



Department of  
Job and Family Services

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Michael B. Colbert, Director

March 31, 2011

Dear Potential Vendor:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Applications (RFA)#: JFSR1213028010 for the purpose of obtaining up to two attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio (as required by ORC Section 119.09) who will serve as hearing examiners. The rate of compensation will be \$90.00 per hour for not more than five hundred forty hours (540) [per attorney per year] from approximately July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Billable hours include the attorney's presence at pre-hearing proceedings and final hearings, research and writing time. Interested vendors must demonstrate a valid and current license to the practice law in the State of Ohio and at least ten (10) years as a licensed attorney.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this important project, please visit the ODJFS website for procurement opportunities at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/> and follow directions for accessing this RFA. If you experience problems opening this ODJFS URL, please contact the RFP/RLB Unit at (614) 728-5693.

**Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFA.** Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

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**Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
Request for Applications (RFA) for  
HEARING EXAMINER SERVICES  
RFA#: JFSR1213028010**

**I. Purpose**

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is soliciting applications for the purpose of obtaining up to two attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio (as required by ORC Section 119.09) who will serve as hearing examiners. The rate of compensation will be \$90.00 per hour for not more than five hundred forty hours (540) [per attorney per year] from approximately July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Billable hours include the attorney's presence at pre-hearing proceedings and final hearings, research and writing time.

This RFA document is released by ODJFS, and the subsequent contract(s) expected to result from this RFA process will be a contract between each of the selected attorneys and ODJFS.

**II. Time and Date of Submission**

Individuals who are interested in submitting applications must make their submission not later than **3:00 p.m. Eastern (local) Time on Monday, April 25, 2011**. Faxes are permissible and shall be accepted at (614)752-8298. Mailed applications must be addressed to:

**Appeals Coordinator  
ODJFS, Office of Legal & Acquisition Services  
30 East Broad Street - 31<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414**

For hand delivery on the due date, applicants are to allow sufficient time for downtown parking considerations, as well as for security checks at both the lobby of the Rhodes State Office Tower (address as stated above) and again on the 31<sup>st</sup> Floor. All applicants received on the due date will be accepted by the Office of Legal & Acquisition Services on the 31<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Rhodes Tower. **ODJFS is not responsible for any applications delivered to any address other than the address provided above.**

All submissions must be received, complete, by mail, fax or hand delivery by the above date and time. Materials received after the submission deadline date will not be added to previous submissions, nor be considered. No confirmations of mailed applications received can be provided.

Submission of an application indicates acceptance by the applicant of the conditions contained in this RFA, unless clearly and specifically noted in the application submitted and confirmed in the contract between ODJFS and the applicant(s) selected.

### **III. Mandatory Qualifications**

Attorneys interested in performing hearing examiner services for ODJFS should submit to ODJFS a resume and additional information and documentation as available which demonstrates expertise in the areas identified below:

- A. Submission of application on or before the specified deadline as stated in Section II., of this RFA. **Failure to meet this requirement will be disqualified from consideration for award;**
- B. A valid and current license to the practice law in the State of Ohio. **Failure to meet this requirement will be disqualified from consideration for award;**
- C. At least ten (10) years as a licensed attorney. **Failure to meet this requirement will be disqualified from consideration for award;**
- D. At least three (3) years experience with administrative law, particularly with adjudicative hearings;
- E. Experience conducting administrative hearings and issuing timely reports and recommendations;
- F. Relevant experience with Chapter 119 cases involving Medicaid audits, provider terminations and child welfare provider terminations; and,
- G. Expertise in Medicaid provider and reimbursement issues and/or licensing under Ohio law (emphasis on day care or foster care preferred).

### **IV. Scope of Work & Specifications of Deliverables**

The selected hearing examiners will be responsible for the conduct of such pre-hearing conferences and adjudication hearings necessary to afford appellants full opportunity to assert hearing rights provided by statute and rule. In performing these functions, the hearing examiner will issue written orders and, eventually, findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations. The selected hearing examiner will also be responsible for typing, filing and mailing of such writings for which there can be no additional compensation.

Most adjudicative hearings held before ODJFS are conducted in Columbus, Ohio which will serve as the headquarters for purposes of the contract. Therefore, there shall be no reimbursement available for expenses incurred in travel to the headquarters. However, if additional travel is required by ODJFS, reimbursement for travel and other related expenses are subject to the limits established pursuant to ORC Sections 126.31 and 126.32 and which are set forth in rule 126-1-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

### **V. Contractor Compensation**

The rate of compensation will be \$90.00 per hour for not more than five hundred forty hours (540) per selected attorney per year from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Billable hours include presence at pre-hearing proceedings and final hearings, research and writing time.

### **VI. Time Frames**

ODJFS is seeking to contract with up to two attorneys to serve as ODJFS hearing examiners from (approximate start) July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 [State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 12-13] with the option to renew for up to two additional years (SFYs 14-15). The decision to renew will be at ODJFS' discretion and will be contingent upon factors that include satisfactory performance, continued availability of funding, and all required approvals.

## **VII. Format of Submission**

In order to be accepted and forwarded to the ODJFS Proposal Review Team (PRT), the individual's application must include a signed original and two (2) copies of the application.

Interested attorneys are to submit one signed original copy of the Application labeled: **“APPLICATION ENCLOSED FOR HEARING EXAMINER SERVICES, RFA#: JFSR1213028010 SUBMITTED BY (APPLICANT NAME AND DATE OF SUBMISSION)”**;

The application must include:

- A. A resume and a signed letter (and all additional information and documentation as available) which addresses how the applicant meets the applicable ODJFS hearing examiner duties as well as the qualification requirements as specified in Sections III and IV of this RFA;
- B. The required information and certifications as described in **Attachment A.** to this RFA, entitled “Required Vendor Information & Certifications Document.” The signed original of the above referenced form is to be included in the applicant's application submission; photocopies of the completed and signed forms must also be provided with each of the required copies; and,
- C. ODJFS disqualifies hearing examiners from participation in cases in which they might have a conflict of interest by virtue of clients they represent and/or other appropriate reasons. Therefore, applicants are to identify in their application any clients or other grounds which might present such a conflict for them in performing hearing examiner duties.

## **VIII. Selection Process**

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a Proposal Review Team (PRT) comprised of ODJFS staff. Applicants should not assume that the review team members are familiar with any current or past work activities with ODJFS. PRT members are required to sign disclosure forms to establish that they have no personal or financial interest in the outcome of the application review and contractor selection process.

The PRT reserves the right to reject any and all applications, in whole or in part, received in response to this request. The PRT may waive minor defects that are not material when no prejudice will result to the rights of any applicant or to the public.

