REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NUMBER: 0A1216R (REISSUE)
DATE ISSUED: October 21, 2019

The State of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services, for the Ohio Department of Administrative services is requesting proposals for:

InnovateOhio Platform (IOP) Contractors

INQUIRY PERIOD BEGINS:	October 21, 2019
INQUIRY PERIOD ENDS:	November 7, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.
OPENING DATE:	November 13, 2019
OPENING TIME:	1:00 P.M.
OPENING LOCATION:	Enterprise IT Contracting Procurement Services Bid Desk 4200 Surface Road Columbus, Ohio 43228-1313

This RFP consists of five parts and eight attachments, totaling 50 consecutively numbered pages. Supplements are also attached to this RFP with a beginning header page. Please verify that you have a complete copy.

In lieu of taking exceptions to RFP requirements, including but not limited to terms and conditions, scope of work statements, service levels requirements, etc., or providing assumptions that may be unacceptable to the State, Offerors are strongly encouraged to use the inquiry process in Part Three of the RFP.

PLEASE NOTE

This page documents the changes to the original RFP 0A1216 documents issued October 3, 2017.

Current prequalified Contractors on Contract 0A1216 need NOT submit a new Proposal.

Awarded Contractors under solicitation 0A1216R will be added to the original Contract 0A1216 as prequalified Contractors.

The Solicitation number was changed from 0A1216 to 0A1216R throughout the RFP documents.

The title was changed from Ohio Digital eXperience (ODX) Contractors to InnovateOhio Platform (IOP) Contractors throughout the RFP documents.

The terms: Ohio Digital eXperience and ODX were changed to InnovateOhio Platform and IOP throughout the RFP documents.

Base RFP:
All dates were updated to reflect the current solicitation.

Confidentiality statement paragraphs added to PART THREE: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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Added additional Rejection of Proposals paragraph to PART FOUR: EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.

Added OhioBuys paragraph to ATTACHMENT TWO: SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Publicity and Branding paragraph added to ATTACHMENT FOUR, PART TWO: WORK AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.

Replaced Indemnity paragraph in ATTACHMENT FOUR, PART FOUR: REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND LIABILITIES.

Updated the Limitation of Liability paragraph in ATTACHMENT FOUR, PART FOUR: REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND LIABILITIES.

Removed the references to the Executive Order 2011-12k and replaced with Prohibition of the Expenditure of Public Funds for Offshore Services language in ATTACHMENT FOUR, PART SEVEN: LAW AND COURTS.

Supplement 1:
Section 1.3 has been updated to reflect the current set of tools and applications utilized by IOP. See the original 0A1216 Supplement 1 Section 1.3 included on the solicitation details page for comparison.

PART ONE: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose. This is a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals ("RFP") under Sections 125.071 and 125.18 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "Revised Code") and Section 123:5-1-8 of the Ohio Administrative Code (the "Administrative Code"). The Department of Administrative Services is soliciting competitive sealed proposals on behalf of the state of Ohio ("Proposals") for the provision of consulting services for information technology projects (the "Work"), and this RFP is the result of that request.

If suitable offers are made in response to this RFP, the State of Ohio (the "State"), through the Department of Administrative Services, may enter into one or more contracts (the "Contract" or "Contracts") that pre-qualify one or more selected offerors (the "Contractor" or "Contractors") to perform the Work specified in future Scope of Work solicitations.

All contracts awarded shall be indefinite quantity Contracts with no minimum guarantee of any business. Contractors eligible to perform the Work will respond to future Statement of Work (SOW) Solicitations that will be issued and awarded by the Department of Administrative Services on behalf of Ohio State Agencies, as described in this RFP. The number of pre-qualified Contractors has not been determined. Future SOW Solicitations that result in awards ("Project Statements of Work" or "Project SOWs") will be managed by the State agency that initiated the request for the Statement of Work Solicitation unless the SOW requires otherwise. This RFP provides details on what is required to submit a Proposal for the Work, 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 and selection process. As a contractual vehicle to pre-qualify one or more selected Offerors, and no minimum guarantee for the Work, this RFP does not provide dates for Performance of the Work. While all dates provided in this RFP are subject to change, prospective offerors must be prepared to meet them as they currently stand.

Once awarded, the initial term of the Contract will extend from date of award until June 30, 2021. Upon expiration of the initial term, the State may renew this Contract for up to one additional two-year biennium term, subject to and contingent on the discretionary decision of the Ohio General Assembly to appropriate funds for this Contract in each new biennium. At that State's sole discretion, it may elect to renew for a one-year term. 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 Office of Information Technology. The maximum term of the Contract, including all optional renewals, will be from the date of award through June 30, 2023.

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 State maintains several solutions that have been implemented to serve the core needs of the State Enterprise by way of common platforms that most, if not all, State agencies boards and commissions utilize on a daily basis in performing the "business of the State" – delivery of services, support and value to Ohioans and Ohio Businesses. Over the past six years, the State – via the IT Optimization Program - has consolidated many core IT business functions and as part of the program has included several essential IT Innovation Platforms in the Optimization Roadmap. They include the State's digital engagement platform known as the **InnovateOhio Platform ("IOP")**, currently under development that once implemented will be the "bridge" between the State and our constituents in a modern, digital and mobile world.

The State seeks, via this competitive solicitation, to identify one or more firms that have the requisite skills, experience and capabilities to support the State in the design and creation of unique branding, user interface and navigation elements of State Enterprise and Agency websites that foster better relationships between the State and citizens, businesses, service providers, suppliers and businesses that interact with or depend upon the State.

Projects and additional work will be solicited competitively via structured statements of work to State contracted suppliers awarded contracts from this RFP.

