



APPENDIX A

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PURCHASING DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS (Commodities and Non-Professional Services)

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GENERAL

1. APPLICABILITY The terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix A are expressly incorporated in and applicable to all procurements and resulting procurement contracts let by the Purchasing Department, or let by any other Issuing Entity where incorporated by reference in its Bid Documents. Appendix A shall govern such procurements or contracts unless expressly modified or amended by the terms of a Bid Specification, or a negotiated Contract/Clarification document, if any. Captions are intended as descriptive and are not intended to limit or otherwise restrict the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. GOVERNING LAW This procurement, the resulting contract and any purchase orders issued hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise, and actions or proceedings arising from the contract shall be venued in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Putnam State of New York.

3. SERVICE OF PROCESS

In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's receipt of process or upon the County's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal service as refused or undeliverable, whichever is earlier. Contractor must promptly notify the County, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the County to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

4. ETHICS COMPLIANCE All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of Chapter 55 of the Laws of Putnam County, and other Putnam County codes, rules and regulations establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with the County of Putnam. In signing the bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving the County of Putnam and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

5. CONFLICT OF TERMS Conflicts between procurement or contract documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- a. Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for Putnam County Contracts*)
- b. **Contract/Clarification Documents**
Writing(s) setting forth the final agreements, clarifications, terms, statement of work and/or modifications between the Bid Documents and Contractor's Bid or Mini-bid.
- c. **Mini-Bid Project Definition** (If any)
- d. **Bid Documents** (Other than Appendix A)
 - i. Bid Specifications prepared by the Issuing Entity
 - ii. Appendix B (*General Terms & Conditions*)
- e. **Contractor's Bid or Mini-Bid Proposal**

6. DEFINITIONS Terms used in this Appendix A shall have the following meanings:

AGENCY OR AGENCIES The County of Putnam, acting by or through one or more departments, , or offices of the County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY County Attorney of the County of Putnam.

AUTHORIZED USER(S) Agencies, or any other entity authorized by the laws of the State of New York to participate in County centralized contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, public benefit corporations and certain other entities set forth in law), or the County of Putnam acting on behalf of one or more such Agencies or other entities, provided that each such Agency or other entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation.

BID OR BID PROPOSAL An offer or proposal submitted by a Bidder to furnish a described product or a solution or means of achieving a practical end, at a stated price for the stated contract term.

BIDDER Any individual or other legal entity,(including but not limited to partnership, firm or corporation), which submits a bid in response to a Bid Solicitation. The term Bidder shall also include "offeror." In the case of negotiated contracts, "Bidder" shall refer to the "Contractor."

BID DOCUMENTS Writings setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for the procurement of Product or Service. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Request for Bids (RFB), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions which are incorporated by reference, e.g. Appendix A (*Standard Clauses for Putnam County Contracts*), Appendix B, (*General Terms & Conditions*). Where these *General Terms & Conditions* are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Documents" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

BID SOLICITATION The notice or advertisement of an intent to purchase a specified Product by or on behalf of Authorized User(s).

BID SPECIFICATION A written description drafted by the Issuing Entity setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a commodity or construction item, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where these *General Terms & Conditions* are incorporated in negotiated contracts which have not been competitively bid, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated contract.

COMMISSIONER Director of Purchasing, or in the case of Bid Specifications issued by an Issuing Entity, the head of such Issuing Entity or their authorized representative.

CONTRACT The writing(s) which contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Bidder/Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law, and which most typically include the following classifications of public procurements:

a. **Agency Specific Contracts** Contracts where the specifications for a Product or a particular scope of work are described and defined to meet the needs of one or more Authorized User(s).

b. **Centralized Contracts** Single or multiple award contracts where the specifications for a Product or general scope of work are described and defined by the – Purchasing Department to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Centralized Contracts may be awarded on a sole source, single source, emergency or competitive basis. Once established, procurements may be made from the selected Contractor(s) without further competition or mini-bid unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications.

c. Back-Drop Contracts Multiple award centralized contracts where the - Purchasing Department defines the specifications for a Product or general scope of work to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Bids may be submitted either at a date and time certain or may be accepted on a continuous recruitment basis, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. Selection of a Contractor from among back-drop contract holders for an actual Product, project or particular scope of work may subsequently be made on a single or sole source basis, or on the basis of a mini-bid among qualified back-drop contract holders, or such other method as set forth in the Bid Document.

d. Piggyback Contract A contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the State of New York, a County government within the State of New York, the United States government, any state or any other county or political subdivision, which is adopted and extended for use in accordance with the requirements of the *General Municipal Law*.

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION An announcement to Authorized Users that a contract has been established.

CONTRACTOR Any successful Bidder(s) to whom a contract has been awarded by the Commissioner.

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EMERGENCY An urgent and unexpected requirement where health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk.

ERROR CORRECTIONS Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

GROUP A classification of Product (commodities, services or technology).

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) A type of Bid Document which is most typically used where requirements can be stated and award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder(s). IFB (Invitation for Bids) can be used interchangeably with RFB.

ISSUING ENTITY The – Purchasing Department or Authorized User who issues the Bid Documents for a procurement.