## **IX. RFA Process Information and Other Contractual Requirements:**

### **A. Start Work Date**

According to requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 126.07, ODJFS contracts are not valid and enforceable until the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) certifies the availability of appropriate funding, as indicated by the approval of the Purchase Order (PO). The selected applicant may neither perform work nor submit an invoice for payment for work performed for this project for any time period prior to the PO approval date. The ODJFS Contract Manager will notify the selected applicant when the

requirements of ORC Section 126.07 have been met. The selected applicant(s) must be able to begin work no later than seven (7) working days after the time funds are encumbered and approved by the Office of Budget & Management. **Any work begun by a contractor prior to this notification will NOT be reimbursable by ODJFS.**

**B. Confidentiality**

All contracts or other business agreements will require that the contractor maintain the confidentiality of information and records which state and federal laws, rules, and regulations require to be kept confidential.

**C. Ethical & Conflict of Interest Requirements**

1. No contractor or individual, company or organization seeking a contract or other business agreement shall promise or give to any ODJFS employee anything of value that is of such character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the employee with respect to his or her duties;
2. No contractor or individual, company or organization seeking a contract or other business agreement shall solicit any ODJFS employee to violate any of the conduct requirements for employees;
3. Any contractor acting on behalf of ODJFS shall refrain from activities which could result in violations of ethics and/or in conflicts of interest. Any contractor or potential contractor who violates the requirements and prohibitions defined here or of Section 102.04 of the ORC is subject to termination of the contract or other agreement or refusal by ODJFS to enter into a contract; and,
4. ODJFS employees and contractors who violate Sections 102.03, 102.04 2921.42 or 2921.43 of the ORC may be prosecuted for criminal violations.

**D. Applicant Selection Restriction**

Any applicant deemed not responsible, or submitting an application deemed not to be responsive to the terms of this RFA, shall not be selected for this project. In addition, pursuant to Section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, the award of a personal services contract is prohibited under specified circumstances.

**E. Waiver of Minor Application Errors**

ODJFS may, at its sole discretion, waive minor errors or omissions in applications, proposals, bids, and/or forms when those errors do not unreasonably obscure the meaning of the content. Additionally, ODJFS reserves the right to request clarifications or completions from applicants to any information in their applications, proposals, bids, and/or forms, and may request such clarification as it deems necessary at any point in the application/proposal/bid review process.

**F. Contractual Requirements**

Any contract resulting from the issuance of this solicitation is subject to the terms and conditions as provided in the model contract, which is provided as **Attachment B** to this RFA. Potential applicants

are strongly encouraged to read the model contract to be fully aware of all ODJFS contractual requirements.

## **X. Communications Prohibitions**

From the issuance date of the RFA, until a contract is in effect, there may be no communications concerning the RFA between any interested potential applicant and any employee of ODJFS in the issuing office, or any other ODJFS employee, or any other individual regardless of their employment status, who is in any way involved in the development of the RFA or the decision with a formal procurement.

The only exceptions to this prohibition are as follows:

- A. As necessary in the case of any pre-existing business relationship between ODJFS and an applicant which could potentially respond to this RFA, in order to conduct that business;
- B. As part of an interview necessary for ODJFS to make an applicant selection decision;
- C. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFA, revisions will be posted on the ODJFS web page established for this RFA; and
- D. If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFA, revisions will be posted on the ODJFS web page: <http://www.state.oh.us/odjfs> and notices of such will be sent to applicants on the original mailing list; and,
- E. Any PRR made through the ODJFS Office of Legal & Acquisition Services.

Requests from potential applicants or contractors for copies of previous RFAs, past applications, score sheets or contracts for this or similar past projects, are PRRs, and are not clarification questions regarding the present RFA. PRRs, submitted in accordance with directions provided in this Section X, Communications Prohibitions, will be honored.

\* Important Note: Amendments to the RFA or to any documents related to it will be accessible to interested applicants through the original ODJFS website established for the RFA. All interested applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to the appropriate website regularly for amendments or other announcements. Failure on the part of ODJFS to notify any applicants of any possible changes or announcements related to this RFA does not absolve the applicants from their responsibility to look for updated information through the web page. Applications submitted by an applicant who attempts any communication prohibited by this Section may be disqualified by ODJFS from consideration for this project.

## **XI. Protests**

Any potential, or actual, applicant objecting to the award of a contract or an applicant selection resulting from the issuance of this solicitation may file a protest of the award or selection, or of any other matter relating to the process of soliciting the applications. Such a protest must comply with the following guidelines:

1. A protest may be filed by a prospective or actual bidder objecting to the award of a contract resulting from this solicitation. The protest shall be in writing and shall contain the following information:
  - a. The name, address, and telephone number of the protestor;
  - b. The name and number of the solicitation being protested;

- c. A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of any relevant documents;
  - d. A request for a ruling by ODJFS;
  - e. A statement as to the form of relief requested from ODJFS; and
  - f. Any other information the protestor believes to be essential to the determination of the factual and legal questions at issue in the written protest.
2. A timely protest shall be considered by ODJFS, if it is received by ODJFS' Office of Legal & Acquisition Services, within the following periods:
  - a. A protest based on alleged improprieties in the issuance of the RFA or any other event preceding the closing date for receipt of applications which are apparent or should be apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of applications shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. of the closing date for receipt of applications as specified in Section II., Time and Date of Submission.
  - b. If the protest relates to the announced intent to award the grant(s), the protest shall be filed no later than 3:00 p.m. of the **seventh (7th) calendar** day after the issuance of formal letters sent to all responding applicants regarding the State's intent to make the awards. The date on these ODJFS letters to responding applicants is the date used to determine if a protest regarding the intent to award is submitted by the end of the protest period.
3. An untimely protest may be considered by ODJFS if ODJFS determines that the protest raises issues significant to the department's procurement system. An untimely protest is one received by ODJFS' Office of Legal & Acquisition Services after the time periods set forth in Item #2 of this section.
4. All protests must be filed at the following location:

Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Legal & Acquisition Services  
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414
5. When a timely protest is filed, a contract award shall not proceed until a decision on the protest is issued or the matter is otherwise resolved, unless the Director of ODJFS determines that a delay will severely disadvantage the Department. The applicant(s) who would have been awarded the contract shall be notified of the receipt of the protest.
6. ODJFS' Office of Legal & Acquisition Services shall issue written decisions on all timely protests and shall notify any applicant who filed an untimely protest as to whether or not the protest will be considered.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

**Attachment A consists of 3 distinct and different sections. All sections must be completed and included in Tab 1 of the proposal.**

**Section 1 – Required Vendor Information**

**Section 2 - Location of Business Form**

**Section 3 – Declaration Regarding Material Assistance**

Attachment A

**REQUIRED VENDOR INFORMATION and CERTIFICATIONS**

**Purpose:** The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) requires the following information on vendors who submit proposals or bids in response to any ODJFS Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or Requests for Letterhead Bids (RLBs), in order to facilitate the development of the contract (or finalization of a purchase) with the selected vendor. ODJFS reserves the right to reject your proposal if you fail to provide this information fully, accurately, and by the deadline set by ODJFS. Further, some of this information (as identified below) **must** be provided in order for ODJFS to accept and consider your proposal\bid. **Failure to provide such required information will result in your proposal’s immediate disqualification.**

**Instructions:** Provide the following information regarding the vendor submitting the proposal or bid. Vendors may either print this attachment, complete and sign it, or may provide the required information and certifications (each fully re-stated from this attachment) on their letterhead as the opening pages of their proposals. It is mandatory that the information provided is certified with an original signature (in blue ink, please) from a person with authority to represent the vendor. Vendors are to provide the completed and signed information and certifications as the cover pages of their original proposal submitted to ODJFS.

