



Contract Number:26PSX0107
Awning, Drapery and Upholstery Fabrics

State of Connecticut
AND

TO BE DETERMINED UPON AWARD

This contract (the "Contract") is made by and between, TO BE DETERMINED UPON AWARD _____ (the "Contractor") and the State of Connecticut, acting by its Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") in accordance with sections 4a-2 and 4a-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Contractor and the State agree as follows:

1. Definitions

The following definitions apply in this Contract, except to the extent modified in Exhibit A, Deliverables Document, in which case Exhibit A, Deliverables Document controls.

a. Business Day

A day of the week recognized by the Client Agency as a workday, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and any State or federal holiday.

b. Claims

All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations, and proceedings of any kind, open, pending, or threatened, whether mature, un-matured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity in any forum.

c. Client Agency

The state of Connecticut, Department of Correction, who is authorized and chooses to make purchases under and pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

d. Client Agency Data

Any data or information of the Client Agency that Contractor receives or creates by any means and in any form in connection with this Contract, Deliverables or Performance, including data and information with respect to any one or more of the following: databases, systems, operations, facilities, and regulatory compliance.

e. Confidential Information

Any name, number or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual including, but not limited to, such individual's name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, motor vehicle operator's license number and residential address, Social Security number, employee identification number, employer or taxpayer identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, health insurance identification number, demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number or unique biometric data such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation. Without limiting the foregoing, Confidential Information shall also include any information that DAS classifies as "confidential" or "restricted." Confidential Information shall not include information that may be lawfully obtained from publicly available sources or from federal, state, or local government records which are lawfully made available to the general public.

f. Confidential Information Breach

Generally, an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way

compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the State; (3) the unauthorized acquisition of encrypted or protected Confidential Information together with the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the integrity of the Confidential Information; or (4) if there is a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud to the Client Agency, the Contractor, or State.

g. Contractor Parties

Contractor's members, principals, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity or with whom Contractor contracts to Perform under this Contract in any capacity.

h. Corrective Action Plan, or CAP

A detailed written plan produced by Contractor at the request of the Client Agency to correct or resolve a Breach identified by the Client Agency in accordance with the Breach Section of this Contract.

i. Deliverable

Each (1) Good, Service, or fulfillment of Performance; and (2) warranty of a Deliverable(s) that is listed in the Pricing Schedule or provided by Contractor as an element of Contractor's overall approach and solution to the requirements of this Contract. Any one of them or a combination of any of them may be developed or produced by Contractor or by a third party as a supplier or subcontractor to Contractor.

j. Deliverables Document

Exhibit A and Attachment 1 which sets forth and describes the Deliverables that are to be provided or made available to the State under this Contract or in a Statement of Work, as applicable, and the specific requirements and terms applicable to those Deliverables.

k. Environmentally Preferable

"Environmentally Preferable" has the same meaning as provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-67h, as it may be amended.

l. Force Majeure Event

Strikes, lockouts, riot, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, acts of war, acts of terrorism, failure of or inadequate permanent power, fire, flood, earthquake, epidemics, natural disasters, and acts of God.

m. Goods

All things which are movable, including, but not limited to, supplies, materials, equipment, hardware, software, specially manufactured things, a component incorporated into another thing and things that are attached to real property and that may be severed from the real property without material harm to the things.

n. Perform

All acts and things of the Contractor and Contractor Parties, severally and collectively, that are necessary or appropriate to fulfill or accomplish this Contract fully, including the Deliverables and

all other Contract obligations. The word "Perform" includes all parts of speech.

o. Price Schedule

Exhibit B to this Contract which when read in conjunction with Exhibit A, Deliverables Document, lists the Deliverables available under this Contract and establishes the components, unit pricing and price schedules for each Deliverable.

p. Purchase Order

A written or electronic document that the Client Agency issues for one or more Deliverables in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

q. Records

All working papers and such other information and materials furnished or prepared by the Contractor in Performing including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries, memoranda and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.

r. Services

The labor or work, necessary or appropriate for the Contractor to Perform.

s. Site

Location(s) specified by the Client Agency where Deliverables are to be installed, Services rendered, or materials furnished.

t. Solicitation

A State request, in whatever form issued, inviting bids, proposals or quotes for Deliverables, typified by, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposal, requests for information or request for quotes. The Solicitation and this Contract shall be governed by the statutes, regulations and procedures of DAS. The Solicitation is incorporated into and made a part of this Contract as if it had been fully set forth in it if, but only if, the Solicitation is in the form of an invitation to bid, request for information or request for quotes. A Solicitation in the form of a request for proposal is not incorporated into this Contract in its entirety, but, rather, it is incorporated into this Contract only to the extent specifically stated in Exhibit A, Deliverables Document.

u. Solicitation Response

A submittal in response to a Solicitation.

v. Specifications

Contractor's published technical and non-technical detailed descriptions of each Deliverable's capabilities, or intended use or both, as more fully set forth in this Contract or a Statement of Work, as applicable.

w. State

The State of Connecticut, including DAS, the Client Agency and any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other agency of the State.

x. Statement of Work (“SOW”)

Statement issued in connection with a Purchase Order for a Deliverable available under this Contract which sets forth all work and payment requirements for Contractor's Performance in connection with said Purchase Order.

y. Term

The original term of this Contract plus any extensions exercised under this Contract.

z. Termination

An end to this Contract prior to the end of its Term.

aa. Title

All ownership, title, licenses, rights and interest, including, but not limited to, perpetual use, of and to the Deliverable.

2. Term of Contract; Contract Extension

This Contract will be in effect from September 1, 2026 (the "Effective Date") through August 31, 3031. DAS, in its sole discretion, may extend this Contract for additional terms beyond the Term, prior to Termination or expiration, one or more times for a combined total period not to exceed the complete length of the original Term.

3. Description of Deliverables

The Contractor shall Perform as set forth in Exhibit A, Deliverables Document.

4. Environmentally Preferable Products

- a. If Contractor is providing Environmentally Preferable products (EPP) under this Contract, then, as to those products only, the Contractor shall throughout the Term: (1) maintain those Deliverables in continuous compliance with applicable EPP standards or guidelines as identified in the Solicitation and in Exhibit A, Deliverables; (2). use products that are energy-efficient, water-efficient, recycled-content, recyclable, biodegradable, low-toxicity, avoid known health risks, conserve natural resources, or are otherwise environmentally preferable, as applicable; and (3) minimize environmental impacts associated with packaging, transportation, use and disposal.
- b. No later than 10 Business Days after receiving the State's written request, Contractor shall deliver documentation validating that products represented as EPP comply with EPP standards, which documentation may include manufacturer certifications or product specifications. The State shall review the documentation and notify the Contractor whether it has or has not approved the form and content of such documentation validating EPP compliance. If the State determines not to approve the documentation, then the State shall in its notification to Contractor, explain the deficiencies in the documentation and identify the modifications or additions to the documentation that are necessary for the State to approve the documentation. The process of delivery by the Contractor and review by the State of the documentation continues until the State approves the documentation.

5. Price Schedule, Payment Terms and Billing

- a. Price Schedule:

Price Schedule under this Contract is set forth in Exhibit B, Price Schedule.

b. Payment Terms and Billing:

1. Payment shall be made only after the Client Agency receives and accepts the Goods or Services and after it receives a properly completed invoice. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, payment for all accepted Goods or Services shall be due within forty-five (45) days after acceptance of the Goods or Services, or twenty-five (25) days if the Contractor is a certified small contractor or minority business enterprise as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60g. The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the Client Agency for the Performance. The invoice shall include detailed information for Goods or Services, delivered and Performed, as applicable, and accepted. Any late payment charges shall be calculated in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The State shall make all payments to the Contractor through electronic funds transfer via the Automated Clearing House ("ACH") or through the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card Program ("P-Card Program or P-Card") in accordance with sections 4-98(c) and 42-133ff(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Contractor shall enroll in ACH through the Office of the State Comptroller prior to sending any invoice to the State. The Contractor may obtain detailed information regarding ACH at: <http://www.osc.ct.gov/vendor/directdeposit.html>.
3. Contractor shall be equipped to receive orders issued by the Client Agency using the P-Card Program. The Contractor shall be responsible for the credit card user-handling fee associated with P-Card Program purchases. The Contractor shall charge the P-Card upon acceptance of Goods delivered to the Client Agency or Deliverables accepted.
4. Questions regarding the state of Connecticut P-Card Program may be directed to the Procurement Card Program Administrator at DAS.PCardAdmin@ct.gov.
5. The Price Schedule will be adjusted to reflect any increase in the standard or minimum wage rates that may occur during the Term of this Contract as mandated by State law and in accordance with the terms of this Section. Contractor shall provide documentation, in the form of certified payroll or other documentation acceptable to the State substantiating the amount of any increase in Contractor labor costs as a result of changes to the standard or minimum wage rates within ninety (90) days of the statutorily identified effective date of any increase in the minimum wage. Upon receipt, and verification of Contractor documentation DAS shall adjust the Price Schedule accordingly through a supplement to this Contract.

