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- I. **GLOSSARY** – The following definitions are applicable to all components of the Contract:
- A. **Acceptance:** Approval and retention by the Ordering Agency of any products, supplies, services or other Deliverables, delivered to fulfill Contract requirements.
 - B. **Contracting Agency:** The agency with which the Contractor enters into the Contract and that has the authority to enforce the Terms and Conditions of this Contract. The Contracting Agency may also be the Ordering Agency.
 - C. **Default:** The omission or failure to perform any obligation under this Contract.
 - D. **Deliverable:** Any Contractor-provided products, supplies, services or work product described in the specifications of the Contract.
 - E. **Ordering Agency:** The entity, including State agencies and State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing members authorized under Section 125.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, that purchases and accepts the products, supplies, services or other Deliverables under this Contract and that is responsible for payment. The Ordering Agency may also be the Contracting Agency.
 - F. **State:** The State of Ohio.
 - G. **Time and Materials Contract:** A Contract in which Contractor is paid (1) an hourly rate for labor actually performed and (2) if applicable and with prior approval by the Ordering Agency, for the cost of the materials or supplies actually used by the Contractor. Such rates and costs shall be established through Contractor's submission of a price sheet, written quote, estimate, or invoice, as approved by the State. Hourly rates may include wages, overhead, general and administrative expenses, and reasonable profit. Materials or supplies may include the Contractor's direct and indirect costs attributable to the work performed.
- II. **REGULATORY CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**
- A. **ANTITRUST.** The State and the Contractor recognize that, in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are usually borne by the State. The Contractor therefore assigns to the State all state and federal antitrust claims and causes of action that the Contractor has or acquires relating to the goods and services acquired under this Contract.
 - B. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** The State's funds are contingent upon the availability of lawful appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly. If the General Assembly fails at any time to continue funding for the payments or any other obligations due by the State under this Contract, the State will be released from its obligations on the date funding expires. If appropriations are approved, the State may continue this Contract past the current biennium by issuing written notice of continuation to the Contractor. Any obligations of the State are subject to Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - C. **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.** Unless this Contract was solicited by competitive bid pursuant to Section 125.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, Contractor hereby certifies that all applicable parties are in full compliance with Section 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - D. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.** The Contractor must comply throughout the duration of the Contract with all applicable federal, state, local laws and Executive Orders while performing under this Contract.
 - E. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST/ETHICS.** Contractor represents, warrants and certifies that it and its employees engaged in the administration or performance of this Contract are knowledgeable of and understand the Ohio Ethics and Conflict of Interest laws including but not limited to Chapter 102 and Sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Contractor further represents, warrants, and certifies that neither Contractor nor any of its employees will do any act that is inconsistent with such laws or otherwise presents a conflict of interest.

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- F. **CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY AGAINST AN UNRESOLVED FINDING FOR RECOVERY.** The Contractor warrants that the Contractor is not subject to an unresolved finding for recovery pursuant to Section 9.24 of the Ohio Revised Code. If the warranty is false on the date the parties signed this Contract, the Contract is void *ab initio* and the Contractor shall immediately repay any funds paid under this Contract.
- G. **DEBARMENT.** Contractor represents and warrants that neither it, nor any of its subcontractors, are debarred from consideration for contract awards by any governmental agency. If this representation and warranty is found to be false, this Contract is void *ab initio* and the Contractor shall immediately repay any funds paid under this Contract.
- H. **DRUG FREE WORKPLACE.** The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding drug-free workplace and shall make a good faith effort to ensure that all Contractor employees, while working on State property, will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.
- I. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** The Contractor will comply with all state and federal laws regarding equal employment opportunity and fair labor and employment practices, including Section 125.111 of the Ohio Revised Code and all related Executive Orders.

Before a Contract can be awarded or renewed, an Affirmative Action Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division.

- J. **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 [Contractor/Subcontractor 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.