**IMPORTANT:** If the RFP\RLB specified a maximum page limit for vendor proposals\bids, the attachment of any required certifications, other documents, or additional pages needed to fully provide the information requested here will **NOT** be counted against that page limit.

**Vendors must provide all information**

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| 1. ODJFS RFP/RLB #:   | 2. Proposal Due Date:   |
| 3. Vendor Name:<br><br>(legal name of the vendor – person or organization – to whom contract\purchase payments would be made)   |   |
| 4. Vendor Corporate Address:  | 5. Vendor Remittance Address: (or “same” if same as Item # 5) |
| <p><b>6. Print or type information on the vendor representative/contact person <u>authorized to answer questions on the proposal\bid</u>:</b></p> <p><b>Vendor Representative NAME and TITLE:</b><br/> <b>Address:</b><br/> <b>E-Mail Address:</b><br/> <b>Phone #: _____ and Fax #: _____</b></p> <p>For all proposals submitted to ODJFS via commercial courier (e.g., those not hand-delivered to ODJFS), the vendor representative listed here will receive a confirmation at the e-mail address provided above. If the vendor does not receive a confirmation of receipt of the proposal within four business days following the submission deadline of proposals as specified in the RFP/ RLB, the vendor should contact the ODJFS RFP/RLB Unit at <a href="mailto:ODJFS_RFP_RLB_UNIT@jfs.ohio.gov">ODJFS_RFP_RLB_UNIT@jfs.ohio.gov</a> to report it. This confirmation only signifies receipt of the proposal by ODJFS, and does not imply that the vendor’s proposal is complete or qualified for the consideration for the award. Vendors must adhere to all communication prohibitions stated in the RFP/RLB. A vendor who attempts any prohibited communications may be disqualified by ODJFS from consideration for this project.</p> |   |
| <p><b>7. Print or type the name of the vendor representative <u>authorized to address contractual issues, including the authority to execute a contract on behalf of the vendor, and to whom legal notices regarding contract termination or breach, should be sent</u> (if not the same individual as in #7, provide the following information on each such representative and specify their function):</b></p> <p><b>Vendor Representative NAME and TITLE:</b><br/> <b>Address:</b><br/> <b>E-Mail Address:</b><br/> <b>Phone #: _____ and Fax #: _____</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>8. Is this vendor an Ohio certified MBE? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, attach a copy of current certification to proposal\bid. (If ODJFS has specified the RFP\RLB\purchase document as an opportunity open exclusively to Ohio Certified MBEs, then failure to attach a copy of current certification <u>WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.</u>)</b></p>  |   |

**9. Mandatory Vendor Certifications:**

ODJFS may not enter into contracts with/make purchases from any vendors who have been found to be ineligible for state contracts under specific federal or Ohio statutes or regulations. Vendors responding to any ODJFS RFP\RLB or other purchase opportunity MUST certify that they are NOT INELIGIBLE by signing each of the three statements below. **Failure to provide proper affirming signature on any of these statements will result in the disqualification of your proposal\bid.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of representative shown in Item # 7, above) hereby certify and affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), has not been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by the United States Department of Labor, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or any other federal department or agency as set forth in 29 CFR Part 98, or 45 CFR Part 76, or other applicable statutes.

AND

I \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of representative shown in Item #7, above) hereby certify and affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), is not on the list established by the Ohio Secretary of State, pursuant to ORC Section 121.23, which identifies persons and businesses with more than one unfair labor practice contempt of court finding against them.

AND

I \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of representative shown in Item #7, above) hereby certify and affirm that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the vendor shown in Item # 3, above), either is not subject to a finding for recovery under ORC Section 9.24, or has taken appropriate remedial steps required under that statute, or otherwise qualifies under that section to enter into contracts with the State of Ohio.

**10. Location of Business Declaration:** Vendors responding to any ODJFS RFP/RLB/RFGA (etc.) must certify that no public funds shall be spent on services provided/performed offshore by completing, signing, and returning the "Location of Business Form," which is the final page of this attachment. **FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM, INCLUDING THE "LOCATION OF BUSINESS FORM," WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE VENDOR FROM CONSIDERATION FOR AWARD OF AN ODJFS CONTRACT.**

**11. Equal Employment Opportunity Information on the Vendor and any Subcontractor(s)**

A. Provide vendor employee data both nationwide (including Ohio staff), and Ohio office employees separately:

Nationwide:

Ohio Offices:

Total Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

% of those who are Women: \_\_\_\_\_

% of those who are Minorities: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. If you are the selected vendor, will you subcontract any part of the work?**

NO -or-  YES, but for less than 50% of the work -or-  YES, for 50% or more of the work

If yes, provide the following information on each subcontractor (additional pages may be added as needed):

Subcontractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work To Be \_\_\_\_\_

Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

(a brief description) \_\_\_\_\_

Subcontractor's Estimated Percentage of Total Project (in % of work, not % of dollars): \_\_\_\_\_

**If 50% or more of the work will be subcontracted, then ALSO provide the following information on ALL proposed subcontractors:**

**Nationwide:**

**Ohio Offices:**

**Total Number of Employees:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**% of those who are Women:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**% of those who are Minorities:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Identify all state contracts which the vendor has had approved by the Controlling Board since the beginning of the last fiscal year (i.e., since July 01, 2004) through this fiscal year to date. Also include contracts approved for ODJFS or institutions of higher education:**

**Total number of contracts:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For each state contract, list the state agency and provide the following information:**

**State Agency/Educational Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Dollar Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Agency/Educational Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Dollar Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Agency/Educational Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contract Dollar Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach additional pages if needed*

**12. Vendor and Grantee Ethics Certification**

As a vendor or grantee doing business with\* or receiving grants from the State of Ohio, I certify on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of vendor or grantee):

- (1) I have reviewed and understand Ohio ethics and conflict of interests laws, as found in Chapter 102. and Sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- (2) I have reviewed and understand Governor Strickland's Executive Order Number 2007-01S.
- (3) I will not do anything inconsistent with those laws or Executive Order Number 2007-01S.
- (4) I acknowledge that failure to comply with this certification, is, by itself, grounds for termination of this contract or grant with the State of Ohio.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*"Doing business with" includes all contracts for goods and services, excluding purchases made using the State of Ohio's Payment Card Program that cost less than \$1,000.