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8. Order and Delivery

The Contractor shall Perform in accordance with Exhibit A, Deliverables Document and at the prices set forth in Exhibit B, Price Schedule. Except as it may otherwise be set forth in Exhibit A, Deliverables Document or Exhibit B, Price Schedule, as applicable, the Contractor shall deliver the Goods free on board ("F.O.B"). wherever specified by the Client Agency in its Purchase Order or in another communication to Contractor.

Subject to the Sections in this Contract concerning Force Majeure, Termination and Open Market Purchases, this Contract shall bind the Client Agency to order the Deliverables from the Contractor, and to pay for the accepted Deliverables in accordance with Exhibit B, Price Schedule.

9. Purchase Orders

- a. This Contract itself is not an authorization for the Contractor to begin Performance in any way. The Contractor may begin Performance only after it has received a duly issued Purchase Order against this Contract for Performance.
- b. The Client Agency shall issue a Purchase Order against this Contract directly to the Contractor and to no other party.
- c. All Purchase Orders shall be in written or electronic form, bear the Contract number (if any) and comply with all other State and Client Agency requirements, particularly the Client Agency's requirements concerning procurement. Purchase Orders issued in compliance with such requirements shall be deemed to be duly issued.
- d. A Contractor Performing without a duly issued Purchase Order in accordance with this Section does so at the Contractor's own risk.
- e. The Client Agency may, in its sole discretion, deliver to the Contractor any or all duly issued Purchase Orders via electronic means only, such that the Client Agency shall not have any additional obligation to deliver to the Contractor a "hard copy" of the Purchase Order or a copy bearing any hand-written signature or other "original" marking.

10. Delivery

- a. Delivery shall be made as ordered and in accordance with this Contract. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, delivery shall be to a loading dock or receiving platform. The Contractor or Contractor's shipping designee shall be responsible for removal of Goods from the carrier and placement on the Client Agency loading dock or receiving platform. The receiving personnel of the Client Agency are not required to assist in this process. The decision of DAS as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final and binding. The burden of proof of proper receipt of the order shall rest with the Contractor.
- b. In order for the time of delivery to be extended, the Client Agency must first approve a request for extension from the time specified in this Contract, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment.
- c. Goods shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, according to accepted standard commercial practice, without extra charge for packing cases, baling or sacks. The containers shall remain the property of the Client Agency unless otherwise stated in this Contract.
- d. All risk of loss and damage to the Goods transfers to the Client Agency upon Title vesting in the Client Agency.

11. Time of the Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract that specify a time for Performance; provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Contract.

12. Waiver

- a. No waiver of any Breach of this Contract shall be interpreted or deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent Breach. All remedies afforded in this Contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided in this Contract or at law or in equity.

- b. A party's failure to insist on strict performance of any provision of this Contract shall only be deemed to be a waiver of rights and remedies concerning that specific instance of Performance and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent rights, remedies or Breach.

13. Goods: Standards and Appurtenances and Inspection

- a. Standards and Appurtenances

Any Goods delivered must be standard new Goods, latest model, except as otherwise specifically stated in this Contract. Remanufactured, refurbished or reconditioned equipment may be accepted but only to the extent allowed under this Contract. Where this Contract does not specifically list or describe any parts or nominal appurtenances of equipment for the Goods, it shall be understood that the Contractor shall deliver such equipment and appurtenances as are usually provided with the manufacturer's stock model.

- b. Inspection

The Commissioner of DAS, in consultation with the Client Agency, shall determine the manner and prescribe the inspection of all Goods and the tests of all samples submitted to determine whether they comply with all of the Specifications in this Contract. If any Goods fail in any way to meet the Specifications in this Contract, the Client Agency or the Commissioner of DAS may, in its sole discretion, either reject it and owe nothing or accept it and pay for it on an adjusted price basis, depending on the degree to which the Goods meet the Specifications. Any decision pertaining to any such failure or rejection shall be final and binding.

14. Emergency Standby for Deliverables

If any Federal or State official, having authority to do so, declares an emergency or the occurrence of a natural disaster within the State of Connecticut, DAS and the Client Agency may request the Goods and Services on an expedited and prioritized basis. Upon receipt of such a request the Contractor shall make all necessary and appropriate commercially reasonable efforts to reallocate its staffing and other resources in order to give primary preference to Performing this Contract ahead of or prior to fulfilling, in whole or in part, any other contractual obligations that the Contractor may have. The Contractor is not obligated to make those efforts to Perform on an expedited and prioritized basis in accordance with this paragraph if doing so will make the Contractor materially breach any other contractual obligations that the Contractor may have.

Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of any request made pursuant to this paragraph within 2 hours from the time that the Contractor receives it via Purchase Order or through a request to make an expedited or prioritized purchase through the State of Connecticut P-Card Program. If the Contractor fails to acknowledge receipt within 2 hours, confirm its obligation to Perform or actually Perform, as set forth in the Purchase Order or through the P-Card Program, then DAS and the Client Agency may procure the Performance from another source without further notice to Contractor and without creating any right of recourse at law or in equity against DAS or Client Agency.

15. Data: Access

Access to Contract and State Data

The Contractor shall provide to the Client Agency access to any data, as defined in Conn. Gen Stat. Sec. 4e-1, concerning this Contract and the Client Agency that are in the possession or control of the Contractor upon demand and shall provide the data to the Client Agency in a format prescribed by the Client Agency and the State Auditors of Public Accounts at no additional cost.

16. Rejected Items; Abandonment

- a. The Contractor may deliver, cause to be delivered, or, in any other way, bring or cause to be brought, to any State premises or other destination, Goods, as samples or otherwise, and other supplies, materials, equipment or other tangible personal property. The State may, by written notice and in accordance with this Contract, direct the Contractor to remove any or all such Goods (“the “Rejected Goods”) and any or all other supplies, materials, equipment or other tangible personal property (collectively, the “Contractor Property”) from and out of State premises and any other location which the State manages, leases or controls. The Contractor shall remove the Rejected Goods and the Contractor Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the written notice. Failure to remove the Rejected Goods or the Contractor Property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the written notice shall mean, for itself and all Contractor Parties, that:
1. they have voluntarily, intentionally, unconditionally, unequivocally and absolutely abandoned and left unclaimed the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property and relinquished all ownership, title, licenses, rights, possession and interest of, in and to (collectively, “Title”) the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property with the specific and express intent of (A) terminating all of their Title to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, (B) vesting Title to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property in the State of Connecticut and (C) not ever reclaiming Title or any future rights of any type in and to the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property;
 2. there is no ignorance, inadvertence or unawareness to mitigate against the intent to abandon the Rejected Goods or Contractor Property;
 3. they vest authority, without any further act required on their part or the State’s part, in the Client Agency and the State to use or dispose of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, in the State’s sole discretion, as if the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property were the State’s own property and in accordance with law, without incurring any liability or obligation to the Contractor or any other party;
 4. if the State incurs any costs or expenses in connection with disposing of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, including, but not limited to, advertising, moving or storing the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property, auction and other activities, the State shall invoice the Contractor for all such cost and expenses and the Contractor shall reimburse the State no later than thirty (30) days after the date of invoice; and
 5. they do remise, release and forever discharge the State and its employees, departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions and their respective successors, heirs, executors and assigns (collectively, the “State and Its Agents”) of and from all Claims which they and their respective successors or assigns, jointly or severally, ever had, now have or will have against the State and Its Agents arising from the use or disposition of the Rejected Goods and Contractor Property.
- b. The Contractor shall secure from each Contractor Party, such document or instrument as necessary or appropriate as will vest in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to give full effect to all of the terms and conditions of this Section. The Contractor shall provide, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from the State, such information as the State may require to evidence, in the State’s sole determination, compliance with this Section.