LATE BID For purposes of bid openings held and conducted by The Purchasing Department, a bid not received in such place as may be designated in the Bid Specifications, at or before the date and time established in the Bid Specifications for the bid opening. For purposes of bid openings held and conducted by Issuing Entities other than Purchasing Department, the term late bid is defined as a bid not received in the location established in the Bid Specifications at or before the date and time specified for the bid opening.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE A letter to the successful Bidder(s) indicating acceptance of its bid in response to a solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Letter of Acceptance forms a contract but is not an order for Product, and Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized User(s).

LICENSED SOFTWARE Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes error corrections, upgrades, enhancements or new releases, and any deliverables due under a maintenance or service contract (e.g. patches, fixes, PTFs, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

LICENSEE One or more Authorized Users who acquire Product from Contractor by issuing a Purchase Order in accordance with the terms and

conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User(s) who took receipt of and who is executing the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred.

LICENSOR A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

MINI-BID PROJECT DEFINITION A Bid Document containing project specific bid specifications developed by or for an Authorized User which solicits bids from Contractors previously qualified under a Back-Drop Contract.

MULTIPLE AWARD A determination and award of a contract in the discretion of the Commissioner to more than one responsive and responsible Bidder who meets the requirements of a specification, where the multiple award is made on the grounds set forth in the Bid Document in order to satisfy multiple factors and needs of Authorized Users (e.g., complexity of items, various manufacturers, differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery requirements, geographic location or other pertinent factors).

NEW PRODUCT RELEASES (Product Revisions) Any commercially released revisions to the version of a Product as may be generally offered and available to Authorized Users. New releases involve a substantial revision of functionality from a previously released version of the Product.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT The County of Putnam's Purchasing Department.

PROCUREMENT RECORD Documentation by the Issuing Entity of the decisions made and approach taken during the procurement process.

PRODUCT A deliverable under any Bid or Contract which may include commodities (including printing), services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

PROPRIETARY Protected by secrecy, patent, copyright or trademark against commercial competition.

PURCHASE ORDER The Authorized User's fiscal form or format which is used when making a purchase.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A type of Bid Document which is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the method of award is "best value," as defined by the *County of Putnam Procurement Policy*.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) A type of Bid Document which can be used when a formal bid opening is not required (e.g. discretionary, sole source, single source or emergency purchases).

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER A Bidder that is determined to have skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable, experienced and qualified financially, as determined by the Commissioner.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Bid Document or solicitation, as determined by the Commissioner.

SINGLE SOURCE A procurement where two or more offerors can supply the required Product, and the Commissioner may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

SOLE SOURCE A procurement where only one offeror is capable of supplying the required Product.

STATE State of New York

SUBCONTRACTOR Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation), who has entered into a contract, express or implied, for the performance of a portion of a Contract with Contractor.

TERMS OF LICENSE The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract that are in effect and applicable to a Purchase Order at the time of order placement.

VIRUS Any computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, that disrupts, disables, harms, or otherwise impedes in any manner the operation of the Product, or any other associated software, firmware, hardware, or computer system (such as local area or wide area networks), including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, but does not include security keys or other such devices installed by Product Manufacturer.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of all laws in the County of Putnam, the State of New York and the United States of America which affect municipalities and municipal contracts, and provide at its expense, any and all permits, licenses and registrations required for the fulfillment of this agreement, and more particularly the Labor Law, Immigration and Naturalization Laws and Regulation, General Municipal Law, Workers' Compensation Law, Lien Law, Personal Property Law, State Unemployment Insurance Law, Federal Social Security Law, State, Local and Municipal Health Laws, Rules and Regulation, and any and all regulations promulgated by the State of New York including any amendments and/or additions thereto, insofar as the same shall be applicable to any contract awarded hereunder with the same force and effect as if set forth at length herein. Failure to comply or to provide proof of compliance may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend the Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

The bidder's special attention is called to those laws which are set forth in detail below:

A. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

The attention of the bidder is called to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which reads as follows:

(1) Every bid or proposal hereafter made to a political subdivision of the state or any public department, agency or official thereof where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation or local law, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold to be sold, shall contain the following true non-collusive bidding certification.

(a) By submission of this bid each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of knowledge and belief:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter

relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor and

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

(b) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where (a) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with; provided however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefore. Where (a) (1) (2) and (3) above have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made unless the head of the purchasing unit of the political subdivision, public department, agency or official thereof to which the bid is made, or his designee, determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of restricting competition.

The fact that a bidder (a) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (b) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (c) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of subparagraph one (a).

2. Any bid hereafter made to any political subdivision of the State or any public department, agency or official thereof by a corporate bidder for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulations, or local law, and where such bid contains the certification referred to in subdivision one of this section, shall be deemed to have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion as the act and deed of the Corporation."

The form of non-collusion bidding certification included as part of this bid package must be executed by the bidder and submitted with the proposal.

The County of Putnam or the Director of Purchasing reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

The bid prices submitted shall be exclusive of Federal and State taxes and must not include any tax for which the bidder may claim exemption because of doing business with the County.

B. LABOR LAW

The Contractor shall conform to all applicable requirements of Article 8 and/or 9 of the Labor Law, including the following:

(1) A stipulation that no laborer, worker or mechanic in the employ of the Contractor, Subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work

contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any one week except in the emergencies set forth in the Labor Law.