- K. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, and the venue for any disputes will be exclusively with the appropriate court in Franklin County, Ohio.
- L. **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. 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 the State to any public employee retirement system.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees any individual providing personal services under this Contract 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 Section 145.037 of the Ohio Revised Code ("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 the Contract complete and submit to the Ordering Agency the Independent Contractor/Worker Acknowledgement form.

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

- M. REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.** Contractor certifies that it is either:
1. A company that is properly registered with the Ohio Secretary of State; or
 2. A foreign corporation, not incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, but is registered with the Ohio Secretary of State pursuant to Sections 1703.01 to 1703.31 of the Ohio Revised Code, as applicable; or
 3. Exempt from registration requirements of the Ohio Secretary of State.
- N. TAXES.** Pursuant to Section 5739.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the State is exempt from sales tax.
- O. TRADE.** Pursuant to Section 9.76(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, 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.

The State of Ohio does not acquire supplies or services that cannot be imported lawfully into the United States. The Contractor certifies that it, its subcontractors, and any agent of the Contractor or its subcontractors, acquire any supplies or services in accordance with all trade control laws, regulations or orders of the United States, including the prohibited source regulations set forth in subpart 25.7, Prohibited Sources, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation and any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. A list of those sanctions by country can be found at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>. These sanctions generally preclude acquiring any supplies or services that originate from sources within, or that were located in or transported from or through Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, or the Crimea region of Ukraine.

- P. TRAVEL.** Any travel that the Contractor requires to perform its obligations under this Contract will be at the Contractor's expense. The State will pay for any additional travel that it requests only with prior written approval. The State will pay for all additional travel expenses that it requests in accordance with Section 126.31 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 126-1-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. USE OF MBE AND EDGE VENDORS.** Section 125.081 of the Ohio Revised Code requires State agencies to set-aside purchases for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Executive Order 2008-13S encourages use of Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) businesses. Therefore, the State encourages the Contractor to purchase goods and services from Ohio certified MBE and EDGE vendors.

III. CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION

- A. TERM OF CONTRACT.** The effective date of the Contract is the effective date stated in the Contract or the date the Contract is fully executed, whichever is later. The Contract will remain in effect until the earliest of: (1) the ending date stated in the Contract; (2) the Contract is fully performed by both parties; (3) the Contract is canceled or terminated; or (4) the Contract expires at the end of a biennium unless continued by the State.

This Contract may be renewed upon satisfactory performance of activities hereunder, appropriation of funds by the Ohio General Assembly, and at the sole discretion of the State. The State will issue a notice to the Contractor if the State decides to renew this Contract. The Contractor shall not obligate resources in anticipation of a renewal until notice is provided.

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B. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS / WAIVER.

1. **AMENDMENTS.** No change to any provision of this Contract will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may reduce non-material changes to writing and provide notice to the Contractor.
2. **WAIVER.** 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 or to any other terms of this Contract. Waivers must be in writing to be effective, and either party may at any later time demand strict performance.

C. ASSIGNMENT / DELEGATION. The Contractor must not assign any of its rights nor delegate any of its duties under this Contract without written consent of the State. Any assignment or delegation not consented to may be deemed void by the State.

D. BINDING EFFECT. Subject to the limitations on assignment provided elsewhere in this Contract, this Contract will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the State and the Contractor.

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

F. DAYS. When this Contract refers to days, it means calendar days, unless it expressly provides otherwise.

G. HEADINGS. The headings in this Contract are for convenience only and will not affect the interpretation of any of the Contract terms and conditions.

H. 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.

I. NOTICES. For any notice under this Contract to be effective the notice must be made in writing and delivered to the appropriate contact provided in the Contract.

J. ORDER OF PRIORITY. Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this Contract, the Special Terms and Conditions will take precedence over the Standard Terms and Conditions. If there is any inconsistency or conflict between this Contract and any provision incorporated by reference by the Contractor, this Contract will prevail.