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19. Working and Labor Synergies

The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a tranquil working relationship between the Contractor work force, the Contractor Parties, their work force, State employees, and any other contractors present at the work site. The Contractor shall quickly resolve all labor disputes which result from the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' presence at the work site, or other action under their control. Labor disputes shall not be deemed to be sufficient cause to allow the Contractor to make any claim for additional compensation for cost, expenses or any other loss or damage, nor shall those disputes be deemed to be sufficient reason to relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under this Contract.

20. Background Checks

The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall submit to and incur the cost of fingerprint supported federal and state criminal history background checks as may be required by the State, the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or as provided for in any State document that governs procedures for background checks. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall cooperate fully as necessary or reasonably requested with the State and its agents in connection with such background checks.

21. Contractor Guaranties

- a. Contractor shall:
 1. Perform fully under this Contract;
 2. Guarantee the Goods or Services against defective material or workmanship and to repair any damage or marring occasioned in transit or, at the Client Agency's option, replace them;
 3. Furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damage of any kind, for which its workers are responsible, to the Site, Goods, the Contractor's work or that of Contractor Parties;
 4. With respect to the provision of Services, pay for all permits, licenses and fees and give all required or appropriate notices.
 5. Adhere to all Contractual provisions ensuring the confidentiality of Records that the Contractor has access to and are exempt from disclosure under the State's Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law; and
 6. Neither disclaim, exclude nor modify the implied warranties of fitness for a particular purpose or of merchantability.

22. Representations and Warranties Regarding Motor Vehicles

If in the course of Performance or in any other way related to this Contract the Contractor at any time uses or operates "motor vehicles," as that term is defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. §14-1 (including, but not limited to such services as snow plowing, sanding, hauling or delivery of materials, freight or merchandise, or the transportation of passengers), the Contractor, represents and warrants for itself and the Contractor Parties, that:

- a. it is the owner of record or lessee of record of each such motor vehicle used in the Performance of this Contract, and each such motor vehicle is duly registered with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles ("ConnDMV") in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 246 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Each such registration shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by ConnDMV, for any reason or cause. If such motor vehicle is

not registered with ConnDMV, then it shall be duly registered with another state or commonwealth in accordance with such other state's or commonwealth's applicable statutes. Each such registration shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by such other state or commonwealth for any reason or cause.

- b. each such motor vehicle shall be fully insured in accordance with the provisions of sections 14-12b, 14-112 and 38a-371 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, in the amounts required by the said sections or in such higher amounts as have been specified by ConnDMV as a condition for the award of this Contract, or in accordance with all substantially similar provisions imposed by the law of the jurisdiction where the motor vehicle is registered.
- c. each Contractor Party who uses or operates a motor vehicle at any time in the Performance of this Contract shall have and maintain a motor vehicle operator's license or commercial driver's license of the appropriate class for the motor vehicle being used or operated. Each such license shall bear the endorsement or endorsements required by the provisions of section 14-36a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to operate such motor vehicle, or required by substantially similar provisions imposed by the law of another jurisdiction in which the operator is licensed to operate such motor vehicle. The license shall be in valid status, and shall not be expired, suspended or revoked by ConnDMV or such other jurisdiction for any reason or cause.
- d. each motor vehicle shall be in full compliance with all of the terms and conditions of all provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and regulations, or those of the jurisdiction where the motor vehicle is registered, pertaining to the mechanical condition, equipment, marking and operation of motor vehicles of such type, class and weight, including, but not limited to, requirements for intrastate carriers with motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 18,001 pounds or more or interstate carriers with motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 pounds or more otherwise described by the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-163c(a) and all applicable provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as set forth in Title 49, Parts 382 to 399, inclusive, of the Code of Federal Regulations. If the Contractor is a "motor carrier," as that term is defined in section 49 CFR Part 390, and the Contractor is subject to an order issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that prohibits such Contractor from operating or allowing the operation of a motor vehicle, then the Contractor shall comply fully with such order. In addition, if a motor vehicle or its operator is declared out of service pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-163c(d)(4), then the Contractor shall not operate or allow the operation of that motor vehicle and shall not allow the operator to operate a motor vehicle while the respective subject out-of-service order is in effect.

23. Sales and Use Report

Upon the State's written request, Contractor shall deliver a sales and use report on a quarterly basis, in form and content as pre-approved by DAS or the Client Agency. The Contractor shall deliver the report within ten (10) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The Contractor shall provide the Client Agency with any additional reports as the Client Agency may request from time to time within ten (10) days following receipt of the Client Agency's written request. Timely submission of these reports is a material requirement of this Contract. All Title and property rights and interests in and to the reports and the data in the media containing the reports at all times is and will always remain vested in the State. At no time will Contractor have Title to such reports, data or media, wherever located. Accordingly, the Client Agency shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, transferable right to display, modify, copy and otherwise use the reports, data, and information provided under this Section.

24. Breach

- a. If one party (the "Non-breaching Party") determines that the other (the "Breaching Party") has

failed to comply with any of the Breaching Party's corresponding Contract obligations (a "Breach"), then the Non-Breaching Party shall provide written notice of such failure to the Breaching Party in accordance with this Contract. The Non-breaching Party must provide the Breaching Party an opportunity to remedy the Breach within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice. However, if Contractor is the Breaching Party, then the Client Agency may set forth any remedy period in the notice, so long as that period is otherwise consistent with the provisions of this Contract. The period set forth in the notice is known as the "Remedy Period." The Non-Breaching Party shall extend the Remedy Period if it is satisfied that the Breaching Party is making a good faith effort to remedy the Breach, but the nature of the Breach is such that it cannot be remedied within the Remedy Period.

- b. If the Client Agency determines that the Contractor has committed a Breach, then the Client Agency may require the Contractor to, and Contractor shall, prepare and submit to the Client Agency a CAP in connection with the identified Breach. Contractor shall provide in the CAP a detailed explanation of the deficiencies and other factors that contributed to the cited Breach, Contractor's assessment or diagnosis of Breach (identifying the deficiencies and factors in reasonable detail, with references to the applicable Specifications), and a specific proposal to remedy or resolve the Breach. Contractor shall submit the CAP to the Client Agency within (10) Business Days following the Client Agency's request for the CAP for the Client Agency's review and approval. Within (10) Business Days of receiving the CAP, the Client Agency must either approve the CAP, or reject it by delivering to Contractor a written explanation for the rejection. If the Client Agency fails to accept or reject the CAP within the (10) Business Days, then the CAP is deemed to have been approved, without more. The Client Agency's explanation for the rejection must include suggestions for changes to the CAP and the Contractor shall address the suggestions in such a manner to make it likely that the Client Agency will approve the CAP when the Contractor re-submits it to the Client Agency for review and approval. If the Client Agency rejects a CAP, then the parties will repeat this submittal and review process until the earliest of one of the following: (1) the Client Agency accepts a CAP, (2) the Client Agency waives its right to receive a CAP, (3) Contractor remedies the Breach, (4) the Client Agency waives the Breach, or (5) the Client Agency makes a determination to Terminate this Contract. After the first rejection, each of the parties will have (5) Business Days, instead of (10) Business Days, within which to review the CAP. Each subsequent revision and review will be for up to (3) Business Days each instead of (10) or (5) Business Days.
- c. If the Client Agency determines that the Contractor has Breached this Contract, then the Client Agency may withhold payment in whole or in part for any amounts due pending resolution of the Performance issue, provided that the Client Agency notifies Contractor in writing prior to the date that the payment would have been due.
- d. For purposes of the Client Agency determining whether there is a Breach under this Contract, or whether any statement in the Representations and Warranties Section of this Contract is false or misleading, the parties deem the acts of the Contractor Parties to be the acts of the Contractor itself, as if the Contractor itself was the subject of the acts which the Client Agency considers in determining if there was a Breach, or an instance of false or misleading statements, or both.
- e. The written notice of the Breach may include an effective Termination date. If the identified Breach is not remedied by the stated Termination date, unless otherwise modified by the Non-breaching Party in writing before such date, no further action shall be required of any party to effect the Termination as of the stated date. If the notice does not set forth an effective Termination date, then the Non-breaching Party shall provide the Breaching Party no less than twenty-four (24) hours' prior written notice before terminating this Contract.
- f. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, DAS may terminate this Contract with no Remedy Period for Contractor's Breach or violation of any of the representations or warranties in this Contract and revoke any consent to assignments given as if the assignments had never been requested or consented to, without liability to Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party.