(2) A provision that each laborer, worker or mechanic, employed by the Contractor, Subcontractor or other person about or upon such public work, shall be paid not less than the prevailing rate of wages and shall be provided supplements not less than the prevailing supplements as determined by the fiscal officer. Bidder agrees to comply with the schedule of wages applicable to the performance of the said contract and the statutory requirements and rules of the public and governmental authorities.

(3) Contractor agrees:

a) that in the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this contract, no Contractor or any person acting on behalf of such Contractor shall by reason of race, creed, color or national origin, or sex, discriminate against any citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.

b) that Contractor nor any person on contractor's behalf shall not, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract on account of race, creed, color, national origin or sex.

c) that there may be deducted from the amount payable to the Contractor by the State of Municipality under this contract a penalty of five dollars for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract;

d) that this contract may be cancelled or terminated by the State or Municipality, and all moneys due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for a second or any subsequent violations of the terms or conditions of this section of the contract, and

(4) The Contractor agrees that in the event employees will be hired for this project, it will make a good faith effort to employ persons residing in Putnam County for the particular job title required. Similar consideration will be given to Putnam County suppliers and subcontractors, as needed.

C. LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS: The Contractor shall comply with all local laws and resolutions of the Legislature of Putnam County including but not limited to licensing and registration as required by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

D. SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES:

The Contractor for the agreed consideration promises and agrees to pay the taxes measured by the wages of their employees required by the Federal Social Security Act and all amendments thereto, and to accept the exclusive liability for said taxes. The Contractor further promises and agrees to indemnify and hold the owner harmless on account of any tax measured by the wages aforesaid of employees of the contractor assessed against the owner under authority of said law.

E. DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The contractor will abide by the pertinent provisions of Sections 291-299 of the Executive Law and of the Civil Rights Law of the State of New York relating to unlawful discriminatory practices insofar as they may apply to this Agreement.

F. AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE

As set forth in Chapter 134 of Putnam County Code, Putnam

County requires all businesses hired by the County to Certify Compliance with the requirements of 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a with respect to lawful hiring of employees.

Bidder shall submit the original Affidavit of Disclosure, completed and notarized, included in this bid package with his bid.

G. BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW

The contractor certifies that it: (i) is a domestic corporation/business entity that has complied with the applicable provisions of the laws of New York State and is authorized to transact business in NY State; (ii) is a foreign corporation/business entity that has complied with the applicable provisions of the laws of NY State and is authorized to do business in NY State pursuant to NY Business Corporation Law section 1304; or (iii) is a foreign corporation/business entity that has complied with the applicable provisions of the laws of the State in which it was incorporated and that it is authorized to transact business in that State. Upon request, the contractor shall submit to the DGS-Purchasing Division a Certificate under Seal (also known as a Certificate of Good Standing or Certificate of Existence).

8. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW

During the evaluation process, the content of each Bid will be held in confidence and details of any Bid will not be revealed (except as may be required under the Freedom of Information Law or other State law). The Freedom of Information Law provides for exemptions which would cause injury to the competitive position of commercial enterprises among other things.

These exemptions would be effective both during and after the evaluation process. If the Bid contains any such trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information, it must be accompanied in the Bid with a written request to the Commissioner to not disclose such information. Such request must state with particularity the reasons why the information should not be available for disclosure and must be provided at the time of submission of the Bid. Notations in the header, footer or watermark of the Bid Document will not be considered sufficient to constitute a request for non-disclosure of trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information. Where a Freedom of Information request is made for trademark or other confidential or proprietary information, the County Attorney reserves the right to determine upon written notice to the Bidder whether such information qualifies for the exemption for disclosure under the law. Notwithstanding the above, where a Bid tabulation is prepared and Bids publicly opened, such Bid tabulation shall be available upon request.

9. APPROVAL OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY:

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County of Putnam shall not be liable for any payment or compensation to Contractor until the services rendered by Contractor under this agreement meet the approval and standards of any other Federal, State or local agency, authority, commission or body, which has jurisdiction over the services to be rendered under this agreement which provides funding in whole or in part for the services provided under this agreement.

BID SUBMISSION

10. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING All offers (tenders), and all information and Product required by the solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (\$ US). Any offers (tenders) submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

11. BID OPENING Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Commissioner reserves the right at any time to postpone or cancel a scheduled bid opening.

12. BID SUBMISSION All bids are to be packaged, sealed and submitted to the location stated in the Bid Specifications. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery of their bids to the location set forth in the Bid Specifications prior to the stated bid opening date/time.

A bid return envelope, if provided with the Bid Specifications, should be used with the bid sealed inside. If the bid response does not fit into the envelope, the bid envelope should be taped onto the outside of the sealed box or package with the bid inside. If using a commercial delivery company which requires use of their shipping package or envelope, Bidder's sealed bid, labeled as detailed below, should be placed within the shipper's sealed envelope to ensure that the bid is not prematurely opened.

All bids must have a label on the outside of the package or shipping container outlining the following information:

"BID ENCLOSED (bold print, all capitals)

- IFB or RFP Number
- Bid Submission date and time"

In the event that a Bidder fails to provide such information on the return bid envelope or shipping material, the receiving entity reserves the right to open the shipping package or envelope to determine the proper bid number or Product group, and the date and time of bid opening. Bidder shall have no claim against the receiving entity arising from such opening and such opening shall not affect the validity of the bid or the procurement.