**13. I have read the ODJFS Model Contract attached to the RFP/RLB, and if awarded a contract, I will not \_\_\_\_\_ (or) I will \_\_\_\_\_ request changes to the standard language, and have marked the requested changes and returned the model document with this proposal for consideration by ODJFS. (If so, ODJFS will review those requested changes if you are the selected vendor. All requested changes to model contract language are subject to ODJFS approval.) (NOTE: Item 14 is not applicable and not required when the subject ODJFS procurement opportunity is offered only to State Term Schedule Vendors.)**

**14. I \_\_\_\_\_, (vendor representative in Item # 7) hereby affirm that this proposal accurately represents the capabilities and qualifications of \_\_\_\_\_ (vendor's name), and I hereby affirm that the cost(s) bid to ODJFS for the performance of services and/or provision of goods covered in this proposal in response to the ODJFS RFP/RLB/other purchase opportunity is a firm fixed price, inclusive of all incidental as well as primary costs. (Failure to provide the proper affirming signature on this item may result in the disqualification of your proposal\bid.)**

**Attachment A.**

**Location of Business Form**

Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 2010-09S ([www.governor.ohio.gov](http://www.governor.ohio.gov)), no public funds shall be spent on services provided offshore. This form serves as a certification of compliance with this policy and required disclosures. Please answer the following questions about the project or service you are seeking to perform for or the funding for which you are applying from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services:

- 1. Provide the location(s) from which all the work related to this project will be performed, including any subcontract work, if different from the location of principal place of business.**
  
- 2. Provide the location(s) where any state data associated with any of the services through this Contract will be accessed, tested, maintained, backed-up, or stored.**
  
- 3. Identify any subcontractors that will be providing any services under this agreement, and specify the location of the principal place of business of those subcontractors.**

**By signing below, I hereby certify and affirm** that I have reviewed, understand, and will abide by the Governor's Executive Order 2010-09S. I attest that no funds provided by ODJFS for this project or any other agreement will be used to purchase services provided outside the United States or to contract with a subcontractor who will use the funds to purchase services provided outside the United States. I will promptly notify ODJFS if there is a change in the location where any of the services relating to this project will be performed. If I am signing this on behalf of a company, business, or organization, I hereby acknowledge that I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of that entity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Entity Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Principal place of business)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of individual authorized  
to sign on behalf of entity

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip



GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND FUNDING CONTRACTS
In accordance with section 2909.33 of the Ohio Revised Code

DECLARATION REGARDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE/NONASSISTANCE TO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

This form serves as a declaration of the provision of material assistance to a terrorist organization or organization that supports terrorism as identified by the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List (see the Ohio Homeland Security Division website for a reference copy of the Terrorist Exclusion List).

Any answer of "yes" to any question, or the failure to answer "no" to any question on this declaration shall serve as a disclosure that material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List has been provided. Failure to disclose the provision of material assistance to such an organization or knowingly making false statements regarding material assistance to such an organization is a felony of the fifth degree.

For the purposes of this declaration, "material support or resources" means currency, payment instruments, other financial securities, funds, transfer of funds, and financial services that are in excess of one hundred dollars, as well as communications, lodging, training, safe houses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, except medicine or religious materials.

Form with fields: LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL, HOME ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY, HOME PHONE, WORK PHONE.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE A COMPANY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION

Form with fields: BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, COUNTY, PHONE NUMBER.

DECLARATION

In accordance with division (A)(2)(b) of section 2909.32 of the Ohio Revised Code

For each question, indicate either "yes," or "no" in the space provided. Responses must be truthful to the best of your knowledge.

- 1. Are you a member of an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?
2. Have you used any position of prominence you have with any country to persuade others to support an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?

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3. Have you knowingly solicited funds or other things of value for an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?  
 Yes  No
4. Have you solicited any individual for membership in an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?  
 Yes  No
5. Have you committed an act that you know, or reasonably should have known, affords "material support or resources" to an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List?  
 Yes  No
6. Have you hired or compensated a person you knew to be a member of an organization on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, or a person you knew to be engaged in planning, assisting, or carrying out an act of terrorism?  
 Yes  No

In the event of a denial of a government contract or government funding due to a positive indication that material assistance has been provided to a terrorist organization, or an organization that supports terrorism as identified by the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, a review of the denial may be requested. The request must be sent to the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security. The request forms and instructions for filing can be found on the Ohio Homeland Security Division website.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the answers I have made to all of the questions on this declaration are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if this declaration is not completed in its entirety, it will not be processed and I will be automatically disqualified. I understand that I am responsible for the correctness of this declaration. I understand that failure to disclose the provision of material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List, or knowingly making false statements regarding material assistance to such an organization is a felony of the fifth degree. I understand that any answer of "yes" to any question, or the failure to answer "no" to any question on this declaration shall serve as a disclosure that material assistance to an organization identified on the U.S. Department of State Terrorist Exclusion List has been provided by myself or my organization. If I am signing this on behalf of a company, business or organization, I hereby acknowledge that I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the company, business or organization referenced on page 1 of this declaration.

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Signature

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Date

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**C-1213-00-0000**

**RECITALS:**

This Contract is entered into between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter referred to as "ODJFS") and **Vendor Name** (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

- A. ODJFS issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) titled \_\_\_\_\_, numbered \_\_\_\_\_, and dated \_\_\_\_\_, which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- B. The ODJFS proposal review team recommended for award the Proposal of CONTRACTOR dated [DATE] which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- C. In the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity between the provisions of the RFP, the Proposal, or this Contract, the provisions of this Contract will determine the obligations of the parties. In the event that this Contract fails to clarify any inconsistency or ambiguity between the RFP and the Proposal, the RFP will determine the obligations of the parties. In the event of a disputed issue that is not addressed in any of the aforementioned documents, the parties hereby agree to make every reasonable effort to resolve this dispute in keeping with the objectives of this Contract and the budgetary and statutory constraints of ODJFS.

**ARTICLE I. PURPOSE; DELIVERABLES**

- A. The purpose of this Contract is **INSERT PURPOSE. CONTRACTOR will perform its responsibilities under this Contract in accordance with the RFP and the Proposal.** The responsibilities ("Deliverables") are summarized as follows:

**INSERT DELIVERABLES**

- B. The ODJFS Contract Manager is **ODJFS Contract Manager.**
- C. The ODJFS Contract Manager may periodically communicate specific requests and instructions to CONTRACTOR concerning the performance of the Deliverables described in this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any requests or instructions to the satisfaction of ODJFS within ten (10) days after CONTRACTOR's receipt of the requests or instructions. ODJFS and CONTRACTOR expressly understand that any requests or instructions will be strictly to ensure the successful completion of the Deliverables described in this Contract, and are not intended to amend or alter this Contract in any way. If CONTRACTOR believes that any requests or instructions would materially alter the terms and conditions of this Contract or the compensation stated hereunder, CONTRACTOR will immediately notify the ODJFS Contract Manager pursuant to ARTICLE V of this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees to consult with the ODJFS Contract Manager as necessary to ensure understanding of the Deliverables and the successful completion thereof.
- D. Ownership of Deliverables:
  - 1. All Deliverables provided by CONTRACTOR under this Contract or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of ODJFS, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. CONTRACTOR will not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. CONTRACTOR will not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted matter, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for ODJFS and CONTRACTOR to use such copyrighted matter in the manner provided herein. CONTRACTOR agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the public unless ODJFS determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempted from disclosure.