K. PUBLICITY. The Contractor shall not do the following without prior, written consent from the State:

1. Advertise 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.

L. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of the Contract or the application of any provision is held by a court to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of the Contract will remain in full force and effect.

M. SUBCONTRACTING. The State recognizes that it may be necessary for the Contractor to use a subcontractor to perform a portion of the work under the Contract. In those circumstances, the Contractor shall submit a list identifying the Contractor's subcontractors. The Contractor may not enter into subcontracts related to the Contract after award without written approval from the State. If any change occurs during the term of the Contract, that requires a change to identified subcontractors, the Contractor shall amend its list of subcontractors and request written approval from the State. The State reserves the right to reject any subcontractor submitted by the Contractor.

All subcontracts will be at the sole expense of the Contractor and the Contractor will be solely responsible for payment of its subcontractors. The Contractor assumes responsibility for all subcontracting and third-party manufacturer work performed under the Contract. In addition, all

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subcontractors agree to be bound by all of the Terms and Conditions and specifications of the Contract. The Contractor will be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters.

- N. SURVIVORSHIP.** All sections herein relating to payment, confidentiality, license and ownership, indemnification, maintenance, publicity, warranties and limitations on damages shall survive the termination of this Contract.

IV. ORDER AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

- A. CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS/PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENTS.** None of the duties or obligations in this Contract are binding on the State, and the Contractor will not begin performance on this Contract, until all of the following conditions are met:

1. All statutory provisions under the Ohio Revised Code have been met.
2. All necessary funds are made available by the appropriate Ordering Agency.
3. If applicable, an official State of Ohio Purchase Order (P.O.) has been issued from the appropriate Ordering Agency.
4. If required, the Controlling Board of Ohio has approved the purchase in accordance with Section 127.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- B. CONTRACT ORDERS.** Ordering Agencies will order supplies or services under this Contract from the Contractor directly. The Contractor may receive orders made by Ordering Agencies by telephone, facsimile, electronically, in person, payment card (if applicable) or purchase order from authorized employees of the Ordering Agency. Neither the Ordering Agency nor the Contracting Agency will be responsible for orders placed by unauthorized employees.

- C. INVOICE REQUIREMENTS.** The Contractor or dealer, authorized to submit invoices, must submit an original invoice to the office designated in the purchase order. The Contractor will only be compensated for the Deliverables accepted by the State. To be a proper invoice, the invoice must include the following:

1. The purchase order number authorizing the delivery of supplies or services;
2. State of Ohio Contract Number (if applicable);
3. Agency Name;
4. Agency Billing Address;
5. Delivery location of supplies or services;
6. Contractor Name;
7. Contractor Address;
8. Contractor's Unique Invoice Number;
9. Date that services were provided or that supplies were delivered;
10. Itemization of supplies or services provided, including cost;
11. For leases, the invoice must also include the payment number (e.g., 1 of 36);
12. For time and material Contracts, the invoice must reflect labor hours actually worked and, if applicable, supplies used; and;
13. Clear statement of total payment expected.

- D. PAYMENT DUE DATE AND PROCESS.** Unless otherwise stated in this Contract and in accordance with Section 126.30 of the Ohio Revised Code payments under this Contract will be due on the 30th calendar day after the date of actual receipt of a proper invoice in the office designated to receive the invoice. The date payment is issued by the State will be considered the date payment is made. 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 State's preferred method of payment is by electronic funds transfer. However, the Ordering Agency may also make payment by State of Ohio payment card or by warrant issued by the Auditor of State. At the time of Contract award, Contractor must be able to accept all forms of payment from the State and Ordering Agency.