Objective. The State has the following objective for this RFP:

It is the intent of the State to award this Contract to multiple pre-qualified Contractors to provide Professional Technical Services for the State of Ohio. Each future SOW solicitation that is issued against this Contract will include personnel requirements and cost summaries based on the requirements of each solicitation.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). The State is committed to improving the number of minority-owned enterprises that do business with the State of Ohio. A "minority-owned enterprise" is an individual, partnership, corporation or joint venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by U. S. Citizens and residents of Ohio, who are and have held themselves out as members of the following socially and economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks, American Indians, Hispanics and Asians.

The Offeror is encouraged to seek out and set aside work for Ohio certified minority business enterprises (MBEs). The MBE must be certified by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services pursuant to ORC 123.151. For more information regarding MBE and MBE certification requirements please refer to the DAS Equal Opportunity Division Web site at:
http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/MBEEDGECertification.aspx

In addition, to search for Ohio MBE-Certified Providers, utilize the following search routine published on the DAS Equal Opportunity Division website:

- Select “MBE Certified Providers” as the EOD Search Area selection;
- On the subsequent screen, at minimum, select the appropriate Procurement Type, e.g., “Information Technology Service” as a search criterion;
- Select “Search”; and
- A list of Ohio MBE Certified Service Providers will be displayed.

Overview of the Project's Scope of Work. The scope of the Work is provided in greater detail within Supplement 1.

Calendar of Events. The schedule for the RFP process 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’s 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 Work 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:	October 21, 2019
Inquiry Period Begins:	October 21. 2019
Inquiry Period Ends:	November 7, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.
Proposal Due Date:	November 13, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.
Estimated Dates	
Award Date:	December 2019

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 parts and has eight (8) attachments. The parts and attachments are listed below. There also may be one or more supplements to this RFP 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:

Attachment One	Evaluation Criteria
Attachment Two	Special Provisions
Attachment Three	Requirements for Proposals
Attachment Four	General Terms and Conditions
Attachment Five	Sample Contract
Attachment Six	Offeror Certification Form
Attachment Seven	Offeror Profile Summary
Attachment Eight	Affirmation and Disclosure Form

Supplements:

Supplement 1	Web Design & User Experience
Supplement 2	State Architecture Security Privacy and Data Handling

PART THREE: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

Dennis Kapenga, IT Acquisition Analyst
Department of Administrative Services
Enterprise IT Contracting
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228

During the performance of the Project, a State representative (the "Project Representative") will represent the State and be the primary contact for the Project. The State will designate the Project Representative after the each project 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's Procurement Website at http://procure.ohio.gov/
- From the Quick Links menu on the right, select **"Bid Opportunities Search**";
- In the "**Document/Bid Number"** field, enter the RFP number found on the first page of this RFP (the RFP number begins with zero followed by the letter "A");
- Select "**Request for Proposal**" from the Opportunity Type dropdown;
- Click the "**Search**" button;
- On the Procurement Opportunity Search Results page, click on the hyperlinked **Document/Bid Number**;
- On the Procurement Opportunity Details page, click the "**Submit Inquiry**" button;
- On the document inquiry page, complete the required "**Personal Information**" section by providing:
  - First and last name of prospective Offeror's representative who is responsible for the inquiry,
  - Representative's business phone number,
  - Company Name,
  - 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
- Enter the Confirmation Number at the bottom of the page
- 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 "Bid Opportunities Search" 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. But 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 "Bid Opportunities Search" function of the State's Procurement Webpage (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 as its total Proposal before the opening time on the Proposal due date. The Offeror must submit the technical section in an opaque package. The package must be sealed and contain one (1) originally signed technical section and eight (8) copies of the technical section. Further, the Offeror must mark the outside of the package with "**InnovateOhio Platform (IOP) Contractors RFP 0A1216R – Technical Proposal**".

All Offerors are subject to the architecture and computing standards, security, privacy and data handling requirements of Supplement 2, regardless of the Offeror's proposed solution.

Included in each sealed package, the Offeror also must provide an electronic "searchable" copy of everything contained within the package on CD-ROM in Microsoft Office (native format), Microsoft Word (native format), Microsoft Project (native format), Microsoft Excel (native format) 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 <u>not</u> acceptable, and the State may reject them. Offerors must submit their Proposals to:

Ohio Department of Administrative Services
Attn: Bid Desk 0A1216R
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228
Bid Desk Main Phone Number: 614-466-5090

The State may reject any Proposals or unsolicited modifications 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. The Bid Desk accepts packages between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding State Holidays. No deliveries will be accepted before or after these hours without prior arrangements. Offerors must allow sufficient time 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 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 it is not subject to an unresolved Finding under Section 9.24 at the time of its submission. Additionally, the Offeror warrants it will notify the 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 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.

If an Offeror includes in its proposal confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information, it must also submit a complete redacted version of its Technical Proposal in accordance with Confidential, Proprietary or Trade Secret Information that follows. Offerors shall only redact (black out) language that is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Ohio Public Records Act. Offerors must also submit an itemized list of each redaction with the corresponding statutory exemption from disclosure. The redacted version must be submitted as an electronic copy in a searchable PDF format. The redacted version, as submitted, will be available for inspection and released in response to public records requests. If a redacted version is not submitted, the original submission of the proposal will be provided in response to public records requests.

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 may have its Proposal rejected by the State. Further, any Offeror that submits multiple Proposals for each of these options may have all of 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 Work, cancels this RFP for any reason, or contracts for the Work through some other process or through another RFP.

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. Additionally, the State 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 Work through a new RFP or other means.

The State may reject any Proposal that proposes to do any work or make any State data available outside the United States. The State also may reject any Proposal for which the Contractor has not submitted the Affirmation and Disclosure Form representing that it will ensure that all work on the Project will be done within the United States and that all State data will remain in the United States.