2. All Deliverables provided or produced pursuant to this Contract will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States and the State of Ohio. ODJFS is and will be deemed sole author of the Deliverables and sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of the Deliverables is deemed not a "work made for hire," or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not conveyed to ODJFS, CONTRACTOR agrees to, and by executing this Contract does, assign ODJFS all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. ODJFS acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Contract does not affect CONTRACTOR's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that CONTRACTOR developed prior to or as a result of this Contract or that are generally known and available.
3. CONTRACTOR understands that it must submit a written request to ODJFS and receive express written permission from ODJFS to include any of its own pre-existing, proprietary materials in any of the Deliverables under this Contract. ODJFS's approval of the inclusion of pre-existing, proprietary materials is predicated on CONTRACTOR granting to ODJFS and the State of Ohio a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to use, modify, sell, and otherwise distribute all such materials that are included in the Deliverables under this Contract. Upon request by CONTRACTOR, ODJFS will incorporate into any future copies of the Deliverables under this Contract any proprietary notice(s) CONTRACTOR may reasonably require for any pre-existing, proprietary materials included in the Deliverables of this Contract. Any proprietary notices will be the minimum required by law so as not to be seen as an endorsement by ODJFS of or advertisement for CONTRACTOR.

## ARTICLE II. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CONTRACT

- A. This Contract is in effect from the date of issuance of an approved State of Ohio purchase order (see ARTICLE II, Section B, *infra*) or \_\_\_\_\_, whichever is later, through \_\_\_\_\_, unless this Contract is suspended or terminated pursuant to ARTICLE IV prior to the expiration date. **This Contract may be renewed through June 30, 2013, upon satisfactory completion of activities hereunder, appropriation of funds by the Ohio General Assembly, and at the sole discretion of ODJFS. ODJFS will issue a notice to CONTRACTOR if ODJFS decides to renew this Contract. CONTRACTOR will not obligate resources in anticipation of a renewal until notice is provided.**
- B. In addition to Section A above, it is expressly understood by both ODJFS and CONTRACTOR that this Contract will not be valid and enforceable until the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, first certifies, pursuant to Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), that there is a balance in the appropriation not already allocated to pay existing obligations. The ODJFS Contract Manager will notify CONTRACTOR when this certification is given.

## ARTICLE III. COMPENSATION

- A. The total amount payable under this Contract is **TOTAL AMT Dollars (\$TOTAL)**. ODJFS will pay an amount up to **SFY1 AMT Dollars (\$SFY 1)** for State Fiscal Year **SFY1** and up to **SFY2 AMT Dollars (\$SFY2)** for State Fiscal Year **SFY2** expressly for the completion of the Deliverables described in ARTICLE I. CONTRACTOR understands that the terms of this Contract do not provide for compensation in excess of the total amount listed in this section. CONTRACTOR hereby waives the interest provisions of ORC 126.30.

**It is further agreed that reimbursement of travel expenditures shall not exceed [SFY1 Travel Dollar Amount] Dollars (\$SFY1 Travel) for SFY [SFY1] and [SFY2 Travel Dollar Amount] Dollars (\$SFY2) for SFY [SFY2], which amounts are included in the total compensation figures above. Expense reimbursement authorized by this section is limited to actual and necessary expenses subject to the limits as established pursuant to ORC 126.31, which are set forth in OAC 126-1-02, as well as any other laws, regulations, or Governor's Executive Orders limiting travel expenses. CONTRACTOR expressly agrees not to submit claims for expenses which do not meet the requirements of this section and further agrees to submit all claims to the ODJFS Agreement Manager for approval prior to submitting a claim for reimbursement under ARTICLE III, above.**

- B. Compensation will be paid as reimbursement for actual expenditures incurred and paid by CONTRACTOR **[upon completion of Deliverables] [at the rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour].**

- C. CONTRACTOR will submit three (3) copies of detailed invoices on a **monthly, quarterly, annual** basis to the ODJFS Bureau of Accounts Payable at 30 East Broad Street, 38th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. CONTRACTOR agrees to use an invoice instrument to be prescribed by ODJFS and will include in each invoice:
1. CONTRACTOR's name, complete address, and federal tax identification number;
  2. Contract number and dates;
  3. Purchase order number;
  4. Amount and purpose of the invoice;
  5. Description of Deliverables performed during the billing period; and
  6. Receipt or other proof of costs paid by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR is seeking reimbursement.
- D. CONTRACTOR expressly understands that ODJFS will not compensate CONTRACTOR for any work performed prior to CONTRACTOR's receipt of notice from the ODJFS Contract Manager that the provisions of ORC 126.07 have been met as set forth in ARTICLE II, nor for work performed after the ending date specified in ARTICLE II.
- E. CONTRACTOR expressly understands that ODJFS does not have the ability to compensate CONTRACTOR for invoices submitted after the State of Ohio purchase order has been closed. CONTRACTOR must submit final invoices for payment no later than ninety (90) days after the ending date of this Contract. Failure to do so will be deemed a forfeiture of the remaining compensation due hereunder.
- F. Subject to the provisions of ORC 126.07 and 131.33, which will at all times govern this Contract, ODJFS represents that:
1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Contract;
  2. It intends to maintain this Contract for the full period set forth in ARTICLE II and has no reason to believe that sufficient funds will not be available to make all payments due hereunder; and
  3. It will use its best efforts to obtain the appropriation of necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR understands that availability of funds is contingent on appropriations made by the Ohio General Assembly or by funding sources external to the State of Ohio, such as federal funding. If the Ohio General Assembly or the external funding source fails at any time to continue funding ODJFS for the payments due under this Contract, this Contract will be terminated as of the date funding expires without further obligation of ODJFS or the State of Ohio.

- G. CONTRACTOR and ODJFS understand that the terms of this Contract, when combined with any other payments made to or open encumbrances with CONTRACTOR during the same State Biennium, cannot establish compensation in excess of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) aggregate without prior approval from the State Controlling Board in accordance with ORC 127.16.