Notwithstanding the receiving agency's right to open a bid to ascertain the foregoing information, Bidder assumes all risk of late delivery associated with the bid not being identified, packaged or labeled in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

All proposals shall be made upon forms furnished by the Director of Purchasing of the County of Putnam and shall be contained in sealed envelopes addressed to ALESSANDRO MAZZOTTA, , Director of Purchasing, County of Putnam, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, , Carmel, NY 10512.

Form of proposal as issued by the County of Putnam shall be completely filled in, in ink or typing. No bid will be accepted which contains any changes, additions, omissions or erasures.

13. FACSIMILE SUBMISSIONS Unless specifically authorized by the terms of the Bid Specifications, facsimile bids may be NOT BE SUBMITTED.

If authorized by the terms of the bid specifications, facsimile bids may be SUBMITTED AT THE SOLE OPTION AND RISK OF THE BIDDER. Only the FAX number(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications may be used. Access to the facsimile machine(s) is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the Commissioner bears no liability or responsibility and makes no guarantee whatsoever with respect to the Bidder's access to such equipment at any specific time. Bidders are solely responsible for submission and receipt of the entire facsimile bid by the Issuing Entity prior to bid opening and must include on the first page of the transmission the total number of pages transmitted in the facsimile, including the cover page. Incomplete, ambiguous or unreadable transmissions in whole or in part may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. Facsimile bids are fully governed by all conditions outlined in the Bid Documents and must be submitted on forms or in the format required in the Bid Specifications, including the executed signature page and acknowledgment.

14. AUTHENTICATION OF FACSIMILE BIDS The act of submitting a bid by facsimile transmission, including an executed signature page, shall be deemed a confirming act by Bidder which authenticates the signing of the bid.

15. LATE BIDS Any bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late bid. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Issuing Entity, shall not excuse late bid submissions.

16. BID CONTENTS Bids must be complete and legible. All bids must be signed. All information required by the Bid Specifications must be supplied by the Bidder on the forms or in the format specified. No alteration, erasure or addition is to be made to the Bid Documents. Changes may be ignored by the Commissioner or may be grounds for rejection of the bid. Changes, corrections and/or use of white-out in the bid or Bidder's response portion of the Bid Document must be initialed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned to verify their bids before submission, as amendments to bids or requests for withdrawal of bids received by the Commissioner after the time specified for the bid opening, may not be considered.

17. EXTRANEIOUS TERMS Bids must conform to the terms set forth in the Bid Documents, as extraneous terms or material deviations (including additional, inconsistent, conflicting or alternative terms) may render the bid non-responsive and may result in rejection of the bid.

Extraneous term(s) submitted on standard, pre-printed forms (including but not limited to: product literature, order forms, license agreements, contracts or other documents) which are attached or referenced with submissions shall not be considered part of the bid or resulting contract, but shall be deemed included for informational or promotional purposes only.

18. BID AMENDMENTS

Any verbal information obtained from or statements made by a representative of the County of Putnam or his designee at the time of examination of the documents or site shall not be construed as, in any way, amending Contract documents. Only such corrections or addenda as are issued by the Director of Purchasing in writing to all Contractors shall become a part of the Contract. Any addendum issued during the time of bidding shall be included in bids and become a part of the Contract Agreement.

19. CONFIDENTIAL / TRADE SECRET MATERIALS

Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the *Freedom of Information Law* must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption, at the time of submission. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request; rather determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures.

20. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS *If any portion of work being bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the Labor Law, the following shall apply:*

- a. **"Public Works" and "Building Services" - Definitions**
 - i. **Public Works** *Labor Law* Article 8 applies to contracts for public improvement in which laborers, workers or mechanics are employed on a "public works" project (distinguished from public "procurement" or "service" contracts). The State, a public benefit corporation, a municipal corporation (including a school district), or a commission appointed by law must be a party to the contract.

The wage and hours provision applies to any work performed by Contractor or subcontractors.

ii. Building Services *Labor Law* Article 9 applies to contracts for building service work over \$1,500 with a public agency, which 1) involve the care or maintenance of an existing building, or 2) involve the transportation of office furniture or equipment to or from such building, or 3) involve the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel to such building, and 4) the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through use of building service employees.

b. Prevailing Wage Rate Applicable to Bid Submissions A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates to be paid or provided are attached to the solicitation. Bidders must submit bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (i.e., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rate(s) for the location where the work is to be performed. Where the Bid Documents require the Bidder to enumerate hourly wage rates in the bid, Bidders may not submit bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. **Bids which fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.**

c. Wage Rate Payments / Changes During Contract Term The wages to be paid under any resulting contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the Prevailing Wage Rates during the contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the Contractor on any projects which result from this contract which are subject to the provisions of the *Labor Law*. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the contract term as required by law.

d. Public Posting & Certified Payroll Records In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the *Labor Law*, as amended by Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1997:

i. Posting The Contractor must publicly post on the work site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.

ii. Payroll Records Contractors and sub-contractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the Contractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work site while work is being performed.