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

1. Initial review;
2. Technical evaluation;
3. Requests for more information;
4. Determination of responsibility; and
5. Contract Negotiations.

The State may decide whether phases three through five 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 State will review all Proposals for their format and completeness. The State normally rejects incomplete or incorrectly formatted Proposals, though it 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 Proposal will be evaluated 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 weigh 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 Work or the advice or evaluations of various State personnel that have subject matter expertise or an interest in the Work. 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 evaluate the pre-qualification requirements of each Proposal. The State may select Offerors submitting Proposals that meet all of the pre-qualification requirements to the next phase. The number of Proposals that advance to the next phase will be within the State's discretion.

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 the pre-qualification requirements the State will use to evaluate the Proposals. If the Offeror's Proposal meets all the pre-qualification requirements, the Offeror's Proposal may be included in the next phase of the evaluation.

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 pre-qualification requirement normally will result in a rejection of that Offeror's Proposal.

If the State does not receive any Proposal that meets all the pre-qualification requirements, the State may cancel this RFP. Alternatively, if the State believes it is in its interest, the State may continue to consider the submitted Proposals despite their failure to meet all the pre-qualification requirements. In doing this, the State may consider one or more of the Proposals.

While cost is not a factor in evaluating Proposals in response to this RFP, for the purpose of establishing a pool of pre-qualified Contractors, cost will be a factor when evaluating pre-qualified Contractor's responses to future SOW Solicitation's released by the State under the Contract.

In any case where no Proposal meets all the pre-qualification requirements, it may be that a Proposal contains a failure to meet a pre-qualification 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 other 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 pre-qualification requirement.

If the Offeror cures its failure to meet a pre-qualification 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. But 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.

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,

demonstrations, or interviews are held as part of the technical evaluation phase, all Offerors that have Proposals under evaluation may participate. Alternatively, if the presentations, demonstrations, or interviews 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, demonstrations, and interviews 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;
- Showcase its approach to the Work; and
- Demonstrate the professionalism, qualifications, skills, and work knowledge of its proposed candidates.

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

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 that has proposed candidates or subcontractors to do the Work 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 Work. 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 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's and its proposed candidates' and subcontractors' past performance. Reference checks that indicate poor or failed performance by the Offeror or a proposed candidate 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 an Offeror's and its candidates' 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 candidates' or 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 Work 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.

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.

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 Work 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 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, or on a mutually agreed start date, under the Contract. If the State awards a Contract pursuant to this RFP, and the Contractor is unable or unwilling to perform the Work, 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. Additionally, the State may seek such other remedies as may be available to the State in law or in equity for the selected Contractor'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 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 signed one-page Contract;
2. This RFP, as amended;
1. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the RFP;
2. The Contractor's Proposal, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State;
3. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Proposal.
4. Statement of Work Solicitations;
5. Documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Statement of Work Solicitation;
6. The Contractor's Statement of Work Solicitation Response, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State;
7. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Statement of Work Solicitation Response; and
8. The applicable Purchase Order.

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.

The term of the Contract will be from the award date until the Work is completed to the satisfaction of the State and the Contractor is paid or June 30, 2021, whichever is sooner. The State may renew this Contract for up to onr (1) additional two (2) year term(s), 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 State.

ATTACHMENT ONE: EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pre-qualification Requirements. This table lists the RFP's pre-qualification requirements. If the Offeror's Proposal meets all of the pre-qualification requirements, the Offeror's Proposal may be included in the next part of the evaluation process.

Pre-qualification Requirements	Accept	Reject
1. The Offeror, must have a minimum of thirty-six (36) months in business as an IT Contractor prior to the Proposal submittal date for this RFP. The Offeror must provide documentation, such as Articles of Incorporation, income tax returns, etc. (use Attachment Seven).		
2. The Offeror or proposed subcontractor(s), must provide a portfolio of websites developed within the past five years that are representative of the full capabilities of the Offeror or proposed subcontractor(s) including, but not limited to: concept, design, branding, user interface, user/experience, mobile responsiveness and other unique, innovative or novel creative elements. Supplement 1, Section 3.1. contains specific submission requirements.		
3. Specific to the IOP and Integration Suite Tools, the Offeror or proposed subcontractor(s) must provide a detailed description of experiences with the State specific tools listed in Supplement 1, Section 1.3. Supplement 1, Section 3.2. contains specific submission requirements.		
4. The Offeror or proposed subcontractor(s) must provide resumes of professional staff (2-3 page) that summarize applicable experience, education and capabilities of staff who are available to perform work on State projects under this Contract. In addition to these resumes, for each team member, provide design portfolios that highlight the unique or specialized capabilities of the team member in light of the State requirements listed in Supplement 1. Supplement 1, Section 3.3. contains specific submission requirements.		
5. The Offeror or proposed subcontractor(s) must demonstrate how it will implement projects using the State's general engagement and development framework (i.e., Digital Concept and Design; Design Prototyping / User Feedback; Architecture / Integration; Website, Mobility and ADA Factors; Development and Testing; and Deployment). Supplement 1, Section 3.4. contains specific submission requirements.		

ATTACHMENT TWO: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Submittal of Deliverables. The Contractor must perform its tasks in a timely and professional manner that produces Deliverables that fully meet the future SOW Contract's requirements. And the Contractor must provide the Deliverables no later than the due dates the Contract requires. 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, it has performed the associated tasks in a manner that meets the Contract's requirements.

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

If the State determines that a Deliverable is not in compliance, the State Project Representative will note the reason for non-compliance and send notification to the Contractor 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 State Project Representative will sign a Deliverable Submittal Form and return a copy to the Contractor. In addition, if the State Project Representative or designee determines that the State should make a payment associated with the Deliverable, the State Project Representative will indicate that the payment should be made on the Deliverable Submittal Form.