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V. LIABILITY PROVISIONS

A. **GENERAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** The Contractor warrants that:

1. The recommendations, guidance, and performance of the Contractor under this Contract will be in accordance with the industry's professional standards, the requirements of this Contract and without any material defect.
2. No Deliverable will infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party.
3. All warranties are in accordance with the Contractor's standard business practices.
4. The Deliverables are merchantable and fit for the particular purpose described in this Contract and will perform substantially in accordance with its user manuals, technical materials, and related writings.
5. The Deliverables comply with all governmental, environmental and safety standards.
6. The Contractor has the right to enter into this Contract.
7. The Contractor has not entered into any other contracts or employment relationships that restrict the Contractor's ability to perform under this Contract.
8. 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.
9. The Contractor has good and marketable title to any Deliverable delivered under this Contract for which title passes to the State.
10. The Contractor has the right and ability to grant the license granted in any Deliverable for which title does not pass to the State.

If any work of the Contractor or any Deliverable fails to comply with these warranties, and the Contractor is so notified in writing, the Contractor will correct such failure in a commercially reasonable time or as specified in the Contract. If the Contractor fails to comply, the Contractor will refund the amount paid for the Deliverable. The Contractor will also indemnify the State for any direct damages and claims by third parties based on breach of these warranties.

Any other express warranties offered by the Contractor shall be a minimum of one year or the Contractor's standard warranty whichever is longer.

B. **INDEMNITY.** The Contractor must indemnify the State for any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs, judgments, expenses, and any other liabilities including, but not limited to, bodily injury to any person (including injury resulting in death) or damage to property, that may arise out of, or are related to, the Contractor's performance under this Contract, providing such is due to the negligence or other tortious conduct of the Contractor, the Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors.

The Contractor must also indemnify the State against any claim of infringement of a copyright, patent, trade secret, or similar intellectual property right based on the State's proper use of any Deliverable under this Contract. This obligation of indemnification will not apply where the State has modified or misused the Deliverable and the claim of infringement is based on the modification or misuse. 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 take one (1) of the following four (4) actions:

1. Modify the Deliverable so that the Deliverable 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 intended; or
4. Remove the infringing Deliverable and refund the fee the State paid for such Deliverable and any other affected Deliverable.

The State agrees to give the Contractor notice of any such claim as soon as reasonably practicable and to give the Contractor the authority to settle or otherwise defend any such claim upon consultation with and approval by the Office of the Ohio Attorney General.

C. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION.** The Contractor will maintain workers' compensation insurance, as required by Ohio law or the laws of any other state where work under this Contract will be done. The Contractor will also maintain employer's liability insurance with at least a \$1,000,000.00 limit.

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- D. AUTOMOBILE AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.** During the term of the Contract and any renewal thereto, the Contractor, and any agent of the Contractor, at its sole cost and expense shall maintain a policy of Automobile Liability Insurance in accordance with the State and Federal laws, unless otherwise stated. In addition, Contractor shall carry Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage with a \$1,000,000 annual aggregate and a \$500,000 per occurrence limit for bodily injury, personal injury, wrongful death and property damage. The defense cost shall be outside the policy limits. Such policy shall designate the State of Ohio as an Additional Insured, as its interest may appear. The policy shall also be endorsed to include a blanket waiver of subrogation and a statement that the Contractor's commercial general liability insurance shall be primary over any other coverage. Umbrella/excess liability insurance may be used to meet the required limits and the coverage must follow form. The State reserves the right to approve all policy deductibles and levels of self-insured retention-captive insurance programs and may require the Contractor to have their policy(ies) endorsed to reflect per project / per location general aggregate limits.

Said certificates shall contain a clause or endorsement providing thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation, non-renewal or decrease in coverage will be given to the State. Failure of the Contractor to maintain this coverage for the duration of the Contract, and any renewals thereto, may be considered as a default. All insuring companies shall have and maintain at least an A- (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best, unless otherwise approved in writing by the State.