iii. Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only Contractors and sub-contractors on public works projects must submit monthly payroll transcripts to the issuing entity which has prepared or directs the preparation of the plans and specifications for a public works project, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. For mini-bid solicitations, the payroll records must be submitted to the entity preparing the agency mini-bid project specification. For "agency specific" bids, the payroll records should be submitted to the entity issuing the purchase order. For all other - Purchasing Department centralized contracts; such records should be submitted to the individual agency that the purchase order(s) has been issued for. Upon mutual agreement of the Contractor and the issuing entity, the form of submission may be submitted in a specified disk format acceptable to the Department of Labor provided: 1) the Contractor/subcontractor retains the original records; and, (2) an original signed letter by a

duly authorized individual of the Contractor or subcontractor attesting to the truth and accuracy of the records accompanies the disk. **This provision does not apply to building services contracts.**

iv. Records Retention Contractors and subcontractors must preserve such certified transcripts for a period of three years from the date of completion of work on the awarded contract.

e. Day's Labor - Defined for Article 8, Public Works (For Purposes of Article 8 of the Labor Law) No laborer, worker or mechanic in the employ of the Contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. "Extraordinary emergency" shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the NYS Commissioner of Labor for the preservation of the contract site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the contract site.

21. TAXES

a. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, the quoted bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.

b. Purchases made by the County of Putnam are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State Sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by the County of Putnam or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such purchases will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the County, an exempt organization under Section 1116 (a) (1) of the *Tax Law*. Non-County Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption where required. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.

c. Purchases by Authorized Users other than the County of Putnam may be subject to such taxes, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the contract price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.

22. EXPENSES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION The Issuing Entity is not liable for any costs incurred by a Bidder in the preparation and production of a bid or for any work performed prior to contract execution.

23. ADVERTISING BID RESULTS A Bidder in submitting a bid agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising without the prior written approval of the Commissioner.

24. PRODUCT REFERENCES

a. "Or Equal" In all Bid Specifications the words "or equal" are understood to apply where a copyright brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced. References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Commissioner's decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

b. Discrepancies in References In the event of a discrepancy between the model numbers referenced in the Bid Specifications and the

written description of the Products therein, if the discrepancy cannot be reconciled, then the written description shall prevail.

25. RECYCLED OR RECOVERED MATERIALS Upon the conditions specified in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled or recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or in the Bid Specifications. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the "Warranties" set forth below.

Refurbished or remanufactured components or items may only be accepted at the discretion of the Commissioner, or upon the conditions set forth in the Bid Specifications.

Items with recycled, recovered, refurbished or remanufactured content must be identified in the bid or will be deemed new Product.

26. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS Bids offering Products which are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

27. PRICING

a. Unit Pricing If required by the Bid Specifications, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places for each item, in the bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Commissioner, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

b. Net Pricing Unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications, prices shall be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications, subject to the cash discount.

c. "No Charge" Bid When bids are requested on a number of Products as a group or Lot, a Bidder desiring to bid "no charge" on a Product in the grouping or Lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

d. Educational Pricing All Products to be supplied for educational purposes that are subject to educational discounts shall be identified in the bid and such discounts shall be made available to qualifying institutions.

28. DRAWINGS

a. Drawings Submitted With Bid When the Bid Specifications require the Bidder to furnish drawings and/or plans, such drawings and/or plans shall conform to the mandates of the Bid Documents and shall, when approved by the Commissioner, be considered a part of the bid and of any resulting contract. All symbols and other representations appearing on the drawings shall be considered a part of the drawing.

b. Drawings Submitted During the Contract Term Where required to develop, maintain and deliver diagrams or other technical schematics regarding the scope of work, Contractor shall do so on an ongoing basis at no additional charge, and must, as a condition of payment, update drawings and plans during the contract term to reflect additions, alterations, and deletions. Such drawings and diagrams shall be delivered to the Authorized User's representative.

c. Accuracy of Drawings Submitted All drawings shall be neat and professional in manner and shall be clearly labeled as to locations and type of product, connections and components. Drawings and diagrams are to be in compliance with accepted drafting standards.

Acceptance or approval of such plans shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for design or other errors of any sort in the drawings or plans, or from its responsibility for performing as required, furnishing product, services or installation, or carrying out any other requirements of the intended scope of work.

29. SITE INSPECTION Where a site inspection is required by the Bid Specifications or Project Definition, Bidder shall be required to inspect the site, including environmental or other conditions or pre-existing deficiencies in the installed product, equipment or environment, which may affect Bidder's ability to properly deliver, install or otherwise provide the required Product. All inquiries regarding such conditions shall be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions which such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed. Bidder must provide with its bid a detailed explanation if additional work is required under this clause in order to properly complete the delivery and installation of the required Product.

30. PROCUREMENT CARD The County of Putnam has entered into agreements for purchasing and travel card services. The Purchasing Card enables Authorized Users to make authorized purchases directly from a Contractor without processing the Purchase Orders or Purchase Authorizations currently required. Purchasing Cards are issued to selected employees authorized to purchase for the Authorized User and having direct contact with Contractors. Cardholders can make purchases directly from any Contractor that accepts the Purchasing Card.

The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased Products have been shipped or services performed. Unless the cardholder requests correction or replacement of an unsatisfactory, defective or faulty Product in accordance with other contract requirements, the Contractor shall immediately credit a cardholder's account for Products deemed unsatisfactory, defective or faulty.