The State form authorizing payment 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 or Services (if applicable).

General Systems Implementation Standards. The Contractor has and will continue to use its best efforts through quality assurance procedures to ensure there are no viruses or malware or undocumented features in its infrastructure and services and that they do not contain any embedded device or code (e.g., time bomb) that is intended to obstruct or prevent any use of or access to them by the State.

Inconsistencies between Contract and Deliverables. If any terms and conditions that may be incorporated in a User, Operations, Training Document or Guide or Contractor created Deliverable, work product, assumption, responsibility or activity are inconsistent or conflict with the Contract, the Contract shall prevail.

The Contractor's Fee Structure. Each individual SOW Solicitation will provide the details for the fee structure. Each SOW will be for a not-to-exceed fixed price, payable in accordance with acceptance by the State agency, and as identified on an agreed to schedule of deliverables provided in the applicable Project Workplan. On the date(s) given in the applicable Project Workplan and in conjunction with the acceptance by the State, the Contractor may submit an invoice according to the payment schedule identified in the applicable Project Workplan.

Reimbursable Expenses. None.
Bill to Address.
Will be provided with each Scope of Work and subsequent Purchase order.

Location of Data. The Contractor must perform all work on the Project and keep all State data within the United States, and the State may reject any Proposal that proposes to do any work or make State data available outside the United States. The State also may reject any Proposal for which the Contractor has not submitted the Affirmation and Disclosure Form representing that it will ensure that all work on the Project will be done within the United States and that all State data will remain in the United States. Additionally, the Contractor must provide written notification for approval if at any time the location of work or data changes.

OhioBuys. This contract will become part of an eProcurement System which will provide electronic contract and catalog hosting and management services. Ordering Agencies will access a web-based site to place orders for the procurement of goods and services using State of Ohio contracts. The Contractor agrees to establish, maintain and support an online contract and catalog.

ATTACHMENT THREE: REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSALS

Proposal Format. Each Proposal must include sufficient data to allow the State to verify 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. The Offeror's proposal submission must be submitted using the Microsoft Word version of the RFP to provide an **in-line response** to the RFP. 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.

Response Specifics. Offeror responses should use a consistent contrasting color (**blue** is suggested to contrast with the black text of this RFP document) to provide their response to each requirement so that the Offeror response is readily distinguishable to the State. Below is an example of the required format for responding to the RFP requirements. To aid Offerors in the creation of the most favorable depiction of their responses, alternative formats are acceptable that use typefaces, ***styles*** or shaded backgrounds, so long as the use of these formats are consistent (**font size 10**) throughout the Offeror's response and readily distinguishable from the baseline RFP. Alterations to the State provided baseline RFP language is strictly prohibited. The State will electronically compare Offeror responses to the baseline RFP and deviations or alterations to the State's RFP requirements may result in a rejection of the Offeror's Proposal.

To ensure that each Proposal addresses the required sections of the RFP Offerors must address each RFP requirement by section and sub-section heading and provide the Offeror's proposed service or response to the requirement by section and subsection **in-line** using the provided Microsoft Word version of this RFP.

Additionally, Offerors must include the entire content of Attachment Four as a single section in their proposal. **Offerors must include a statement at the beginning of the section** indicating that the Offeror has read, understands and agrees to the General Terms and conditions contained in Attachment Four.

***Illustrative Example*: Customers Served in the Widget Space:**

Instructions: *The Offeror is to describe the customers (i.e., companies, agencies, entities, etc.) served in the Widget domain and the nature of the services provided, as well as the duration of the service.*

Offeror Response: The Acme Corporation has been in business for over 20 years, Acme is a leading supplier of Widget and Widget based services with clients in a variety of sectors including public (23 states) and private (125 of the Fortune 400).

Each Proposal must include a response to every request for information in this attachment and in Supplements 1 and 2 (per the response options), 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.

Offerors are required to page limit their responses to each Supplement to be no longer than twice the State provided page count per Supplement. As Offeror responses are to respond in an inline format, and by way of example, if a Supplement is approximately 15 pages, the Offeror's inline response, inclusive of State requirements shall not exceed 30 pages in total. Offerors should choose a similarly sized typeface (generally 10 point for text and 8 point for tables) as are included in the State's requirements and not utilize smaller than 8 point fonts to work under this page limit restriction.

State evaluators read every RFP from front-to-back inclusive of all Attachments, Supplements, Forms and other elements. Offerors are advised to limit Offeror marketing statements and positioning to the area(s) of the RFP applicable to those statement(s) and not include duplicative or otherwise repetitive statements throughout its response. This page limit shall not apply to: State mandatory forms, representations and affirmations, response form(s) and other structured forms required under this RFP.

Each Proposal must contain the following ***tabbed sections in the in-line response***:

Technical Proposal

1. Cover Letter
2. Subcontractor Letters
3. Offeror Certification Form
4. Supplier Registration
5. MBE Certification(s)
6. Offeror Profile (Offeror profile summary form)
7. Inline response to Supplement 1 (Sections 3.1-3.4 require responses)
8. Acceptance of Supplement 2 – State Architecture and Computing Standards, Security and Privacy, IT Computing Policy and Data Handling Requirements.
9. Proof of Insurance
10. Payment Address
11. Legal Notice Address
12. W-9 Form
13. Independent Contractor Acknowledgement
14. Affirmation and Disclosure Form
15. Acceptance of Attachment 4: General Terms and Conditions

Cover Letter. The cover letter must be in the form of a standard business letter and must be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the Offeror. The cover letter must include a brief executive summary of the solution the Offeror plans to provide. The letter must also have the following:

a. A statement regarding the Offeror's legal structure (e.g., an Ohio corporation), Federal tax identification number, and principal place of business;
b. A list of the people who prepared the Proposal, including their titles; and
c. A statement certifying the Contractor is a business entity and will not submit the Independent Contractor/Worker Acknowledgement to the ordering agency.