#### **ARTICLE IV. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION, BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Contract will automatically terminate upon expiration of the time period in ARTICLE II, upon completion of all Deliverables, or once all of the compensation has been paid.
- B. Notwithstanding other provisions in this ARTICLE, either party may terminate this Contract at will by giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Upon thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR, ODJFS may suspend this Contract at ODJFS's sole discretion.
- C. Notwithstanding the provision of Section A, above, ODJFS may suspend or terminate this Contract immediately upon delivery of a written notice to CONTRACTOR if:
1. ODJFS loses funding as described in ARTICLE III, Section F;
  2. ODJFS discovers any illegal conduct by CONTRACTOR; or

3. CONTRACTOR has violated any provision of ARTICLE VIII.
- D. Except as provided in Sections A and B of this ARTICLE V, CONTRACTOR will have thirty (30) calendar days within which to cure any breach that is curable after receipt of written notice from ODJFS that CONTRACTOR is in breach of any of its obligations under this Contract. If CONTRACTOR fails to cure the breach within the thirty (30) calendar days after written notice or if the breach is not curable, ODJFS may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract. ODJFS may also suspend or terminate this Contract when breaches are persistent, regardless of whether they are cured within thirty (30) calendar days. For purposes of this Section C, "persistent" means that ODJFS has notified CONTRACTOR three (3) times in writing of CONTRACTOR's failure to meet any of its contractual obligations. The three (3) notices do not have to relate to the same obligation or type of failure. After the third notice, ODJFS may suspend or terminate this Contract without a cure period if CONTRACTOR again fails to meet any contractual obligation. At the sole discretion of ODJFS, certain instances of breach may require a shorter cure period than the thirty (30) calendar days generally applicable in this Section C. In such instances, ODJFS will include in its notice of breach the shorter cure period deemed appropriate.
- E. CONTRACTOR, upon receiving notice of suspension or termination, will:
1. Cease performance of the suspended or terminated Deliverables;
  2. Take all necessary steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs including, but not limited to, suspending or terminating all contracts and subgrants related to suspended or terminated Deliverables;
  3. Prepare and furnish a report to ODJFS, as of the date the notice of termination or suspension was received, that describes the status of all Deliverables and includes the results accomplished and the conclusions reached through Deliverables; and
  4. Perform any other tasks ODJFS requires.
- F. In the event of suspension or termination under this ARTICLE, ODJFS will, upon receipt of a proper invoice from CONTRACTOR, determine the amount of any unpaid Contract funds due to CONTRACTOR for Deliverables performed before CONTRACTOR received notice of termination or suspension. In order to determine the amount due to CONTRACTOR, ODJFS will base its calculations on the payment method described in ARTICLE III and any funds previously paid by or on behalf of ODJFS. ODJFS will not be liable for any further claims submitted by CONTRACTOR.
- G. If ODJFS terminates this Contract for any reason provided in this ARTICLE, except for termination at will pursuant to Section A or termination for loss of funding pursuant to Section B, ODJFS will be entitled to utilize another contractor to complete the Deliverables described in ARTICLE I of this Contract on any commercially reasonable terms as ODJFS and the covering contractor may agree. In this event, CONTRACTOR will be liable to ODJFS for all costs related to covering the project to the extent that such costs, when combined with payments already made to CONTRACTOR prior to termination, exceed the costs that ODJFS would have incurred under this Contract. CONTRACTOR's liability under this Section G is in addition to any other remedies available to ODJFS pursuant to this Contract.
- H. Upon CONTRACTOR's breach or default of provisions, obligations, or duties embodied in this Contract or any term of an award, a federal statute or regulation, an assurance, a State plan or application, a notice of award, or other applicable rule, ODJFS reserves the right to exercise any administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies available without limitation. Any waiver by ODJFS of an occurrence of breach or default is not a waiver of subsequent occurrences. If ODJFS or CONTRACTOR fails to perform any obligation under this Contract and the other party subsequently waives the failure, the waiver will be limited to that particular occurrence of a failure and will not be deemed to waive other failures that may occur. Waiver by ODJFS will not be effective unless it is in writing signed by the ODJFS Director.

**ARTICLE V. NOTICES**

- A. ODJFS and CONTRACTOR agree that communication regarding Deliverables, scope of work, invoice or billing questions, or other routine instructions will be between CONTRACTOR and the identified ODJFS Contract Manager pursuant to ARTICLE I, Section C of this Contract.
- B. Notices to ODJFS from CONTRACTOR that concern changes to CONTRACTOR's principal place of operation, billing address, legal name, federal tax identification number, mergers or acquisitions, corporate form, excusable delay, termination, bankruptcy, assignment, any notice pursuant to ARTICLE VIII, and/or any other formal notice regarding this Contract will be sent to the ODJFS Deputy Director of Contracts and Acquisitions at 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- C. Notices to CONTRACTOR from ODJFS concerning termination, suspension, option to renew, breach, default, or other formal notices regarding this Contract will be sent to CONTRACTOR's representative at the address appearing on the signature page of the this Contract.
- D. All notices in accordance with Sections B and C of this ARTICLE will be in writing and will be deemed given when received. All notices must be sent using a delivery method that documents actual delivery to the appropriate address herein indicated (e.g., certified mail).

**ARTICLE VI. RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION**

CONTRACTOR agrees that all records, documents, writings, and other information, created or used pursuant to this Contract will be treated according to the following terms, and that the terms will be included in any subcontracts executed for the performance of the Deliverables under this Contract:

- A. CONTRACTOR agrees that any media produced pursuant to this Contract or acquired with Contract funds will become the property of ODJFS. This includes all documents, reports, data, photographs (including negatives), and electronic reports and records. ODJFS will maintain the unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the media in any way ODJFS deems appropriate. CONTRACTOR further agrees not to seek or obtain copyright, patent or other proprietary protection for any materials or items produced under this Contract. CONTRACTOR understands that all materials and items produced under this Contract will be made freely available to the public unless ODJFS determines that certain materials are confidential under federal or state law.
- B. All ODJFS information that is classified as public or private under Ohio law and ODJFS rules will be treated as such by CONTRACTOR. Should the nature of any information be in question, ODJFS will determine whether the information is public or private. CONTRACTOR will restrict the use of any information, systems, or records ODJFS provides to the specific Deliverables specified in ARTICLE I of this Contract. CONTRACTOR and its employees agree to be bound by the same standards and rules of confidentiality that apply to employees of ODJFS and the State of Ohio. CONTRACTOR agrees that the terms of this Section B will be included in any subcontract executed by CONTRACTOR for work under this Contract.
- C. CONTRACTOR information that is proprietary and has been specifically identified by CONTRACTOR as proprietary will be held as confidential by ODJFS. Proprietary information is information that would put CONTRACTOR at a competitive disadvantage in CONTRACTOR's market place and trade if it were made public. ODJFS reserves the right to require reasonable evidence of CONTRACTOR's assertion of the proprietary nature of any information. The provisions of this ARTICLE are not self-executing. CONTRACTOR must demonstrate that any information claimed as proprietary meets the definition of "trade secrets" found at ORC 1333.61.
- D. All records relating to cost, work performed, supporting documentation for invoices submitted to ODJFS, and copies of all materials produced under or pertaining to this Contract will be retained by CONTRACTOR and will be made available for audit by state and federal government entities that include but are not limited to, ODJFS, the Ohio Auditor of State, the Ohio Inspector General and all duly authorized law enforcement officials. The records and materials will be retained and made available for a minimum of three (3) years after CONTRACTOR receives the last payment pursuant to this Contract. If an audit, litigation or similar action is initiated during this time period, CONTRACTOR will retain the records until the action is concluded and all issues are resolved, or until the end of the three-year period if the action is resolved prior to the end of the three-year period. If applicable, CONTRACTOR must meet the requirements of the federal Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-110, A-122, and A-133. CONTRACTOR acknowledges, in accordance with ORC 149.43, that financial records related to the performance of services under this Contract are presumptively deemed public records.