- E. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** Notwithstanding any limitation provisions contained in the documents and materials incorporated by reference into this Contract, the parties agree as follows:
1. Neither party will be liable for any indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage of any kind including but not limited to lost profits, even if the parties have been advised, knew, or should have known of the possibility of damages.
 2. The Contractor further agrees that the Contractor shall be liable for all direct damages due to the fault or negligence of the Contractor.
- F. PRODUCT RECALL.** In the event product delivered has been recalled, seized, or embargoed and/or has been determined to be misbranded, adulterated, or in the case of consumable product, found to be unfit for human consumption by the packer, processor, manufacturer or by any state or federal regulatory agency, the Contractor shall notify the Contracting Agency and all Ordering Agencies within two business days after notice has been given. The Contractor shall, at the option of the Ordering Agency, either reimburse the purchase price or provide an equivalent replacement product at no additional cost. The Contractor shall be responsible for removal and/or replacement of the affected product within a reasonable time as determined by the Ordering Agency. At the option of the Ordering Agency, the Contractor may be required to reimburse storage and handling fees to be calculated from time of delivery and acceptance to actual removal. The Contractor will bear all costs associated with the removal and proper disposal of the affected product. Failure to reimburse the purchase price or provide equivalent replacement product will be considered a default.

VI. PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE

- A. AUDITS.** The Contractor must keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or equivalent accounting principles. Additionally, the Contractor must keep separate business records for this project, including records of disbursements and obligations incurred that must be supported by Contracts, invoices, vouchers and other data as appropriate.

During the period covered by this Contract and until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to provide the State, or any authorized representatives providing financial support to the work undertaken hereunder, with access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor involving transactions related to this Contract.

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The Contractor must, for each subcontract in excess of \$2,500, require its subcontractors to agree to the same provisions of this Section. The Contractor may not artificially divide Contracts with its subcontractors to avoid requiring subcontractors to agree to this provision. This provision does not apply to Contracts where federal funds are used and the federal government requires audits of all subcontracts regardless of the amount of the Contract.

The Contractor must provide access to the requested records no later than five (5) business days after the request by the State, the State's designee or any party with audit rights. If an audit reveals any material deviation from the Contract requirements, any misrepresentations, or overcharge to the State or any other provider of funds for the Contract, the State or other party will be entitled to recover damages as well as the cost of the audit.

- B. F.O.B. DESTINATION/ACCEPTANCE.** The Contractor must provide Deliverables under this Contract F.O.B. Destination. The place of destination will be specified by the Ordering Agency on the agency's purchase order or other ordering document. Cost of the freight must be borne and paid by the Contractor unless otherwise stated.

All risk of loss, regardless of the cause, will remain with the Contractor until title to the Deliverable passes to the State. Unless otherwise provided in this Contract, the State will determine whether the Contractor provided each Deliverable required in this Contract and has fully met all work requirements of this Contract. Title to any Deliverables will pass to the State on Acceptance of the Deliverable.

- C. RETURNED GOODS.** When the use of this Contract involves the purchase of goods, the following applies:

1. Returned goods, when due to Contractor error (i.e. over-shipment, defective merchandise, unapproved substitution, etc.), shall be returned to the Contractor at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall make arrangements to remove the returned goods from the ordering agency premises within seven (7) calendar days after notification. The Contractor shall not apply any restocking or other charges to the ordering agency. At the option of the ordering agency, replacement items may be accepted and will be shipped within seven (7) calendar days of notification. Failure of the Contractor to arrange for return of the items within the specified time will result in the items being deemed as abandoned property and the ordering agency will dispose of accordingly.
2. For orders of custom manufactured items, the Contractor must provide a production sample of the item to the ordering agency for acceptance. The production sample must be identical to the item to be provided. The ordering agency will provide written acceptance of the item prior to the Contractor continuing with production. Once delivery and acceptance has been completed and the ordering agency determines for any reason that any remaining quantities will not be used, the agency may request the return of the custom manufactured items. Acceptance of the return of custom manufactured items will be at the option of the Contractor. Failure of the Contractor to provide a production sample and obtain written approval from the ordering agency will result in the Contractor bearing all responsibility and costs associated with the return of these goods.
3. Returned goods of regular catalog stock merchandise, when due to agency error (i.e. over purchase, discontinued use, inventory reduction, etc.) will be accepted by the Contractor if notice is given by the agency within six (6) months of delivery and acceptance. All items to be returned must be unused and in their original containers and in suitable condition for resale. Return of regular stock catalog merchandise, when delivery and acceptance exceed six (6) months will be at the option of the Contractor.