Subcontractor Letters. For each proposed subcontractor, the Offeror must attach a letter from the subcontractor, signed by someone authorized to legally bind the subcontractor, with the following included in the letter:

1. The subcontractor's legal status, federal tax identification number, D-U-N-S number, and principal place of business address;
2. The name, phone number, fax number, email address, and mailing address of a person who is authorized to legally bind the subcontractor to contractual obligations;
3. A description of the work the subcontractor will do;
4. A commitment to do the work if the Offeror is selected; and
5. A statement that the subcontractor has read and understood the RFP and will comply with the requirements of the RFP.

Offeror Certifications. The Offeror must complete Attachment 6, Offeror Certification Form.

Supplier Registration. The State of Ohio has changed the way suppliers register to do business with the State of Ohio. To provide suppliers with an enhanced registration experience, a new Website dedicated to new and existing suppliers is now available. To register to do business in Ohio and to access supplier forms, click here http://www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov/. Offerors must provide evidence that they are registered with the Ohio Shared Services to do business in the State of Ohio.

MBE Certification. Any Offeror proposing an MBE subcontractor certified by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to ORC 123.151 must provide a copy of their Ohio MBE Certification.

Offeror Profile. The Offeror must use the Offeror Profile Summary Form (Attachment Seven) and fill it out completely and provide the required documentation to meet pre-qualification requirement #1. Each Offeror must meet all of the pre-qualification requirement(s) in the RFP. If an Offeror does not meet all of the pre-qualification requirement(s), the State may reject the Offeror's Proposal as non-responsive.

Inline response to Supplement 1. The Offeror must describe in detail how it meets the pre-qualification requirements described in this RFP. The Offeror may not simply state that the proposed services will meet or exceed the specified requirements. Instead, the Offeror must provide a written narrative and and provide supporting documentation that shows that the Offeror understands the requirements of this RFP and how the Offeror's proposed services meets those requirements.

- All Supplements are being provided as a Microsoft Word through the State's procurement website as a convenience for responding to the RFP. The supplement's content must not be modified. If the content is modified, reformatted or omitted, the Offeror's response may be disqualified. As part of their response, Offerors are to provide native Microsoft Word, Excel and Project based documents that comprise the requirements of a Supplement, inclusive of their response.

  Offerors must provide in-line responses to Supplement 1, Sections 3.1 through 3.4.

Acceptance of Supplement 2 – **State Architecture and Computing Standards, Security and Privacy, IT Computing Policy and Data Handling Requirements**. Offerors must include the entire content of Supplement 2 as a single section in their proposal. The Offerors must include a statement at the beginning of the section indicating that the Offeror has read, understands and agrees to the Requirements contained in Supplement 2.

Proof of Insurance. The Offeror must provide the certificate of insurance required by Attachment Four. 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 complete a W-9 form in its entirety. The Offeror must submit at least one originally signed W-9. All other copies of a Proposal may contain copies of the W-9. The Offeror must indicate on the outside of the binder which Proposal contains the originally signed W-9. A current version of the Internal Revenue's W-9 form is available at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf

Independent Contractor Acknowledgement Form. Unless the Offeror is a "business entity" as that term is defined in ORC. 145.037 ("an entity with five or more employees that is a corporation, association, firm, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business"), the Offeror must complete and submit an originally signed Independent Contractor Acknowledgement form in its entirety. All other copies of a Proposal may contain copies of the Independent Contractor Acknowledgement form. The Offeror must indicate on the outside of the binder which Proposal contains the originally signed Independent Contractor Acknowledgement form. A current version of the Independent Contractor Acknowledgement form is available at: https://www.opers.org/forms-archive/PEDACKN.pdf

Affirmation and Disclosure Form. The Offeror must complete and sign the Affirmation and Disclosure Form (Attachment Eight) as part of its Proposal.

Acceptance of Attachment Four – General Terms and Conditions. Offerors must include the entire content of Attachment Four as a single section in their proposal. The Offerors must include a statement

at the beginning of the section indicating that the Offeror has read, understands and agrees to the General Terms and conditions contained in Attachment Four.

ATTACHMENT FOUR: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PART ONE: PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT

Statement of Work. The selected offeror's proposal (the "Proposal") and the State's Request for Proposals (the "RFP"), any solicitations for Statements of Work ("Statement of Work Solicitations"), any responses from those Solicitations ("Responses"), and any Statement of Work resulting from a Statement of Work Solicitation and Response ("Project Statement of Work") that is awarded to a pre-qualified contractor (a "Contractor") which are collectively referred to as the "RFP Documents," are a part of this contract (the "Contract") and describe the work (the "Work") the Contractor must do and any materials the Contractor must deliver (the "Deliverables") under this Contract. The Contractor must do the Work in a professional, timely, and efficient manner and must provide the Deliverables in a proper fashion. The Contractor also must furnish its own support staff necessary for the satisfactory performance of the Work.

NO PROJECT STATEMENT OF WORK WILL BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY A DULY AUTHROIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.

The Contractor must consult with the appropriate State representatives and others necessary to ensure a thorough understanding of the Work and satisfactory performance. The State may give instructions to or make requests of the Contractor relating to the Work, and the Contractor must 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 Work and will not amend or alter the scope of the Work.

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, 2021. 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 or after 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 solution to what the Work is intended to accomplish, and the Contractor must provide any incidental items omitted in the RFP Documents as part of the Contractor's not-to-exceed fixed price for each Project Statement of Work. All required components and processes for the Work to be complete and useful to the State are included in the Work and the not-to-exceed fixed price, unless the RFP expressly provides otherwise.