31. SAMPLES

a. Standard Samples Bid Specifications may indicate that the Product to be purchased must be equal to a standard sample on display in a place designated by the Commissioner and such sample will be made available to the Bidder for examination prior to the opening date. Failure by the Bidder to examine such sample shall not entitle the Bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed by the Bid Documents.

b. Bidder Supplied Samples The Commissioner reserves the right to request from the Bidder/Contractor a representative sample(s) of the Product offered at any time prior to or after award of a contract. Unless otherwise instructed, samples shall be furnished within the time specified in the request. Untimely submission of a sample may constitute grounds for rejection of bid or cancellation of the Contract. Samples must be submitted free of charge and be accompanied by the Bidder's name and address, any descriptive literature relating to the Product and a statement indicating how and where the sample is to be returned. Where applicable, samples must be properly labeled with the appropriate bid or County contract reference.

A sample may be held by the Commissioner during the entire term of the contract and for a reasonable period thereafter for comparison with deliveries. At the conclusion of the holding period the sample, where feasible, will be returned as instructed by the Bidder, at the Bidder's expense and risk. Where the Bidder has failed to fully instruct the Commissioner as to the return of the sample (i.e., mode and place of return, etc.) or refuses to bear the cost of its return, the sample shall become the sole property of the receiving entity at the conclusion of the holding period.

c. **Enhanced Samples** When an approved sample exceeds the minimum specifications, all Product delivered must be of the same enhanced quality and identity as the sample. Thereafter, in the event of a Contractor's default, the Commissioner may procure a commodity substantially equal to the enhanced sample from other sources, charging the Contractor for any additional costs incurred.

d. **Conformance with Sample(s)** Submission of a sample (whether or not such sample is tested by, or for, the Commissioner) and approval thereof shall not relieve the Contractor from full compliance with all conditions and terms, performance related and otherwise, specified in the Bid Documents. If in the judgment of the Commissioner the sample or product submitted is not in accordance with the specifications or testing requirements prescribed in the Bid Documents, the Commissioner may reject the bid. If an award has been made, the Commissioner may cancel the contract at the expense of the Contractor.

e. **Testing** All samples are subject to tests in the manner and place designated by the Commissioner, either prior to or after contract award. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, Bidder Samples consumed or rendered useless by testing will not be returned to the Bidder.

f. **Requests For Samples By Authorized Users** Requests for samples by Authorized Users require the consent of the Contractor. Where Contractor refuses to furnish a sample, Authorized User may, in its sole discretion, make a determination on the performance capability of the Product or on the issue in question.

BID EVALUATION

32. **BID EVALUATION** The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or separable portions of offers, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Commissioner determines the best interests of the County will be served.

33. **CONDITIONAL BID** Unless the Bid Specifications provides otherwise, a conditional bid will not be deemed responsive.

34. **CLARIFICATIONS / REVISIONS** Prior to award, the Commissioner reserves the right to seek clarifications, or to request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of bids from all Bidders deemed to be eligible for contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the bid.

35. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS** While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low bid, the Commissioner may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving bids which are otherwise tied. However, any notation indicating that the price is net, (e.g., net 30 days), shall be understood to mean only that no prompt payment discount is offered by the Bidder. The imposition of service, interest, or other charges, which are applicable in any case, may render the bid non-responsive and may be cause for its rejection.

36. **EQUIVALENT OR IDENTICAL BIDS** In the event two offers are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Commissioner to award a contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

37. **PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATIONS** The Commissioner reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether or not the Product, qualifications or facilities offered by the Bidder/Contractor meet the requirements set forth in the Bid Documents. Contractor shall at all times during the contract term remain responsible and responsive. A Bidder/Contractor must be prepared, if requested by the Commissioner, to present evidence of experience, ability and financial standing, as well as a statement as to plant, machinery and capacity of

the manufacturer for the production, distribution and servicing of the Product bid. If the Commissioner determines that the conditions and terms of the Bid Documents or Contract are not complied with, or that items or Product proposed to be furnished do not meet the specified requirements, or that the qualifications, financial standing or facilities are not satisfactory, or that performance is untimely, the Commissioner may reject such bid or terminate the contract. Nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the Commissioner to make an investigation either before or after award of a contract, but should such investigation be made, it in no way relieves the Bidder/Contractor from fulfilling all requirements and conditions of the contract.

Bidder shall submit with the proposal a Certificate of Experience for the past five (5) years. Bidder to list equipment owned or leased necessary for the execution of this contract.

Certificate of Experience and Certificate of Equipment are included in these documents, if applicable.

38. **DISQUALIFICATION FOR PAST PERFORMANCE** Bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if Bidder, or anyone in Bidder's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.

39. **QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD** The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Bid Specifications to conform to requirements. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting specifications will be advised of the revised requirements and afforded an opportunity to withdraw its bid.

40. **RELEASE OF BID EVALUATION MATERIALS** Requests concerning the evaluation of bids may be submitted under the *Freedom of Information Law*. Information, other than the Bid Tabulation, shall be released as required by law. Written requests should be directed to the Commissioner.

41. **TIME FRAME FOR OFFERS** The Commissioner reserves the right to make awards within forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening, during which period, bids must remain firm and cannot be withdrawn. If, however, an award is not made within the forty-five (45) day period, bids shall remain firm until such later time as either a contract is awarded or the Bidder delivers to the Commissioner written notice of the withdrawal of its bid. Any bid which expressly states therein that acceptance must be made within a shorter specified time, may, at the sole discretion of the Commissioner, be accepted or rejected.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

42. **CONTRACT CREATION / EXECUTION** Upon receipt of all required approvals a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidder(s) upon the Commissioner's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the bid of: i) a Letter of Acceptance; or ii) a fully executed contract; or iii) a Purchase Order authorized by the Commissioner.