- D. CUSTOM DELIVERABLES.** All custom work done by the Contractor and covered by this Contract will belong to the State with all rights, title, and interest in all intellectual property that comes into existence through the Contractor's work under this Contract being assigned to the State. Additionally, the Contractor waives any shop rights, author rights, and similar retained interests in any such custom developed materials. The Contractor must provide the State with all assistance reasonably needed to vest such rights of ownership in the State. However, the Contractor will retain ownership of all tools, methods, techniques, standards, and other development procedures, as well as generic and

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preexisting shells, subroutines, and similar material incorporated in any custom Deliverable ("Pre-existing Materials").

The Contractor grants the State a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, modify, sell, and otherwise distribute all Pre-existing Materials that are incorporated in any custom-developed Deliverable. 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 in a custom Deliverable, the Contractor must disclose that desire to the State and obtain written approval from the State for doing so in advance. On the request of the Contractor, the State will incorporate any proprietary notice that Contractor may reasonably want for any Pre-existing Materials included in a custom Deliverable in all copies the State makes of that 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.

- E. FORCE MAJEURE (EXCUSABLE DELAY).** Neither party will be liable for any delay in its performance that arises from causes beyond its or its subcontractor's control and without its or its subcontractor's negligence or fault. For purposes of this Section, the term "force majeure event" includes without limitation, the following: Acts of God, such as pestilence, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, washouts, droughts, severe weather. Additional circumstances and events include epidemics, explosions, restraining of government and people, war, strikes, and other similar events or causes.

If the State or the Contractor cannot perform any part of its obligations under this Contract because of force majeure, that party is excused from those obligations, to the extent that performance is prevented by the force majeure event and that party took all commercially reasonable steps to mitigate or avoid the effects of the force majeure event. If there is only a delay in performance, such delay may extend only for that time lost because of the force majeure event. At any time a party is unable to perform those above-referenced obligations, it must also do the following:

1. Promptly notify the other party, in writing, of any material delay in performance due to a specified force majeure event;
2. Provide detailed information of the force majeure event;
3. Provide a proposed revised performance date to make up for performance delays due to the force majeure event. When applicable, the revised schedule must provide for performance time not to exceed the time lost as a result of the force majeure event.

- F. CONTRACT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT.** The Contracting and Ordering Agencies are responsible for administering and monitoring the Contractor's compliance and performance on this Contract. Therefore, the Contractor must respond to complaints about performance of the obligations in this Contract to such entities in a timely manner. If the Contractor fails to perform any one of its obligations under this Contract, it will be in default.

If the Contractor fails to satisfactorily correct the performance or compliance issue within the time designated by the Agency, the Contracting Agency may employ all available options and remedies, including termination of the Contract if necessary to resolve the Contractor's continued nonperformance or noncompliance.

- G. QUALITY ASSURANCE.** At the option of the Contracting or Ordering Agency samples may be taken from deliveries made and submitted for laboratory tests. The Ordering Agency will bear the cost of testing when samples are found to be in compliance with the Contract. If samples do not conform to the Contract, Contractor will bear the costs of testing and the terms and conditions of the Suspension/Termination provision of this Contract will be applied.

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H. CONTRACT REMEDIES.

