor or its subcontractors before, during and after execution of any Contract with the State. Contractor agrees it shall so notify the State immediately of any such change or shift in location of its services. The State has the right to immediately terminate the contract, unless a duly signed waiver from the State has been attained by the Contractor to perform the services outside the United States.

On behalf of the Contractor, I acknowledge that I am duly authorized to execute this Affirmation and Disclosure form and have read and understand that this form is a part of any Contract that Contractor may enter into with the State and is incorporated therein.

By: _____
Contractor

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT ELEVEN
COST SUMMARY**

Ten (10) percent of each payment will be held back until the successful completion and acceptance of all required phases of the Project.

Tasks and Deliverables	Cost
<p>Task 1: A completed assessment and gap analysis of the ESTC unit resulting in a document addressing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff levels and organizational structure b. Tool usage and staff knowledge of tools c. Adherence to industry standards (SWEBOK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Software Testing Fundamentals, including Testing-related terminology ii. Test Levels including Unit testing, Integration testing and System testing, Performance Testing, Regression testing iii. Test Techniques including Specification-based techniques, Code-based techniques iv. Test-related measures including Evaluation of the program under test, Reliability growth models, and Comparison and relative effectiveness of different techniques v. Test Process including Test Activities and Execution d. Integration of the ESTC unit in the current OIS SDLC 	\$
<p>Task 2: A comprehensive and detailed action plan to address any gaps and recommendations found in the assessment.</p>	\$
<p>Task 3: Presentation of the assessment to senior leadership.</p>	\$

<p>Task 4: Utilization of a documentation repository inclusive of evaluation results, recommendations, training curriculum and other relevant materials to this effort with visibility to all team members.</p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Optional Tasks (Offerors must address and price the following deliverables. It is solely the State's option to decide if any of the deliverables listed below will be performed.)</p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <p>a. Based on recommendations of the assessment, deliver a training curriculum that will address gap analysis findings (i.e. staff skills, methodologies used, and recommendations for tool usage).</p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <p>b. On-site training at ODJFS, implementation and assessment of ODJFS staff espousal and adherence to recommended changes.</p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Task 5: Based on approval of recommendation from OIS senior leadership the State may request the following:</p> <p>c. Creation of an executive dashboard via SharePoint, HP tool suite, or other means to allow executive leadership, project management, and ESTC staff to view key performance indicators for testing activity in relation to project time line, efforts expended and other quality metrics.</p>	<p>\$</p>
<p>Total for Tasks 1-5:</p>	<p>\$</p>