CONTRACT EXECUTORY

This contract shall be deemed executory only to the extent of moneys appropriated and available for the purpose of the contract, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the political subdivision beyond the amount of such moneys. The contract is not a general obligation of the County of Putnam. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of the County of Putnam is pledged to the payment of any amount due or to become due under such contract. It is understood that neither this contract nor any representation by any public employee or office creates any legal or moral obligation to appropriate or make moneys available for the purpose of the contract.

44. PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS The Commissioner is authorized to let centralized contracts, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and applicable New York State Law, for joint purchasing, by any department or agency of the County of Putnam and/or any political subdivisions of the State of New York; provided however that any entity incurring a liability under such contract shall be responsible for discharging said liability.

a. Agencies All County Agencies may utilize and purchase under any county centralized contract let by the Purchasing Department, unless the Bid Specifications limit purchases to specific County Agencies.

b. Non-County Agency Authorized Users Authorized Users other than county agencies are permitted to make purchases through County centralized contracts where permitted by law, the contract or the Purchasing Department.

c. Voluntary Extension Purchase Orders issued against a County centralized contract by any Authorized User not provided for in the Bid Specifications shall be honored by the Contractor at its discretion and only with the approval of the Purchasing Department Commissioner and any other approvals required by law. Contractors are encouraged to voluntarily extend service contracts to those additional entities authorized to utilize commodity contracts under *General Municipal Law*.

d. Responsibility for Performance Participation in County of Putnam centralized contracts by Authorized Users is permitted upon the following conditions: a) the responsibility with regard to performance of any contractual obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by any Authorized User other than County Agencies shall be borne and is expressly assumed by such Authorized User and not by the County; b) a breach of the contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting non-breaching Authorized Users, whether County or otherwise; c) for a breach by an Authorized User other than a County Agency, the County specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such breach; and d) each non-County agency Authorized User and Contractor agrees to hold the County, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by their failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the contract.

45. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized User(s) under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Commissioner and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer Authorized User(s) more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User(s) and Commissioner by the Contractor.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User(s) than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against Authorized User(s) unless authorized by the Commissioner or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to, attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, purchase orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized User's subsequent acceptance of Product or processing such document for approval or payment.

46. SCOPE CHANGES The Commissioner reserves the right, unilaterally, to require, by written order, changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the contract specifications, such changes to be within the general scope of the contract. The Commissioner may make an equitable adjustment in the contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the consent of the Contractor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

47. ESTIMATED / SPECIFIC QUANTITY CONTRACTS Estimated quantity contracts are expressly agreed and understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the contract term. No guarantee of any estimated quantity(s) is implied or given. Unless otherwise set forth in the Bid Specifications, contracts for services and technology are completely voluntary as to use, and therefore no quantities are guaranteed.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the contract, the Commissioner reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner may purchase greater or lesser percentages of contract quantities should the Commissioner and Contractor so agree. Such agreement may include an equitable price adjustment.

48. COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

Work hereunder shall be started upon issuance of a notice to proceed or purchase order. All work schedules must be submitted for review by the Owner, and integrated with all trades on job and the Owner.

49. PURCHASE ORDERS Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commissioner, no Products are to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User. Unless terminated or canceled pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor when placed in the mail or electronically transmitted prior to the termination of the contract period, and addressed to the Contractor at the address for receipt of orders set forth in the Contract or Contract Award Notification.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to contracts let by the Commissioner must bear the appropriate contract number and, if necessary, required County approvals. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against centralized contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the vendor's order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the contract terms shall be resolved in favor of the terms most favorable to the Authorized User.

If, with respect to an agency specific contract let by the Purchasing Department, a Purchase Order is not received within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify the appropriate purchasing officer in DGS – Purchasing Division. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the DGS – Purchasing Division Commissioner and without cost to the County, result in the canceling of such requirement by the DGS – Purchasing Division Commissioner with, at the DGS – Purchasing Division's Commissioner's discretion, a corresponding reduction in the contract quantity and price.

50. PRODUCT DELIVERY Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the terms of the contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, delivery shall be made within thirty calendar days after receipt of a purchase order by the Contractor. The decision of the Commissioner as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final.

The burden of proof for delay in receipt of Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commissioner and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of the time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Commissioner. Failure to meet such time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Commissioner's discretion, the Contract.

51. WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DELIVERIES Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or by an Authorized User, deliveries will not be scheduled for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the County of Putnam except of Product for daily consumption or where an emergency exists or the delivery is a replacement or is late, in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

52. SHIPPING / RECEIPT OF PRODUCT

a. Packaging Tangible Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the receiving entity unless otherwise specified in the contract documents.

b. Shipping Charges Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, all deliveries shall be deemed to be FOB Destination inside delivery at the building, facility or location of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. Shipping point plus transportation charges are understood to not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized User's payment of transportation charges. Contractor shall be responsible for insuring that the Bill of Lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments.

c. Receipt of Product The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to personnel authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Authorized User. Any losses resulting from the Contractor's failure to deliver Product to authorized personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

53. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title and risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Bid Specifications. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g., signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product which is substandard or does not comply with the Contract terms, may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Commissioner.