Termination under this Breach Section is subject to the provisions of the Termination Section of this Contract. In case of such revocation or Termination, the Client Agency will have no liability or responsibility to Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party, or any of them, resulting from the Termination or revocation.

- g. None of the State's rights under this Breach Section diminishes the State's rights under the Termination Section of this Contract.

25. Termination

- a. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, DAS, through a duly authorized employee, may Terminate this Contract whenever DAS makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the State. DAS shall notify the Contractor in writing of Termination pursuant to this Section, which notice shall specify the effective date of Termination and the extent to which the Contractor must complete its Performance under this Contract prior to such date.
- b. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, either party, through a duly authorized employee, may, after making a written determination that the other party has Breached this Contract and has failed to remedy the Breach, Terminate this Contract in accordance with the Breach Section of this Contract.
- c. Notices of Termination must be sent certified in accordance with the Notice Section of this Contract. Upon receiving the Termination notice from DAS, the Contractor shall immediately modify or discontinue all Performance affected in accordance with the terms of the notice, undertake commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any losses or damages and deliver to DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) all Records. The Records are deemed to be the property of the State and the Contractor shall deliver them to DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) no later than thirty (30) days after the Termination of this Contract or fifteen (15) days after the Contractor receives a written request from DAS for the Records. The Contractor shall deliver those Records that exist in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or .TXT.
- d. Except for any work which DAS directs the Contractor to Perform in the notice prior to the effective date of Termination, and except as otherwise provided in the notice, the Contractor shall terminate or conclude all existing subcontracts and Purchase Orders and shall not enter into any further subcontracts, Purchase Orders or commitments.
- e. The Client Agency shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the Client Agency in accordance with Exhibit A, Deliverables Document or a SOW, as applicable, in addition to all actual and reasonable costs incurred after Termination in completing those portions of the Performance which the notice required the Contractor to complete. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the Client Agency will not tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the Client Agency, the Contractor shall assign to the Client Agency, or any replacement contractor which the Client Agency designates, all subcontracts, Purchase Orders and other commitments, deliver to the Client Agency all Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) may request.
- f. Upon Termination of this Contract, all rights and obligations shall be null and void, so that no party shall have any further rights or obligations to any other party, except with respect to the Sections which survive Termination. All representations, warranties, agreements and rights of the parties under this Contract shall survive such Termination to the extent not otherwise limited in this Contract and without each one of them having to be specifically mentioned in this Contract.

- g. Termination of this Contract pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed to be a Breach of contract by DAS or the Client Agency.

26. Continued Performance

The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall continue to Perform their obligations under this Contract while any dispute concerning this Contract is being resolved.

27. Open Market Purchases

Failure of the Contractor to Perform within the time specified in this Contract, or failure to replace rejected or substandard Goods or fulfill unperformed Services when so requested and as this Contract provides or allows, constitutes a Breach of this Contract and as a remedy for such Breach, such failure shall constitute authority for DAS, if it deems it to be necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion, to Terminate this Contract and/or to purchase on the open market, Goods or Services to replace those which have been rejected, not delivered, or not Performed. The Client Agency shall invoice the Contractor for all such purchases to the extent that they exceed the costs and expenses in Exhibit B, Price Schedule and the Contractor shall pay the Client Agency's invoice immediately after receiving the invoice. If DAS does not Terminate this Contract, the Client Agency will deduct such open market purchases from this Contract's quantities. However, if the Client Agency deems it to be in the best interest of the State, the Client Agency may accept and use the Goods or Services delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the Client Agency.

28. Setoff

The State, in its sole discretion, may setoff and withhold (1) any costs or expenses including but not limited to costs or expenses such as overtime, that the State incurs resulting from the Contractor's unexcused Breach under this Contract and under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State and (2) any other amounts of whatever nature that are due or may become due from the State to the Contractor, against amounts otherwise due or that may become due to the Contractor under this Contract, or under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State. The State's right of setoff and to withhold shall not be deemed to be the State's exclusive remedy for the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' Breach of this Contract, all of which shall survive any setoffs and withholdings by the State.

29. Cross-Default

- a. If the Contractor or Contractor Parties Breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under this Contract, then DAS may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the State, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to perform under any or all other agreements or arrangements ("Other Agreements") that the Contractor or Contractor Parties have with DAS. Accordingly, DAS may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in this Contract or Other Agreements, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of DAS, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to perform under the Other Agreements.
- b. If the Contractor or Contractor Parties breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under any or all Other Agreements with DAS or the State, then DAS may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the State, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to Perform under this Contract. Accordingly, the State may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in the Other Agreements or this Contract, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of DAS or the State, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to Perform under this Contract.

30. Sovereign Immunity

The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of this Contract. To the extent that this Section conflicts with any other Section, this Section shall govern.

31. Representations and Warranties

Contractor represents and warrants to the State for itself and, as applicable, the Contractor Parties that:

- a. each is a duly and validly existing under the laws of each such entity's respective states of organization and authorized to conduct business in the State of Connecticut in the manner contemplated by this Contract. Further, as appropriate, each has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and Performance of this Contract and have the power and authority to execute, deliver and Perform its obligations under this Contract;
- b. each will comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and municipal ordinances in satisfying its obligations to the State under and pursuant to this Contract, including, but not limited to (1) Connecticut General Statutes Title 1, Chapter 10, concerning the State's Codes of Ethics; Title 4a, Chapter 51 concerning State purchasing; and (3) Title 22a, Chapter 446c, section 22a-194a concerning the use of polystyrene foam;
- c. the execution, delivery and Performance of this Contract will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a Breach of or constitute (with or without due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any of the following, as applicable: (1) any provision of law; (2) any order of any court or the State; or any indenture, agreement, document or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound;
- d. each is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental entity;
- e. as applicable, each has not, within the three years preceding the Effective Date of this Contract, in any of their current or former jobs, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them or against any person who would Perform under this Contract, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or Performing a transaction or contract with any governmental entity. This includes, but is not limited to, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records or property, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- f. each is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses listed above;
- g. they have notified DAS in writing whether they have had any contracts with any governmental entity Terminated for cause within the three (3) years preceding the Effective Date;
- h. none has employed or retained any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, to solicit or secure this Contract and it has not paid or agreed to pay any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract or any assignments made in accordance with the terms of this Contract;

- i. to the best of each entity's knowledge, there are no Claims involving Contractor or Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under this Contract;
- j. each shall disclose, to the best of its knowledge, to the State in writing any Claims involving it that would be required disclosure on Form 8-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 no later than ten (10) calendar days after becoming aware or after it should have become aware of any such Claims. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to disclose any Claims to the State, the ten (10) calendar days in the Section of this Contract concerning disclosure of Contractor Parties litigation shall run consecutively with the ten (10) days provided for in this representation and warranty;
- k. each entity's participation in the Solicitation process is not a conflict of interest or a breach of ethics under the provisions of Title 1, Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the State's Code of Ethics;
- l. the proposal submitted by Contractor in response to the Solicitation was not made in connection or concert with any other person, entity or proposer, including any affiliate (as defined in the Tangible Personal Property Section of this Contract) of the proposer, submitting a proposal for the same Solicitation, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud;
- m. each is able to Perform under this Contract using their own resources or the resources of a party who has not submitted a proposal;
- n. if Contractor does not have plenary authority to make the representations and warranties in this Section, as applicable, on behalf of Contractor Parties, then Contractor shall enter into a written contract with Contractor Parties, in which contract Contractor Parties shall make all of the applicable representations and warranties in this Section;
- o. each has paid all applicable workers' compensation second injury fund assessments concerning all previous work done in Connecticut; they have a record of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations without any unabated, willful or serious violations;
- p. none owes unemployment compensation contributions;
- q. none is delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed, or, that they have filed a sales tax security bond, and they have, if and as applicable, filed for motor carrier road tax stickers and have paid all outstanding road taxes;
- r. all of each entity's vehicles have current registrations and, unless such vehicles are no longer in service, they shall not allow any such registrations to lapse;
- s. each Contractor Party has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to ensure full compliance with and Performance in accordance with all of the terms of this Contract and that all appropriate parties shall also provide, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from DAS or the Client Agency, such information as DAS or the Client Agency may require to evidence, in their sole determination, compliance with this Section;
- t. each either owns or has the authority to use all the Deliverables;
- u. to the best knowledge of Contractor, the Deliverables do not infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;
- v. to the best knowledge of Contractor, the Client Agency's use of any Deliverables in a manner

consistent with this Contract shall not infringe or misappropriate any patent, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;

- w. if any party shall procure any Deliverables, they shall sublicense such Deliverables and that the Client Agency shall be afforded the full benefits of any manufacturer or subcontractor licenses for the use of the Deliverables; and
- x. each shall assign or otherwise transfer to the Client Agency or afford the Client Agency the full benefits of any manufacturer's warranty for the Deliverables, to the extent that such warranties are assignable or otherwise transferable to the Client Agency.