1. **Actual Damages.** The Contractor is liable to the State for all actual and direct damages caused by the Contractor's default. The State may self-perform or buy substitute Deliverables from a third party for those that were to be provided by the Contractor. The State may recover the costs associated with acquiring substitute Deliverables, less any expenses or costs avoided by the Contractor's default.
2. **Liquidated Damages.** If actual and direct damages are uncertain or difficult to determine, the State may recover liquidated damages. Unless otherwise specified, liquidated damages will be in the amount of 1% of the value of the order, Deliverable, or milestone that are the subject of the default, for every day that the default is not cured by the Contractor.
3. **Deduction of Damages from Contract Price.** The State may withhold payment and deduct all or any part of the damages resulting from the Contractor's default from any part of the Contractor's compensation still due on the Contract.

- I. **SUSPENSION/TERMINATION.** In the event of suspension or termination the State will issue a notice. Any notice of suspension or termination, in full or in part, will be effective as specified in the notice. The Contractor must immediately cease all work, refuse any additional orders, and take all steps necessary to minimize the costs the Contractor will incur related to this Contract as directed by the notice. Suspension, termination or expiration of this Contract will not limit the Contractor's continuing obligations with respect to Deliverables that the State paid for or limit the State's rights in such.

At the State's request, the Contractor must immediately prepare a final report and deliver such report to the State. The report must detail the work completed and/or the orders received and not processed prior to the time of notice. If applicable, the report must include the percentage of the Project's completion, estimated time for delivery of all orders received but not processed, any costs incurred by the Contractor in doing the Project to date, and any Deliverables completed or partially completed but not delivered to the State at the time of notice. Based on the State's approval of the final report and as directed, the Contractor must deliver work, whether completed or not, to the State. Any delivered work will be subject to approval by the State. The Contractor may be entitled to payment for any Deliverables that have been delivered and accepted at a pro-rated amount based on the compensation structure of this Contract.

1. **Contract Suspension.**

- a. **Suspension for Cause.** If the Contractor fails to perform any one of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, the Contractor will be in default and the State may suspend rather than terminate this Contract. In the case of suspension for default, the State will be entitled to all remedies available under this Contract.
- b. **Suspension for Convenience.** In the case of a suspension for the State's convenience, the amount of compensation due to the Contractor for work performed before the suspension will be determined in the same manner as provided in Section I.2.a. for termination for the State's convenience or the Contractor may be entitled to compensation for work performed before the suspension.

The notice of suspension whether, with or without cause, will be effective immediately, on the Contractor's receipt of the notice.

2. **Contract Termination.**

- a. **Termination for Convenience.** The State may terminate this Contract, or an Ordering Agency may terminate an Order, for its convenience after issuing written notice to the Contractor. The Contractor will be entitled to the pro-rated contract price for any Deliverable or portion of a Deliverable that the Contractor has delivered and the State has accepted before the termination. Total payments will not exceed the amount payable to the Contractor as if the Contract had been fully performed. This will be the Contractor's exclusive remedy in the case of termination for convenience and is available to the Contractor only after the Contractor has submitted a proper invoice.

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b. **Termination for Cause.** If the Contractor fails to perform any of its obligations under this Contract, the Contractor will be in default and the State may terminate this Contract in accordance with this Section. Termination for cause includes but is not limited to:

- 1) **Termination for Persistent Default.** The State may terminate this Contract for defaults that are cured, but are persistent. "Persistent" means three or more defaults. After the State has notified the Contractor of its third default, the State may terminate this Contract without providing the Contractor with an opportunity to cure. The three defaults are not required to be related to each other in any way.
- 2) **Termination for Endangered Performance.** The State may terminate this Contract if the State determines that the performance of the Contract is endangered through no fault of the State.
- 3) **Termination for Financial Instability.** The State may terminate this Contract if the Contractor fails to timely pay its subcontractors, files a petition in bankruptcy or similar action, or the State finds other evidence of the Contractor's financial instability.
- 4) **Termination for Delinquency, Violation of Law.** The State may terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor is delinquent in its payment of federal, state or local obligations including but not limited to taxes, workers' compensation insurance premiums, unemployment compensation contributions, child support, court costs or any other obligation owed to a State agency or political subdivision. The State also may terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has violated any law during the performance of this Contract.
- 5) **Termination for Subcontractor Default.** The State may terminate this Contract for the default caused by the Contractor's subcontractors. Any claims of its subcontractors due to suspension or termination will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
- 6) **Termination for Failure to Retain Certification, License, and Permits.** The State may immediately terminate the Contract if Contractor fails to obtain and maintain all official permits, approvals, licenses, certifications (Including CRP, MBE, EDGE and Veteran Friendly Business Enterprise certifications), and similar authorizations required by this Contract or by any local, state, or federal law throughout the duration of this Contract.

J. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.** Time is of the essence in this Contract. The Contractor must deliver Deliverables and meet milestones as required by the Contract or coordinate an acceptable date and time for delivery with the Ordering Agency. If the Contractor is not able to or does not provide the Deliverables to the Ordering Agency or meet milestones by the date and time set forth in the Contract or agreed upon by the parties, the State may obtain any remedy as described herein or any other remedy at law.

K. **ePROCUREMENT.** 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.

VII. DATA AND INFORMATION CONTROL

A. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The Contractor may learn of information, documents, data, records, or other material that is confidential in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor may not disclose any information obtained by the Contractor as a result of this Contract, without the written permission of the State. The Contractor must assume that all State information, documents, data, source codes, software, models, know-how, trade secrets, or other material is confidential. In addition, the Contractor may not disclose any documents or records excluded by Ohio law from public records disclosure requirements.

The Contractor's obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the information will not apply where the information:

1. Was already in the Contractor's possession before disclosure by the State, and the information was received by the Contractor without the obligation of confidence;
2. Is independently developed by the Contractor;

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3. Is or becomes publicly available without breach of this Contract except as provided in the next full paragraph;
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 serviced by the original order of production.

Although some sensitive personal information, such as medical records, addresses, telephone numbers, and social security numbers may be publicly available through other sources, the Contractor shall not disclose or use such information in any manner except as expressly authorized in this Contract. Therefore, notwithstanding item 3 above, the Contractor does have an obligation to maintain the confidentiality of such sensitive personal information.

The Contractor must return all originals of any information provided by the State and destroy any copies the Contractor has made on termination or expiration of this Contract.

The Contractor will be liable for the disclosure of any confidential information. The parties agree that the disclosure of confidential information of the State may cause the State irreparable damage for which remedies other than injunctive relief may be inadequate, and the Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach of the obligations hereunder, the State shall be entitled to temporary and permanent injunctive relief to enforce this provision without the necessity of proving actual damages. This provision shall not, however, diminish or alter any right to claim and recover damages.

- B. PUBLIC RECORDS AND RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION.** The Contractor acknowledges, in accordance with Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code, that this Contract, as well as any information, Deliverables, records, reports, and financial records related to this Contract are presumptively deemed public records. The Contractor understands that these records will be made freely available to the public unless the State determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure. The Contractor must comply with any direction from the State or an Ordering Agency to preserve and/or provide documents and information, in both electronic and paper form, and to suspend any scheduled destruction of such documents and information.
- C. SECURITY & SAFETY RULES.** When using or possessing State data or accessing State networks and systems, the Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents must comply with all applicable State rules, policies, and regulations regarding State-provided IT resources, data security and integrity. 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.
- D. USAGE REPORTS.** At no cost to the State and in addition to other reports required by the Contract, the Contractor shall be required to provide quarterly, bi-annual or annual usage reports as requested by all Contracting Agencies and Co-operative Purchasing Program members. The report may include customer name, date of purchase, item description, quantity, dollar value, aggregate sales to date for each customer and other such information. Electronic media is the preferred method for these reports. Failure to provide the requested reports may be deemed as an event of default.