- E. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to current and ongoing compliance with Title 42, Section 1320 of the United States Code (42 USC 1320d -1320d(8)) and the implementing regulations found at Title 45, Parts 164.502 and 164.504 of the Code of Federal Regulations (45 CFR 164.502(e) and 164.504(e)) regarding disclosure of Protected Health Information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"). CONTRACTOR further agrees to include the terms of this Section E in any subcontracts that may be executed pursuant to this Contract.

#### ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

- A. This writing constitutes the entire agreement between ODJFS and CONTRACTOR with respect to all matters herein. Only a writing signed by both parties may amend this Contract. However, ODJFS and CONTRACTOR agree that any amendments to any laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Contract without the necessity for executing written amendments. Any written amendment to this Contract will be prospective in nature.
- B. CONTRACTOR agrees not to assign any interest in this Contract nor transfer any interest in the Contract without the prior written approval of ODJFS. CONTRACTOR will submit any requests for approval of assignments and transfers to the ODJFS Contract Manager at least 10 (ten) days prior to the desired effective date. CONTRACTOR understands that any assignments and transfers will be subject to any conditions ODJFS deems necessary and that no approval by ODJFS will be deemed to provide for any ODJFS obligation that exceeds the Contract amount specified in ARTICLE III of this Contract.

#### ARTICLE VIII. CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS

By accepting this Contract and by executing this Contract, CONTRACTOR hereby affirms current and continued compliance with each condition listed in this ARTICLE. CONTRACTOR's certification of compliance with each of these conditions is considered a material representation of fact upon which ODJFS relied in entering into this Contract:

- A. If at any time, CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the conditions affirmed in this Section A, ODJFS will consider this Contract *void ab initio* and will deliver written notice to CONTRACTOR. Any funds the State of Ohio paid CONTRACTOR for work performed before CONTRACTOR received notice that the Contract is *void ab initio* will be immediately repaid or the State of Ohio may commence an action for recovery against CONTRACTOR.
1. **Federal Debarment Requirements.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its principals or subcontractors, is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any federal agency. CONTRACTOR also affirms that within three (3) years preceding this Contract neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its principals:
    - a. Have been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or other criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local public transaction or contract under a public transaction; for violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; for commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements; or for receiving stolen property; or
    - b. Are presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State, or local) for the commission of any of the offenses listed in this paragraph and have not had any federal, state, or local, public transactions terminated for cause or default.
  2. **Qualifications to Conduct Business.** CONTRACTOR affirms that it has all of the approvals, licenses, or other qualifications needed to conduct business in Ohio and all are current. If at any time during the Contract period CONTRACTOR, for any reason, becomes disqualified from

conducting business in the State of Ohio, CONTRACTOR will immediately notify ODJFS in writing and will immediately cease performance of all Deliverables.

3. **Unfair Labor Practices.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor its principals are on the most recent list established by the Ohio Secretary of State, pursuant to ORC 121.23, which would identify CONTRACTOR as having more than one (1) unfair labor practice contempt of court finding.
4. **Finding for Recovery.** CONTRACTOR affirms that neither CONTRACTOR nor its principals or subcontractors, is subject to a finding for recovery under ORC 9.24, or it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required, or otherwise qualifies under ORC 9.24 to contract with the State of Ohio.
5. **Material Assistance to Terrorist Organization.** CONTRACTOR affirms that CONTRACTOR, its principals, affiliated groups, or persons with a controlling interest in CONTRACTOR's organization are in compliance with ORC 2909.33 in that none of the aforementioned have provided Material Assistance to a Terrorist Organization.

B. If at any time CONTRACTOR is not in compliance with the conditions affirmed in this Section B, ODJFS may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract and will deliver written notice to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR will be entitled to compensation, upon submission of a proper invoice per ARTICLE III, only for work performed during the time CONTRACTOR was in compliance with the provisions of this Section B. Any funds paid by the State of Ohio for work performed during a period when CONTRACTOR was not in compliance with this Section B will be immediately repaid or the State of Ohio may commence an action for recovery against CONTRACTOR.

1. **Americans with Disabilities.** CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, members, and subcontractors hereby affirm current and ongoing compliance with all statutes and regulations pertaining to The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
2. **Fair Labor Standards and Employment Practices.**
  - a. CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing fair labor and employment practices.
  - b. In carrying out this Contract, CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, military status, disability, age, genetic information, or sexual orientation, in making any of the following employment decisions: hiring, layoff, termination, transfer, promotion demotion, rate of compensation, and eligibility for in-service training programs.
  - c. CONTRACTOR agrees to post notices affirming compliance with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws in conspicuous places accessible to all employees and applicants for employment.
  - d. CONTRACTOR will incorporate the foregoing requirements of this Paragraph 2 in all of its subgrants or subcontracts for any of the work prescribed herein.
3. **Ethics Laws.** CONTRACTOR certifies that by executing this Contract, it has reviewed, knows and understands the State of Ohio's ethics and conflict of interest laws, which includes the Governor's Executive Order 2011-03K pertaining to ethics. CONTRACTOR further agrees that it will not engage in any action(s) inconsistent with Ohio ethics laws or the aforementioned Executive Order.
4. **Conflicts of Interest.**
  - a. CONTRACTOR certifies, by executing this Contract, that no party who holds a position listed or described in ORC 3517.13 (I) or (J), has made, while in his/her current position, one (1) or more personal monetary contributions in excess of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) to the current Governor or to the Governor's campaign committee

when he was a candidate for office within the previous two (2) calendar years. ORC 3517.13 does not apply to professional associations organized under ORC Chapter 1785.