Compensation. In consideration of the Contractor's promises and satisfactory performance of each Project Statement of Work, the State will pay the Contractor the amount(s) identified in the Statement of Work Solicitation Documents (the "Fee") for each applicable Scope of Work of the project in the Project Statement of Work. In no event, however, will payments under this Contract exceed the "not-to-exceed" amount in the Statement of Work Solicitation Documents for each Project Statement of Work 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 Work or, in the case of milestone payments or periodic payments of an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or annual rate, all relevant parts of the Work 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 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 for the applicable Project Statement of Work 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 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 Contractor's Implementation Manager (e.g., Contractor's Project Manager), the Contractor's Project executive, the State's 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 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 30 calendar days after written notice, the Contractor must reimburse the State for that amount at the end of the 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.

Payment of an invoice by the State will not prejudice the State's right to object to or question that or any other invoice or matter in relation thereto. The Contractor's invoice will be subject to reduction for

amounts included in any invoice or payment made which are determined by the State not to constitute allowable costs, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract. At the State's sole discretion all payments shall be subject to reduction for amounts equal to prior overpayments to the Contractor.

If the RFP Solicitation Documents provide for any retainage under a Project Statement of Work, 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 all the Work for the applicable Project Statement of Work 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.

Right of Offset. The State may set off the amount of any Ohio tax liability, liquidated damages or other damages or claims for damages, 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: WORK 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. If the State assigns an IV&V contractor to the Project, the State will obligate the IV&V contractor to a confidentiality provision similar to the Confidentiality Section contained in this Contract. 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 must hold the State harmless for and must 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 or equivalent 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. State audit rights will apply to those Contractor materials that are required to verify the accuracy of a Contractor invoice to the State inclusive of: Contractor personnel timesheets; Contractor purchased or provided equipment for benefit of the State that will remain in the State's possession; State deliverable acceptance documentation; any required State written approvals as required herein; final Work products and deliverables; any partial or incomplete Work products or deliverables that should the Contractor submit for partial compensation from the State as a result of termination of this contract.

Right to Terminate as a Result of Audit Findings. In the event the State determines that the results of any examination of the Contractor is unsatisfactory per the requirements of the Contract and not remedied within a 90 day period following written notice from the State, the State may terminate this Agreement, in part or in full.

If the Contractor fails to satisfy the requirements of the State with regard to security of information, or if an examination reveals information that would result in a continuing contractual relationship that causes the State to be in violation of any law, the State may terminate this Contract immediately without notice.

Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance for claims arising out of their professional services and including, but not limited to loss, damage, theft or other misuse of data, infringement of intellectual property, invasion of privacy and breach of data.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Commercial General Liability (CGL): written on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. Defense costs shall be outside the policy limit.

2. Automobile Liability: covering Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with a limit no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of Ohio, or the state in which the work will be performed, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. If Contractor is a sole proprietor, partnership or has no statutory requirement for workers' compensation, Contractor must provide a letter stating that it is exempt and agreeing to hold Entity harmless from loss or liability for such.

4. Technology Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limits not less than $2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, $2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this agreement and shall cover all applicable Contractor personnel or subcontractors who perform professional services related to this agreement.

5. Cyber liability (first and third party) with limits not less than $5,000,000 per claim, $10,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The coverage shall provide for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties and credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.

The Insurance obligations under this agreement shall be the minimum Insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shown in this agreement. Any insurance proceeds in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and/or minimum required limits, which are applicable to a given

loss, shall be available to the State of Ohio. No representation is made that the minimum Insurance requirements of this agreement are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor under this agreement.

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

Additional Insured Status
Except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability insurance, the State of Ohio, its officers, officials and employees are to be covered as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. Coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance.

Primary Coverage
For any claims related to this contract, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the State of Ohio, its officers, officials and employees shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Umbrella or Excess Insurance Policies
Umbrella or excess commercial liability policies may be used in combination with primary policies to satisfy the limit requirements above. Such Umbrella or excess commercial liability policies shall apply without any gaps in the limits of coverage and be at least as broad as and follow the form of the underlying primary coverage required above.

Notice of Cancellation
Contractor shall provide State of Ohio with 30 days written notice of cancellation or material change to any insurance policy required above, except for non-payment cancellation. Material change shall be defined as any change to the insurance limits, terms or conditions that would limit or alter the State's available recovery under any of the policies required above. A lapse in any required insurance coverage during this Agreement shall be a breach of this Agreement.

Waiver of Subrogation
Contractor hereby grants to State of Ohio a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against the State of Ohio by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the State of Ohio has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions
Deductibles and self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the State. The State may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses within the retention. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the deductible or self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or the State.

Claims Made Policies
If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

1. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.

2. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.

3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work. The Discovery Period must be active during the Extended Reporting Period.

Verification of Coverage
Contractor shall furnish the State of Ohio with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the State of Ohio before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The State of Ohio reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Subcontractors
Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that State of Ohio is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.

Special Risks or Circumstances
State of Ohio reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Replacement Personnel. If the RFP Documents contain the names of specific people (e.g., Key Project Personnel) 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, or in the case of the person's resignation of their employment with the Contractor or in the case of a leave of absence due to medical or personal extenuating circumstances. However, the Contractor must make a reasonable effort to give the State 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 $1,800.00 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 30 days. Should the Contractor fail to cure its default within the 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 $1,800.00 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 in full or in part for cause 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 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 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 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 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 in full or in part 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, the State will be entitled to cover for the Work 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 Work to the extent that such costs, when combined with payments already made to the Contractor for the Work 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 Contractor fails to deliver Deliverables or provide satisfactory services, the State has the right to withhold any and all payments due to the Contractor without penalty or work stoppage by the Contractor until such failure to perform is cured.