32. Further Assurances

The parties shall provide such information, execute and deliver any instruments and documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or reasonably requested by the other party which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Contract and which do not involve the vesting of rights or assumption of obligations other than those provided for in this Contract, in order to give full effect to this Contract and to carry out the intent of this Contract.

33. Advertising

The Contractor shall not refer to sales to the State for advertising or promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, posting any material or data on the Internet, without DAS' prior written approval.

34. Contractor Changes

The Contractor shall notify DAS in writing no later than ten (10) days from the effective date of any change in:

- a. its certificate of incorporation or other organizational document;
- b. more than a controlling interest in the ownership of the Contractor; or
- c. the individual(s) in charge of the Performance.

This change shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Performance. DAS, after receiving written notice by the Contractor of any such change, may require such agreements, releases and other instruments evidencing, to DAS' satisfaction, that any individuals retiring or otherwise separating from the Contractor have been compensated in full or that provision has been made for compensation in full, for all work performed under terms of this Contract. The Contractor shall deliver such documents to DAS in accordance with the terms of DAS' written request. DAS may also require, and the Contractor shall deliver, a financial statement showing that solvency of the Contractor is maintained. The death of any Contractor Party, as applicable, shall not release the Contractor from the obligation to Perform under this Contract; the surviving Contractor Parties, as appropriate, must continue to Perform under this Contract until Performance is fully completed.

35. Contractor Responsibility

- a. The Contractor shall be responsible for the entire Performance under this Contract regardless of whether the Contractor itself Performs. The Contractor shall be the sole point of contact concerning the management of this Contract, including Performance and payment issues. The Contractor is solely and completely responsible for adherence by the Contractor Parties to all applicable provisions of this Contract.
- b. The Contractor shall exercise all reasonable care to avoid damage to the State's property or to

property being made ready for the State's use, and to all property adjacent to any work site. The Contractor shall promptly report any damage, regardless of cause, to the State.

36. Security and/or Property Entrance Policies and Procedures

Contractor shall adhere to established security and/or property entrance policies and procedures for each Client Agency. It is the responsibility of Contractor to understand and adhere to the Client Agency's policies and procedures prior to entering the Client Agency Site to Perform under this Contract.

37. Disclosure of Contractor Parties Litigation

Contractor shall require that all Contractor Parties, as appropriate, disclose in writing to Contractor, to the best of their knowledge, any Claims involving the Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under this Contract, no later than ten (10) calendar days after becoming aware of or after they should have become aware of any such Claims.

38. Protection of Confidential Information

- a. Contractor and Contractor Parties have a duty to and shall, at their own expense, protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with the highest current industry standards and best practices, as they may be amended from time to time.
- b. Contractor and all Contractor Parties shall develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive written information security policy for the protection of Confidential Information that meets or exceeds current industry standards and best practices as they may be amended from time to time. The safeguards contained in the written information security policy must meet or exceed the standards for the protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and State law and in written policy of the Client Agency or DAS concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 1. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
 2. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept and an auditable electronic system of logging and tracking the viewing, accessing or both of Confidential Information;
 3. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
 4. Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
 5. Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices and storage media or that is being transmitted electronically.
- c. Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify DAS, the Client Agency and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than the next Business Day, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties have come to possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred which, in the sole opinion of the Client Agency after consultation with the Attorney General, constitutes a breach of security as defined in

Connecticut General Statutes, § 36a-701b, or otherwise (Breach), the Contractor shall, within three (3) Business Days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the Commissioner of DAS, the Client Agency, and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval. Such credit monitoring and protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to, reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a. Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the State in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Breach. Neither Contractor's nor any Contractor Party's costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall be recoverable from DAS, the Client Agency, or any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals and shall be outside of any liability cap or limitation contained in this Contract.

- d. Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party to safeguard Confidential Information in the same manner as provided for in this Section.
- e. Nothing in this Section shall supersede in any manner Contractor's or Contractor Party's obligations pursuant to the provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor to the Client Agency or DAS.

39. Confidentiality; Non-Disclosure

The State shall exercise at least the same degree of care to safeguard any trade secrets or confidential information of Contractor as the State does its own property of a similar nature and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that neither the confidential information of Contractor nor any part of it will be disclosed for reasons other than its own business interests. Such prohibition on disclosures does not apply to disclosures by the State to its employees, agents or representatives, provided such disclosures are reasonably necessary to the State's use of the Deliverable, and provided further that the State will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Deliverable is not disclosed by such parties in contravention of this Contract. The State's performance of the requirements of this Section shall be subject to the State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA").

All Records, Client Agency Data, and any Data owned by the State in any form, in the possession of the Contractor or Contractor Parties, whether uploaded, collected, stored, held, hosted, located or utilized by Contractor and Contractor Parties directly or indirectly, must remain within the continental United States.

40. Disclosure of Records Concerning Governmental Functions

This Contract may be subject to the provisions of section 1-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, each contract in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars between a public agency and a person for the performance of a governmental function shall (a) provide that the public agency is entitled to receive a copy of records and files related to the performance of the governmental function, and (b) indicate that such records and files are subject to FOIA and may be disclosed by the public agency pursuant to FOIA. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public agency in accordance with FOIA. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records or files shall be brought to the Freedom of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

41. Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records

- a. The State and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State's Attorney and their respective agents, may, at reasonable

hours, inspect and examine all of the parts of the Contractor's and Contractor Parties' plants and places of business which, in any way, are related to, or involved in, the Performance of this Contract.

- b. Contractor shall maintain, and shall require each Contractor Party to maintain, accurate and complete Records. Contractor shall make all of its and the Contractor Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the State and its agents.
- c. The State shall make all requests for any audit or inspection in writing and shall provide the Contractor with at least twenty- four (24) hours' notice prior to the requested audit and inspection date. If the State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.
- d. Contractor shall pay for all costs and expenses of any audit or inspection which reveals information that, in the sole determination of the State, is sufficient to constitute a Breach by the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor will remit full payment to the State for such audit or inspection no later than 30 days after receiving an invoice from the State. If the State does not receive payment within such time, the State may setoff the amount from any moneys which the State would otherwise be obligated to pay the Contractor in accordance with this Contract.
- e. Contractor shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and Contractor Parties' Records until three (3) years after the latter of (1) final payment under this Contract, or (2) the expiration or earlier termination of this Contract, as the same may be modified for any reason. The State may request an audit or inspection at any time during this period. If any Claim or audit is started before the expiration of this period, the Contractor shall retain or cause to be retained all Records until all Claims or audit findings have been resolved.
- f. Contractor shall cooperate fully with the State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the State may conduct and the Contractor shall cooperate with an exit conference.
- g. Contractor shall incorporate this entire Section verbatim into any contract or other agreement that it enters into with any Contractor Party.

42. Indemnification

- a. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) third party Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with this Contract; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims or the Contract. The Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this Section. The Contractor's obligations under this Section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights that may be included in the Deliverables or Performance, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or non-copyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, trade secrets, trademarks, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance.
- b. The Contractor shall not be responsible for indemnifying, defending or holding the State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any third party acting under the direct control or supervision of the State.
- c. The Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the acts of the Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The State shall give the Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.

- d. The Contractor's duties under this Section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms of this Contract, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Contractor is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the acts giving rise to the Claims or where the State is alleged or is found to have contributed to the acts giving rise to the Claims or both.
- e. The Contractor shall carry and maintain at all times during the Term of this Contract, and during the time that any provisions survive the Term of this Contract, sufficient commercial general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract.
- f. This Section shall survive the Termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.