- b. CONTRACTOR agrees to refrain from promising or giving to any ODJFS employee anything of value that could be construed as having a substantial and improper influence upon the employee with respect to the employee's duties. CONTRACTOR further agrees that it will not solicit any ODJFS employee to violate ORC 102.03, 2921.42, or 2921.43.
  - c. CONTRACTOR agrees that CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, and members have not nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, business, direct or indirect, that is incompatible, in conflict with, or would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of CONTRACTOR's functions and responsibilities under this Contract. If CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, or members acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising interest, CONTRACTOR agrees it will immediately disclose the interest in writing to the ODJFS Chief Legal Counsel at 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414. CONTRACTOR further agrees that the person with the conflicting interest will not participate in any Deliverables until ODJFS determines that participation would not be contrary to public interest.
5. **Lobbying Restrictions.**
  - a. CONTRACTOR affirms that no federal funds paid to CONTRACTOR by ODJFS through this Contract or any other agreement have been or will be used to lobby Congress or any federal agency in connection with a particular contract, grant, cooperative agreement or loan. CONTRACTOR further affirms compliance with all federal lobbying restrictions, including, 31 USC 1352. If this Contract exceeds One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$100,000.00), CONTRACTOR affirms that it has executed and filed the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities standard form LLL, if required by federal regulations.
  - b. CONTRACTOR certifies compliance with the Ohio executive agency lobbying restrictions contained in ORC 121.60 to 121.69.
6. **Child Support Enforcement.** CONTRACTOR agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any child support enforcement agency in ensuring that CONTRACTOR and its employees meet child support obligations established by state and federal law including present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support issued pursuant to the applicable sections of ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125.
7. **Pro-Child Act.** If any Deliverables call for services to minors, CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994; Public Law 103-277, Part C – Environment Tobacco Smoke that requires smoking to be banned in any portion of any indoor facility owned, leased, or contracted by an entity that will routinely or regularly use the facility for the provision of health care services, day care, library services, or education to children under the age of eighteen (18).
8. **Drug-Free Workplace.** CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, members, any subcontractors and/or any independent contractors (including all field staff) associated with this Contract agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to, 41 USC Chapter 10, regarding a drug-free workplace. CONTRACTOR will make a good faith effort to ensure that none of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, members, or subgrantees will purchase, transfer, use, or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way while working or while on public property.
9. **Work Programs.** CONTRACTOR agrees not to discriminate against individuals who have or are participating in any work program administered by any county department of Job and Family Services under ORC Chapter 5101 or 5107.
10. **MBE/EDGE.** Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 2008-13S, CONTRACTOR agrees to purchase goods and services under this Contract from certified Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") and Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity ("EDGE") vendors whenever possible.

CONTRACTOR agrees to encourage any of its subgrantees or subcontractors to purchase goods and services from certified MBE and EDGE vendors.

11. **Expenditure of Public Funds for Offshore Services—Executive Order Requirements.**

- a. CONTRACTOR certifies that by executing this Contract, it has reviewed, understands, and will abide by the Governor's Executive Order 2010-09S and shall abide by those requirements in the performance of this Contract, and shall perform no services required under this Contract outside of the United States.
- b. Prior to performing any services, and when there is a change in the location of any services provided under this Contract, CONTRACTOR must disclose:
  - (1) The location(s) where all services will be performed by CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor;
  - (2) The location(s) where any state data associated with any of the services through this Contract will be accessed, tested, maintained, backed-up, or stored; and
  - (3) The principal location of business for the contractor and all subcontractors.
- c. CONTRACTOR also affirms, understands, and agrees to immediately notify ODJFS of any change or shift in the location(s) of services performed by CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors under this Contract, and no services shall be changed or shifted to a location outside of the United States.
- d. **TERMINATION, SANCTION, DAMAGES:** ODJFS is not obligated and shall not pay for any services provided under this Contract that CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors performed outside of the United States. If services are performed outside of the United States, this will be treated as a material breach of the Contract, and CONTRACTOR shall immediately return to ODJFS all funds paid for those services.

In addition, if CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors perform any such services outside of the United States, ODJFS may, at any time after the breach, terminate this Contract for such breach, upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. If ODJFS terminates the Contract, ODJFS may buy substitute services from a third party, and may recover the additional costs associated with acquiring the substitute services.

12. **Certification of Compliance.** CONTRACTOR certifies that it is in compliance with all other applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and rules and will require the same certification from its subgrantees or subcontractors.

**ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- A. **Independent Contractor.** CONTRACTOR agrees that no agency, employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between ODJFS and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR further agrees that as an independent contractor, it assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities along with workers compensation, unemployment compensation and insurance premiums that may accrue as a result of funds received pursuant to this Contract. CONTRACTOR agrees that it is an independent contractor for all purposes including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Ohio tax law, Workers Compensation law, and Unemployment Insurance law.
- B. **Limitation of Liability.** To the extent allowable by law, CONTRACTOR agrees to hold ODJFS harmless in any and all claims for personal injury, property damage, and/or infringement resulting from Deliverables. CONTRACTOR's sole and exclusive remedy for any ODJFS failure to perform under this Contract will be an action in the Ohio Court of Claims pursuant to ORC Chapter 2743 that will be subject to the limitations set forth in this ARTICLE. In no event will ODJFS be liable for any indirect or consequential damages, including loss of profits, even if ODJFS knew or should have known of the possibility of such damages.

- C. **Infringement of Patent or Copyright.** To the extent allowable by law and subject to ORC 109.02, CONTRACTOR agrees to defend any suit or proceeding brought against ODJFS, any official or employee of ODJFS acting in his or her official capacity, or the State of Ohio due to any alleged infringement of patent or copyright arising out of the performance of this Contract, including all work, services, materials, reports, studies, and computer programs provided by CONTRACTOR. ODJFS will provide prompt notification in writing of such suit or proceeding; full right, authorization, and opportunity to conduct the defense thereof; and full disclosure of information along with all reasonable cooperation for the defense of the suit. ODJFS may participate in the defense of any such action. CONTRACTOR agrees to pay all damages and costs awarded against ODJFS, any official or employee of ODJFS in his or her official capacity, or the State of Ohio as a result of any suit or proceeding referred to in this Section C. If any information and/or assistance is furnished by ODJFS at CONTRACTOR's written request, it is at CONTRACTOR's expense. If any of the materials, reports, or studies provided by CONTRACTOR are found to be infringing items and the use or publication thereof is enjoined, CONTRACTOR agrees to, at its own expense and at its option, either procure the right to publish or continue use of such infringing materials, reports, or studies; replace them with non-infringing items of equivalent value; or modify them so that they are no longer infringing. The obligations of CONTRACTOR under this Section survive the termination of this Contract, without limitation.
- D. **Liens.** CONTRACTOR will not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against ODJFS or the State of Ohio because of any labor, services, or materials furnished. If CONTRACTOR fails, neglects, or refuses to make prompt payment of any claims for labor, services, or materials furnished to CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract, ODJFS or the State of Ohio may, but is not obligated to, pay those claims and charge the amount of payment against the funds due or to become due to CONTRACTOR under this Contract.
- E. **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 delaying party will notify the other promptly of any material delay in performance and will specify in writing the proposed revised performance date as soon as practicable after notice of delay. The delaying party must also describe the cause of the delay and its proposal to remove or mitigate the delay. Notices will be sent pursuant to ARTICLE IV. In the event of excusable delay, the date of performance or delivery of products may be extended by amendment, if applicable, for a time period equal to that lost due to the excusable delay. Reliance on a claim of excusable delay may only be asserted if the delaying party has taken commercially reasonable steps to mitigate or avoid the delay. Items that are controllable by CONTRACTOR's subcontractor(s) will be considered controllable by CONTRACTOR, except for third-party manufacturers supplying commercial items and over whom CONTRACTOR has no legal control. The final determination of whether an instance of delay is excusable lies with ODJFS in its discretion.

#### ARTICLE X. CONSTRUCTION

This Contract will be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Contract be found unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the remaining portions of this Contract will not be affected as long as the absence of the illegal or unenforceable provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Contract impossible.

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