If the termination is for the convenience of the State, the Contractor will be entitled to the Contract price as prorated by the State Contract price for deliverables, products or services accepted by the State and not previously paid for provided in that in no event will total payments exceed the amount payable to the Contractor is the Contract had been fully performed. For items not specifically priced, the State will use fair market value to determine the price owed. The Contractor will use generally accepted accounting principles or equivalent and sound business practices in determining all costs claimed, agreed to, or determined under this clause.

The State will have the option of suspending this Contract in full or in part 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 for cause 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.

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 30 calendar days. If the Contractor does not receive notice to resume or terminate the Project within the 30-day suspension, then this Contract will terminate automatically for the State's convenience at the end of the 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.

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 Implementation Manager under this Contract will be the person identified on the RFP Documents as the "Implementation Manager." The Implementation Manager will be the Contractor's liaison with the State under this Contract. The Implementation 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 Implementation 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.

Project 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 State's Department of Administrative Services for resolution. If within 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 Contractor Acknowledgement. It is fully understood and agreed that Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an agent, servant, or employee of the State of Ohio or the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Contractor declares that it is engaged as an independent business and has complied with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding business permits and licenses of any kind, including but not limited to any insurance coverage, workers' compensation, or unemployment compensation that is required in the normal course of business and will assume all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities. Additionally, Contractor understands that as an independent contractor, it is not a public employee and is not entitled to contributions from DAS to any public employee retirement system.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees any individual providing personal services under this agreement is not a public employee for purposes of Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. Unless Contractor is a "business entity" as that term is defined in ORC. 145.037 ("an entity with five or more employees that is a corporation, association, firm, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity engaged in business") Contractor shall have any individual performing services under this agreement complete and submit to the ordering agency the Independent Contractor/Worker Acknowledgement found at the following link: https://www.opers.org/forms-archive/PEDACKN.pdf

Contractor's failure to complete and submit the Independent/Worker Acknowledgement prior to commencement of the work, service or deliverable, provided under this agreement, shall serve as Contractor's certification that contractor is a "Business entity" as the term is defined in ORC Section 145.037.

Background Checks. All Contractor replacement and subcontractor personnel assigned to a Project who have access to sensitive or confidential information or to sensitive State systems must have a current fingerprint search and background check performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other Federal investigative authority. The fingerprint search and background checks must be completed before any such Contractor or subcontractor personnel gain access to State facilities, sensitive and/or confidential information or systems. All costs associated with this will be at the Contractor's expense. At its discretion, the State may reject any Contractor or subcontractor personnel based on the information provided in the completed background check.

The contractor must confirm in their proposal that all contractor and subcontractor personnel assigned to the project will have background checks completed before project start or before reporting to state designated project facilities.

Ohio MBE Certification. The MBE must maintain their certification throughout the term of the Contract, including any renewals. Failure to maintain such certification will be considered a breach of the Contract.

Publicity and Branding. The Contractor shall not do the following without prior, written consent from the State:

1. **Advertise or publicize that the Contractor is doing business with the State;**
2. **Use this Contract as a marketing or sales tool; or**
3. **Affix any advertisement or endorsement, including any logo, graphic, text, sound, video, and company name, to any State-owned property, application, or website, including any website hosted by Contractor or a third party.**

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: (1) was already in the Contractor's possession before disclosure by the State, and such was received by the Contractor without obligation of confidence; (2) is independently developed by the Contractor; (3) except as provided in the next paragraph, is or becomes publicly available without breach of this Contract; (4) is rightfully received by the Contractor from a third party without an obligation of confidence; (5) is disclosed by the Contractor with the written consent of the State; or (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 (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.

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 confidential agreement and policy acknowledgements, 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.

Ownership of Deliverables. The State owns all Deliverables that the Contractor produces under this Contract, including any software modifications, 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.

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.

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.

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 (1) through (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.

PART FOUR: REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND LIABILITIES

General Warranties. The Contractor warrants that the recommendations, guidance, and performance of the Contractor under this Contract will: (1) be in accordance with sound professional standards and the requirements of this Contract and without any material defects; and (2) unless otherwise provided in the RFP Documents, be the work solely of the Contractor. The Contractor also warrants that: (1) no Deliverable will infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party; and (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: (1) the Contractor has the right to enter into this Contract; (2) the Contractor has not entered into any other contracts or employment relationships that restrict the Contractor's ability to perform the contemplated services; (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; (4) the Contractor has good and marketable title to any goods delivered under this Contract and in which title passes to the State; (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 (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: (1) modify the Deliverable so that it is no longer infringing; (2) replace the Deliverable with an equivalent or better item; (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 (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 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, Bodily Injury, and Data Breach. The Contractor must indemnify the State for all liability and expense resulting from bodily injury to any person (including injury resulting in death), damage to tangible or real property, or disclosure/breach of State Data including personally identifiable information and State sensitive information arising out of the performance of this Contract, provided that such bodily injury, property damage, or disclosure/breach 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 times the not-to-exceed fixed price of the Project Statement of Work unless the applicable SOW Solicitation states otherwise. Language in each SOW Solicitation generally will be two times the project scope of work amount of the Contract. The State may change this based on the nature of the project.. The limitations in this paragraph do not apply to: (i) any obligation of the Contractor to indemnify the State against claims made against it; (ii) disclosure/breach of State Data including personally identifiable information or State sensitive information, or for (iii) 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 90 calendar days, during which time the Project must meet the standard of performance required by the RFP Documents for 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 30 consecutive calendar days or until the 90-day performance period has ended without meeting the standard of performance.

If the Project fails to meet the standard of performance after 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 98.5%, 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 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 five 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-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 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 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 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 twelve working hours per weekday, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Columbus, Ohio local time). 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 Transaction

and Maintenance costs 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.