43. Forum and Choice of Law

The parties deem this Contract to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of this Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

44. Assignment

The Contractor shall not assign any of its rights or obligations under this Contract, voluntarily or otherwise, in any manner without the prior written consent of DAS. DAS may void any purported assignment in violation of this Section and declare the Contractor in breach of Contract. Any Termination by DAS for a breach is without prejudice to DAS' or the State's rights or possible Claims.

45. Tangible Personal Property

- a. Contractor on its behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates, as defined below, shall comply with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §12-411b, as follows:
 - 1. For the Term, Contractor and its Affiliates shall collect and remit to the State of Connecticut, Department of Revenue Services, any Connecticut use tax due under the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes for items of tangible personal property sold by the Contractor or by any of its Affiliates in the same manner as if the Contractor and such Affiliates were engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property for use in Connecticut and had sufficient nexus with the State under the provisions of Chapter 219 to be required to collect Connecticut use tax;
 - 2. A customer's payment of a use tax to the Contractor or its Affiliates relieves the customer of liability for the use tax;
 - 3. Contractor and its Affiliates shall remit all use taxes they collect from customers on or before the due date specified in this Contract if any, which may not be later than the last day of the month next succeeding the end of a calendar quarter or other tax collection period during which the tax was collected;

4. Contractor and its Affiliates are not liable for use tax billed by them but not paid to them by a customer; and
 5. Any Contractor or Affiliate who fails to remit use taxes collected on behalf of its customers by the due date specified in this Contract shall be subject to the interest and penalties provided for persons required to collect sales tax under Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b. For purposes of this Section of this Contract, the word "Affiliate" means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that controls is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten percent of the voting securities of the other person. The term "voting security" means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. "Voting security" includes a general partnership interest.
 - c. Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State's contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State's sole determination, compliance with the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to, §12-411b.

46. Americans with Disabilities Act

Contractor represents that it and Contractor's Performance complies, and during the Term, shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§12101 et seq, and with all other applicable federal and State laws concerning accessibility and nondiscrimination on the basis of disability. Failure of Contractor to satisfy this standard either now or during the Term, constitutes a material breach of the Contract and entitles the State to exercise all remedies available under the Contract, the law and in equity. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the State harmless from any liability that may be imposed upon the State as a result of any failure of Contractor to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

47. RESERVED

48. Executive Orders and Other Enactments

- a. All references in this Contract to any Federal, State, or local law, statute, public or special act, executive order, ordinance, regulation or code (collectively, "Enactments") shall mean Enactments that apply to the Contract at any time during its Term, or that may be made applicable to the Contract during its Term. This Contract shall always be read and interpreted in accordance with the latest applicable wording and requirements of the Enactments. Unless otherwise provided by Enactments, the Contractor is not relieved of its obligation to Perform under this Contract if it chooses to contest the applicability of the Enactments or the State's authority to require compliance with the Enactments.
- b. This Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of this Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.

- c. This Contract may be subject to (1) Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services; and (2) Executive Order No. 61 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy promulgated December 13, 2017 concerning the Policy for the Management of State Information Technology Projects, as issued by the Office of Policy and Management, Policy ID IT-SDLC-17-04. If any of the Executive Orders referenced in this subsection is applicable, it is deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Contract as if fully set forth in it.

49. Non-Discrimination

- a. For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:
1. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
 2. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
 3. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
 4. "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose;
 5. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
 6. "good faith effort" includes, but is not limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;
 7. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
 8. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
 9. "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor; (1) fifty-one per cent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which are owned by a person or persons who (a) exercise operational authority over the daily affairs of the enterprise, (b) have the power to direct the management and policies and receive the beneficial interest of the enterprise, (c) possess managerial and technical competence and experience directly related to the principal business activities of the enterprise, and (d) are members of a minority, as defined in C.G.S. § 32-9n, or are individuals with a disability, or (2) which is a nonprofit corporation in which fifty-one per cent or more of the persons who exercise operational authority over the enterprise, (a) possess managerial and technical competence and experience directly related to the principal business activities of the enterprise, (b) have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (c) are member of a minority, as defined in C.G.S. § 32-9n, or are individuals with a disability; and
 10. "public works contract" means any agreement (A) for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of changes or improvements in real property, and (B) that is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees where such funding equals one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, unless the contract is a public works contract, (2) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in C.G.S. § 1-267, (3) the federal government, (4) a foreign government, or (5) an agency of a subdivision, state or

government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), or (4).

- b. The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of sexual assault or status as a victim of trafficking in persons, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of sexual assault or status as a victim of trafficking in persons, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e, 46a-68f and 46a-86; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he or she will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.
- c. Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; the timing and value of bids; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.
- d. The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- e. The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State, and in every subcontract entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a public works contract, and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation

prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

- f. The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- g. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this Section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by (A) having provided an affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under such sections, (B) signing this Contract, or (C) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

50. Whistleblower Provision

This Contract may be subject to the provisions of section 4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of such statute, Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty percent of the value of this Contract. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The State may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.

51. Summary of State Ethics Laws

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes (a) the State has provided to the Contractor the summary of State ethics laws developed by the Office of State Ethics pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes, which summary is incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in this Contract; (b) the Contractor represents that the chief executive officer or authorized signatory of the Contract and all key employees of such officer or signatory have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the provisions of state ethics law; (c) prior to entering into a contract with any subcontractors or consultants, the Contractor shall provide the summary to all subcontractors and consultants and each such contract entered into with a subcontractor or consultant on or after July 1, 2021, shall include a representation that each subcontractor or consultant and the key employees of such subcontractor or consultant have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the provisions of state ethics law; (d) failure to include such representations in such contracts with subcontractors or consultants shall be cause for Termination of the Contract; and (e) each contract with such contractor, subcontractor or consultant shall incorporate such summary by reference as a part of the contract terms.

52. Campaign Contribution Restriction

For all State contracts, defined in section 9-612 of the Connecticut General Statutes as having a value of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more in a calendar year, the authorized signatory to this Contract represents that they

have received the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice.

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55. Force Majeure

- a. The parties shall not be excused from their respective Contract obligations except in the case of Force Majeure Events and as otherwise provided for in this Contract.
- b. If a Force Majeure Event prevents a party from complying with any obligation or satisfying any conditions under this Contract, then that failure to comply will not constitute a Breach if (A) that party uses reasonable efforts to comply; (B) that party's failure to comply is not due to its failure to (i) take reasonable measures to protect itself against Force Majeure Events or (ii) develop and maintain a reasonable contingency plan to respond to Force Majeure Events; and (C) that party complies with its obligations under subsection (c) of this Section.
- c. If a Force Majeure Event occurs, then the noncomplying party shall promptly notify the other party of occurrence of that Force Majeure Event, its effect on its obligations under this Contract, and how long the noncomplying party expects the noncompliance to last. Thereafter, the noncomplying party shall update that information as reasonably necessary, or as the other party may reasonably request, whichever is more frequent. During a Force Majeure Event, the noncomplying party shall use reasonable efforts to limit damages to the other party and to resume complying with its Performance and obligations under this Contract.
- d. Failure to provide written notice of any Force Majeure Event as soon as the failing party becomes aware of it, or failure by the other party to Act in response to the notice, does not excuse any delays or failures in Performance or obligations.

56. Notice

- a. All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals or other communications required or permitted to be given or which are given with respect to this Contract (for the purpose of this Section collectively called "Notices") shall be deemed to have been effected at such time as the notice is placed in the U.S. mail, first class and postage pre-paid, return receipt requested or placed with a recognized, overnight express delivery service that provides for a return receipt. All such Notices shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

If to DAS:

State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services
Procurement Division
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1202
Hartford, CT 06103

Attention: Jill Belisle

If to the Contractor:
TO BE DETERMINED UPON AWARD

- b. Details regarding invoices and all technical or day-to-day administrative matters pertaining to this Contract shall be directed to:

Client Agency: The individual specified in the applicable Purchase Order.

Contractor: The individual designated by Contractor in the response to the Solicitation or as the Contractor may otherwise designate in writing to the Client Agency.

57. Headings

The headings given to the Sections in this Contract are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of this Contract or as a limitation of the scope of the particular Section to which the heading refers.

58. Number and Gender

Whenever the context so requires, the plural or singular shall include each other and the use of any gender shall include all genders.

59. Amendments, Supremacy, Entirety of Contract

No amendment to or modification of this Contract shall be valid or binding unless made in writing, signed by the parties and, if applicable, approved by the Connecticut Attorney General. Any and all Purchase Orders, Statements of Work or other documents authorized in connection with this Contract shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. Any additional terms within any such Purchase Order, Statement of Work, or other document that contradict the terms of this Contract shall have no force or effect and shall in no way affect, change or modify any of the terms of this Contract. This Contract contains the complete and exclusive statement of the terms agreed to by the parties.

60. Severability

If any term or provision of this Contract or its application to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract or the application of such term or provision shall not be affected as to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to whom or to which it is held to be invalid or unenforceable. Each remaining term and provision of this Contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent possible by law.

61. Risk of Loss and Insurance

The State shall not be liable to Contractor for any risk of Deliverable loss or damage while Deliverables are in transit, or while in the Client Agency's possession, except when such loss or damage is due directly to the Client Agency's negligence or intentional misconduct. Nothing in this Section is intended nor shall it be construed, in any manner, as waiving or compromising the sovereign immunity of the State.

The insurance required by this Section shall be written on an occurrence basis as opposed to a "claims made" basis and shall be on such forms, and contain such endorsements and terms, as shall be acceptable to DAS.

Before commencing Performance, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense for the Term of this Contract, the insurance described below. Contractor shall assume any and all deductibles in the described insurance policies. The Contractor's insurers shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against the State and the described Contractor's insurance shall be primary coverage. Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the State.

a. Commercial General Liability

Throughout the Term and during the time that any provisions survive the Term, Contractor shall maintain, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance, including contractual liability coverage, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, all persons and injuries to or destruction of property, in any one accident or occurrence, and, subject to that limit per accident, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, all persons and injuries to or destruction of property per policy period. The Contractor shall cause the State and its officers, agents, and employees to be named as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide (1) a certificate of insurance (2) the declaration page and (3) the additional insured endorsement to the policy to DAS all in an electronic format acceptable to DAS prior to the Effective Date evidencing such coverage. The Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of these 3 documents to DAS. Contractor shall provide an annual electronic update of the 3 documents to DAS on or before each anniversary of the Effective Date during the Term. The State shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the State is contributorily negligent, but only for that portion of the negligence attributable to the Contractor and not for that portion of the negligence attributable to the State.

b. Automobile Liability

\$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Coverage extends to owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. If the Contractor does not own an automobile, but one is used in the execution of this Contract, then only hired and non-owned coverage is required. If a vehicle is not used in the execution of this Contract, then automobile coverage is not required.

c. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance in compliance with the laws of the state of Connecticut, which coverage shall include Employer's Liability coverage with minimum limits of \$100,000 for each accident, \$500,000 for disease, and \$100,000 for each employee, per policy period.

d. Excess / Umbrella Liability

Excess/umbrella liability insurance may be included to meet minimum requirements. Umbrella coverage must indicate the existing underlying insurance coverage.

62. DAS Approval of Subcontractors

DAS must approve any and all subcontractors utilized by the Contractor prior to any such subcontractor commencing any work. Contractor acknowledges that any work provided under this Contract to any State entity is work conducted on behalf of the State and that the Commissioner of DAS or his/her designee may communicate directly with any subcontractor as the State deems to be necessary or appropriate. Contractor must be responsible for all payment of fees charged by the subcontractor(s). A performance evaluation of any subcontractor must be provided promptly by the Contractor to DAS upon request. Contractor must provide the majority of the work associated with this Contract. It is understood that there may be times where conflicts due to scheduling may arise, which would lend the Contractor to utilize subcontractors to meet the Client Agency's needs. When this occurs, Contractor must alert DAS for approval of desired subcontractor before work is started.

63. Iran Energy Investment Certification

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252a, the Contractor certifies that it has not made a direct investment of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, and has not increased or renewed such investment on or after said date.

If the Contractor makes a good faith effort to determine whether it has made an investment described in subsection (a) of this Section then the Contractor shall not be deemed to be in breach of the Contract or in violation of this Section. A "good faith effort" for purposes of this subsection includes a determination that the Contractor is not on the list of persons who engage in certain investment activities in Iran created by the Department of General Services of the state of California pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 2.7 of the California Public Contract Code. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the ability of the State or quasi-public agency to pursue a breach of contract action for any violation of the provisions of the Contract.

64. Large State Contract Representation for Contractor

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252 and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the Contractor, for itself and on behalf of all of its principals or key personnel who submitted a bid or proposal, represents:

That no gifts were made by (A) the Contractor, (B) any principals and key personnel of the Contractor, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (C) any agent of the Contractor or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, to (i) any public official or State employee of the State agency or quasi- public agency soliciting bids or proposals for State contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for State contracts or the negotiation or award of State contracts, or (ii) any public official or State employee of any other State agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such State agency or quasi-public agency;

That no such principals and key personnel of the Contractor, or agent of the Contractor or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Contractor to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Contractor to provide a gift to any such public official or State employee; and

That the Contractor is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.

65. Large State Contract Representation for Official or Employee of State Agency

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252 and Acting Governor Susan Bysiewicz Executive Order No. 21-2, promulgated July 1, 2021, the State official or employee represents that the selection of the person, firm or corporation was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.

66. Consumer Data Privacy and Online Monitoring

Pursuant to section 4e-72a of the Connecticut General Statutes, Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable provisions of sections 42-515 to 42-525, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be revised or modified.

State of Connecticut
Contract#26PSX0107

The parties are executing this Contract on the date below their respective signatures.

TO BE DETERMINED UPON AWARD (CONTRACTOR)

BY: Electronic signature via CTsource

Name:

Title:
Duly Authorized

Date:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Department of Administrative Services

BY: Electronic signature via CTsource

Name:

Title:
Duly Authorized

Date:

EXHIBIT A

1. DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES:

The Contractor shall furnish commercial and institutional upholstery, drapery, awning and related fabric materials to the Client Agency on an as-needed basis in accordance with the requirements this Exhibit A.

2. Market Basket Items- Section A in Exhibit B- Price Schedule:

The following fabrics are listed in Section A of Exhibit B-Price Schedule:

1A: Product Type: Sherpa

Color: All

Fiber: 100% Polyolefin

2A: Product Type: Shire

Color: All

Fiber: 100% Polyolefin

3A: Product Type: Genuine Naugahyde Vinyl

Color: All

Fiber: 100% Polyester Spun Jersey Knit Backing

4A: Product Type: Notion Vinyl

Color: All

Fiber: 100% PVC Vinyl, Backing 100% Polyester

5A: Product Type: Hewitt (Woven Upholstery

Fabric)

Color: All

Fiber: 64% Polyolefin, 36% Polyester

3. Percentage Discount from Price list Section B in Exhibit B- Price Schedule

All Goods listed in the Contractor's published catalog or price list shall be offered at the percentage discount listed in Exhibit B-Price Schedule. The discount must apply to all Goods, patterns, colors, styles, and related items within the product categories. The percentage discount must remain fixed for the Term.

1. **Upholstery Fabric:** (Woven) for chairs, sofas and occasional seating, etc.
Material Type: To include, but not be limited to, nylon, nylon blends, boucle's, tapestries, damasks, velour, polyester cotton blends, and polyolefin.
2. **Upholstery Fabric:** (Naugahyde/Faux Leather/Other)
Material Type: Naugahyde, Spradling, Morbern, Nassimi and Omnova.
3. **Awning & Canvas Fabric:**
Material Type: Acrylics, cotton duck, PVC coated polyester vinyl, silicon treated substrates and/or coated meshes suitable for outdoor use. Materials which offer UV and UVB resistance, and, to some extent, water resistance or waterproofness.

4. Flammability Requirements

All fabrics must meet or exceed all applicable Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, or guidelines including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Fire State Prevention Code as it may be modified, amended or updated from time to time. The Connecticut Fire State Prevention Code is located at the following website: [CT Fire Safety and Prevention Codes](#)

5. Defective/Quality Issues

- a) If the Client Agency determines, at its sole discretion, that the Goods are unsatisfactory or damaged, such Goods shall be returned, exchanged, or cancelled at the sole expense of the Contractor.
- b) The Contractor shall maintain a product recall program capable of tracking all Goods ordered and delivered. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Client Agency of any recall, safety notices, and any other applicable notices regarding the Goods. The Contractor shall pick up and replace all Goods and shall insure that all manufacturers and suppliers to the Contractor maintain equivalent recall requirements. The Client Agency shall not be responsible for the pickup and replacement cost of any recalled Goods. Any applicable credits or refunds shall be applied as directed by the Client Agency. Contractor shall provide a final report to the Client Agency identifying the number of cases shipped, the delivery locations and number of units returned.