Time is of the Essence. Contractor hereby acknowledges that time is of the essence for performance of this Contract unless, otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

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 and Ethics Compliance Certification. 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.

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. The Contractor will comply with all state and federal laws regarding equal employment opportunity and fair labor and employment practices, including Ohio Revised Code Section 125.111 and all related Executive Orders.

Before a contract can be awarded or renewed, an Affirmative Action Program Verification Form must be submitted to the Department of Administrative Services Equal Opportunity Division to comply with the affirmative action requirements. Affirmative Action Verification Forms and approved Affirmative Action Plans can be found by going to the Ohio Business Gateway at: http://business.ohio.gov/efiling/

Use of MBE and EDGE Suppliers. The State encourages Contractor to purchase goods and services from Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) suppliers.

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.

Prohibition of the Expenditure of Public Funds for Offshore Services. No State Cabinet, Agency, Board or Commission will enter into any contract to purchase services provided outside the United States or that allows State data to be sent, taken, accessed, tested, maintained, backed-up, stored, or made available remotely outside (located) of the United States. 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 the Contract.

The Contractor must complete the Affirmation and Disclosure form affirming the Contractor understands and will meet the requirements of the above prohibition. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor must not change the location(s) disclosed on the Affirmation and Disclosure Form, unless a duly signed waiver from the State has been attained to perform the services outside the United States.

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.

Registration with the Secretary of State. By providing a Charter Number and signature within the Certification Offer Letter, the Contractor attests that the Contractor is:

An Ohio corporation that is properly registered with the Ohio Secretary of State; or

A foreign corporation, not incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, but is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 1703.01 to 1703.31, as applicable.

Any foreign corporation required to be licensed under O.R.C. § 1703.01-1703.31, which transacts business in the state of Ohio, without being so licensed, or when its license has expired or been canceled, shall forfeit not less than $250.00 nor more than ten thousand dollars. No officer of a foreign corporation http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/1703.01 shall transact business in the state of Ohio, if such corporation is required by O.R.C. § 1703.01-1803.31 to procure and maintain a license, but has not done so. Whoever violates this is guilty of a misdemeanor of the forth degree. Questions regarding registration should be directed to (614) 466-3910, or visit http://www.sos.state.oh.us .

Boycotting. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 9.76 (B) Contractor warrants that Contractor is not boycotting any jurisdiction with whom the State of Ohio can enjoy open trade, including Israel, and will not do so during the contract period.

ATTACHMENT FIVE
SAMPLE CONTRACT

A CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
AND

_____
(CONTRACTOR)

THIS CONTRACT, which results from RFP 0A1216R entitled InnovateOhio Platform (IOP) Contractors, is between the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and _____ (the "Contractor").

The Contract is the result of agreed upon changes to the RFP its attachments and supplements including any written amendments to the RFP, any materials incorporated by reference in the RFP, the Contractor's Proposal, and written, authorized amendments and clarifications to the Contractor's Proposal. It also includes any purchase orders and change orders issued under the Contract.

This Contract consists of:

1. This one-page Contract (Attachment Five) in its final form;
2. The attached, amended and clarified version of Contractor's Response to all attachments and supplements – InnovateOhio Platform (IOP) Contractors RFP 0A1216R dated _____ ("Contractor's Response"). Contractor's Response includes Attachment Four - General Terms and Conditions, and all other Attachments, Supplements and materials included in Contractor's Response;
3. Statement of Work Solicitations, documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Statement of Work Solicitation, the Contractor's Statement of Work Solicitation Response, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State, the documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Statement of Work Solicitation Response; and
4. The applicable Purchase Order.

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.

The term of the Contract will from the award date until the Work is completed to the satisfaction of the State and the Contractor is paid or June 30, 2021, whichever is sooner. The State may renew this Contract for up to one (1) additional two-year term(s), 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 State.

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

CONTRACTOR	STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
SAMPLE – DO NOT FILL OUT	_____
By:	By: Matthew M. Damschroder
Title: _____	Title: DAS Director
Date: _____	Date: _____

ATTACHMENT SIX

OFFEROR CERTIFICATION FORM

Note: Offeror must provide a response to each of the numbered items in the 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 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 Work 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 it's regular, fulltime employees will perform at least 30% of the Work.

7. The following is a complete list of all subcontractors, if any, that the Offeror will use on the Work, 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 to do the Work.

8. The Offeror certifies that that any MBE program participants will provide necessary data to ensure program reporting and compliance.

9. If the Offeror qualifies as a Veterans Friendly Business Enterprise as defined by ORC 9.318 and OAC 123:5-1-01 (KK), the Offeror certifies that it is a Veterans Friendly Business Enterprise.

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 SEVEN
OFFEROR PROFILE

OFFEROR PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT 1:

The Offeror, must have a minimum of thirty-six (36) months in business as an IT Contractor prior to the Proposal submittal date for this RFP. The Offeror must provide documentation, such as Articles of Incorporation, income tax returns, etc.

Company Name:	**Contact Name:** (Indicate Primary or Alternate) **Contact Title:**
Company Address:	**Contact Phone Number:** **Contact Email Address:**
Years in Business: **Number of Employees:**	**Beginning Date of Business/ Ending Date of Business** **Month/Year** **Month/Year**
Attach documentation to support this requirement:	

ATTACHMENT EIGHT: AFFIRMATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM

AFFIRMATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM

By the signature affixed hereto, the Contractor affirms and understands that 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, nor allow State data to be sent, taken, accessed, tested, maintained, backed-up, stored or made available remotely (located) outside of the United States.

The Contractor shall provide all the name(s) and location(s) where services under this Contract will be performed and where data is located in the spaces provided below or by attachment. Failure to provide this information may result in no award. 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 located, by Contractor:

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

Name/Location(s) where state data will be located by subcontractor(s):

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