6. Returns/Disposal

- a) If any Good is damaged or deemed unsatisfactory at the sole discretion of the Client Agency, the Contractor shall promptly refund or replace such Good at no additional cost upon written request of the Client Agency.
- b) The Contractor shall pick up and replace such Goods within ten (10) Business Days of Client Agency's notification.

- c) If the Contractor fails to pick up or replace the Goods within ten (10) Business Days, the Goods shall become the property of the Client Agency at no additional cost, as set forth in Section 16 of the Contract.

7. Swatch Books and Catalogs

The Contractor shall provide swatch books, sample binders, pattern cards, and catalogs, when requested, at no additional cost to the Client Agency.

8. Deliveries

- a) The Contractor shall deliver the Goods in accordance with the instructions provided by the Client Agency.
- b) The Client Agency shall determine the delivery schedule and specify such requirements on the applicable Purchase Order. If the Contractor is unable to meet the requested delivery date, the Contractor shall notify the Client Agency within one (1) business day of receiving the Purchase Order and provide a revised estimate delivery date. The Client Agency reserves the right to cancel the Purchase Order, in whole or in part, if the revised delivery timeframe is not acceptable.
- c) The Contractor shall deliver Goods to any location within the State, as instructed by the Client Agency.
- d) Each delivery must include a packaging slip indicating the Purchase Order number, a description of the Good(s) being delivered, the quantity and the Contractor's invoice number.
- e) All pricing includes F.O.B. Destination, delivery, handling, packaging, and all associated transportation charges. No additional charges or surcharges are permitted, including, but not limited to, fuel charges, handling fees, restocking fees, or any ancillary charges. The Contractor shall assume all risk of loss and damage as set forth in Section 8.a. of the Contract. No minimum order requirement applies.

9. Customer Service

Contractor shall provide a dedicated account manager for the Client Agency to provide service and billing support. Such an account manager shall be familiar with the Contract and be prepared to resolve service and billing issues and questions within one (1) Business Day of Client Agency's inquiry.

10. Security Requirements

Contractor shall comply with Attachment 1 (Guide for Contractors in the Correctional Environment Department of Correction Contractor Security Requirements).

GUIDE FOR CONTRACTORS IN THE CORRECTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Approved March 2024

Correctional contractors, due to the nature of the correctional environment, are expected to adhere to very specific standards of behavior. The work rules listed below are of a most basic nature and it is the Contractor's responsibility to become familiar with them. Violations of any of these rules may subject the Contractor to payment reduction, contract termination and/or criminal charges.

I. Entrance In/Out of a Facility

Contractors should always contact the facility prior to arriving in order to ensure that Operational needs will allow for entrance. Contractors should allow 20-30 minutes for entrance into the facility. All Contractors and Contractor Parties shall be made to pass through a metal detector prior to entrance into a facility. Failure to clear the metal detector may require a physical search. To this end, items conveyed into the facility should be limited. Cell phones, video/audio recording devices, firearms, and tobacco products are strictly forbidden. Additionally, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Contractors shall not convey any item onto facility premises with the intent of conveyance to an inmate without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.
- B. Contractors shall not convey any item received from or by an inmate off of facility premises without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.
- C. Contractors shall not convey mail or correspondence to or from an inmate without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.
- D. Contractors shall not, at any time, possess a firearm on facility property.
- E. Contractors shall not possess any item that may be utilized as a weapon or contraband, such as: knives, files, hacksaw blades, metal cutting tools, cutting torches, drugs, narcotics, poisons, hair tonic, acids, shellac, and any liquids with alcoholic content.

If such items are needed to render the services provided under the contract, they shall be authorized by the Warden or his/her designee and stored in places secured against unauthorized access. Only the proper staff shall distribute such materials; quantities entrusted to inmates shall only be sufficient for the immediate purpose to be served and shall be used under careful supervision.

II. Conduct Within a Facility

It is important for contractors to understand that a correctional facility can be a dangerous environment. To that end, contractors should be cognizant of their surroundings at all times and adhere to the following rules:

- A. Dress appropriately. Pocket books and knotted ties are discouraged, and may be disallowed. Clothing should not be provocative or revealing in any way. Excessive jewelry is discouraged. Shoes should be low heeled with closed toes.
- B. Refrain from using signs of affection as they may be misinterpreted.
- C. Contractors shall not leave their work area, for any reason, without a CTDOC escort.
- D. Contractors shall conduct themselves professionally at all times. Profane, indecent or humiliating language will not be tolerated.
- E. Contractors shall not affix any signs or posters to facility property without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.
- F. Contractors shall not take photographs while on facility premises without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.
- G. Contractors shall not report to the facility while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Medication containing any narcotic or controlled substance shall not be allowed on facility premises without prior written approval of the Warden or his/her designee.

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- H. Contractors shall remain fully attentive to their surroundings while on facility premises.
- I. Contractors shall report sickness, accidents or unusual behavior of inmates to a CTDOC staff member immediately.
- J. Contractors shall report sickness or accident of/by themselves to a CTDOC staff member immediately.
- K. Contractors shall report loss of keys or personal items to a CTDOC staff member immediately.

III. Inmate Contact

Any individual entering a facility will have contact with inmates. Regardless of how limited the interaction, it is imperative for contractors entering the facility to understand certain rules for interaction with inmates.

- A. Do not give or receive any item, gift or loan from an inmate without prior written authorization from the Warden or his/her designee.
- B. Do not engage in any form of business venture with an inmate.
- C. Do not discuss other contractors, inmates or CTDOC staff with any inmate.
- D. Treat inmates in a civil and professional manner at all times. Never show preferential treatment, and remain objective.
- E. Keep your word! Do not make promises you are unable to keep.
- F. Avoid undue familiarity with inmates.

Do not divulge any personal information about yourself, another inmate, or CTDOC staff. While not all inmates are manipulative, possession of such information will make the contractor vulnerable.

Do not become personally involved with any inmate's private or family matters (except for specific professional reasons). Do not accommodate any requests for favors.

Whenever possible, use formal titles such as, Mr., Ms, Sir, Captain, etc. Do not accept excessive compliments from inmates.

- G. Show discernment, some inmates survive on manipulation. Always check the facts.
- H. If an inmate becomes hostile, back off and remain calm. If alone, slowly move to where CTDOC staff can see you.

IV. Miscellaneous Rules

- A. Contractors shall not release information relative to services provided to CTDOC without prior written approval of CTDOC.
- B. Contractors shall notify the Warden or his/her designee immediately, in writing, if next of kin, known relative or personal friend of the Contractor or employee of the Contractor becomes incarcerated at the facility the Contractor is providing services to. Such notification shall be held confidential by CTDOC.
- C. Contractors shall notify the Warden or his/her designee immediately, in writing, if Contractor or employee of the Contractor is arrested. Such notification shall be held confidential by CTDOC. At the discretion of CTDOC, the arrested individual may be barred from entering the facility.
- D. Confidentiality of CTDOC and inmates shall be adhered to at all times.

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V. Safety and Security

In the event of an emergency situation, it is important for Contractors to adhere to the following guidelines.

- A.** If there is doubt as to a course of action, consult CTDOC staff.
- B.** Adhere to the directions of CTDOC staff at all times. In the event of an emergency, the Contractor may be directed to leave the area they are working in. Do so in an orderly and timely fashion.
- C.** If there is an incident in the Contractor's immediate area, allow CTDOC staff to follow procedures for reporting such. If CTDOC staff is unable to report the problem, utilize the nearest phone to call the facility control center to report the issue. The facility will notify you of the appropriate number prior to entrance. If it is impractical to utilize the phone, simply knock the receiver off the hook. This will notify the facility control center that there is a problem in your area, and staff will be dispatched appropriately.
- D.** If an inmate becomes hostile, back off and remain calm. If alone, slowly move to where CTDOC staff can see you. Do not attempt to be a hero, and do not confront the inmate directly. Doing so may compromise your safety.

It is important to realize that this guide does not address every situation and is not all encompassing. It does represent basic requirements necessary to perform the duties effectively and safely within the correctional setting. Failure to adhere to these standards of performance and personal conduct is unacceptable and will be handled accordingly.

Where conflict between this document and language contained in the body of the contract, the contract language shall apply.