54. RE-WEIGHING PRODUCT Deliveries are subject to re-weighing at the point of destination by the receiving entity. If shrinkage occurs which exceeds that normally allowable in the trade, the receiving entity shall have the option to require delivery of the difference in quantity, or to reduce the payment accordingly.

55. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION In the event a specified manufacturer's Product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Force Majeure Clause below) a Product deemed by the Commissioner to be equal to or better than that specified must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of

Product prior to the Commissioner's approval may be cause for cancellation of contract.

56. REJECTED PRODUCT When product is rejected, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the receiving entity within ten calendar days of notification of rejection by Authorized User. Upon rejection notification, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming product shall remain with Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten calendar days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of the items as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition.

57. INSTALLATION Where installation is required, Bidder shall be responsible for placing and installing the equipment in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects which would mar the appearance of the equipment or render it structurally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or replace the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or site to its original condition. Work shall be performed so as to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User(s) and with proper consideration for the rights of other Contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other Contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

58. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PRODUCT / COMPONENTS Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute products or components under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted products shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new products set forth in the contract, including product warranties.

59. ON-SITE STORAGE Materials, equipment or supplies may be stored at the Authorized User's site at the Contractor's sole risk and only with the approval of the Authorized User.

60. EMPLOYEES / SUBCONTRACTORS / AGENTS

All employees, subcontractors or agents performing work under the contract must be trained technicians who meet or exceed the technical and training qualifications set forth in the Bid Specifications or the Bid, whichever is better, and must comply with all applicable statutes, rules and requirements of the Contract. The Commissioner reserves the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause, including but not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized User's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the contract terms. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject and/or bar from the facility for cause any employee, subcontractor, or agents of the Contractor.

61. APPRENTICE EMPLOYEES

At the time of the execution of the Contract, the Contractor must list any apprentice employees he presently employs, and proof that they are enrolled in an approved New York State apprentice training program.

62. ASSIGNMENT / SUBCONTRACTORS The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract

to any of other person, company, firm or corporation in performance of the contract, other than the assignment of the right to receive money due, without the prior written consent of the Issuing Entity. Prior to an assignment of the right to receive money becoming effective, Contractor shall file a written notice of such assignment simultaneously with the County of Putnam Finance Director, the Issuing Entity, and participating Authorized User(s).

The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed subcontractor, assignee or supplier for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: that the proposed transferee is on the Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Commissioner determines that the company is not qualified; unsatisfactory contract performance or service has been previously provided; or attempts were not made to solicit minority and women's business enterprises (M/WBE) bidders for the subcontract.

63. PERFORMANCE / BID BOND The Issuing Entity reserves the right to require the Bidder/Contractor to furnish without additional cost, a performance, payment or bid bond or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the contract. Where required, such bond or other security shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

64. SUSPENSION OF WORK The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this contract, at any time, in the best interests of the County or Issuing Entity. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze on County spending, declaration of emergency, or other such circumstances. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor is not to accept any purchase orders and shall comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of work.

65. TERMINATION

a. Termination for Convenience: The County of Putnam may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to the Contractor when it is in the County of Putnam's best interest. The Contractor shall be paid its costs, including contract closeout costs, and profit on work performed up to the time of termination. The Contractor shall promptly submit its termination claim to the County of Putnam to be paid. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the County of Putnam, the Contractor will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner the County of Putnam directs.

b. Termination for Default [Breach or Cause]: If the Contractor does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or, if the contract is for services, the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any other provisions of the contract, the County of Putnam may terminate this contract for default, serving a notice of termination on the contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default shall effect termination. The contractor will only be paid the contract price for supplies delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract. If it is later determined by the County of Putnam that the Contractor had an excusable reason for not performing, such as a strike, fire, or flood, events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the Contractor, the County of Putnam, after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, may allow the Contractor to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

c. Opportunity to Cure: The County of Putnam in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the Contractor 10 calendar days in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If the Contractor fails to remedy to County of Putnam's satisfaction the breach or default or any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Contract within ten (10) days after receipt by Contractor of a written notice from County of Putnam setting forth the nature of said breach or default, County of Putnam shall have the right to terminate the Contract without any further obligation to Contractor. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude County of Putnam from also pursuing all available remedies in law or equity against Contractor and its sureties for said breach or default.

d. Waiver of Remedies for any Breach: In the event that the County of Putnam elects to waive its remedies for any breach by Contractor of any covenant, term or condition of this Contract, such waiver by the County of Putnam shall not limit the County of Putnam's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this Contract.

66. SAVINGS/FORCE MAJEURE The Contractor shall not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor negligence of the Contractor, its officers, employees or agents contributed to such delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires or floods, or other similar cause beyond the control of the Contractor, or for any of the foregoing which affect subcontractors or suppliers, and no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. In such event, Contractor shall notify the Commissioner, by certified or registered mail, of the delay or potential delay and the cause(s) thereof either (a) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause which creates or will create the delay first arose if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur by reason thereof, or (b) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe a delay could result. The foregoing shall constitute the Contractor's sole remedy or excuse with respect to such delay. In the event performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, by reason of any of the aforesaid causes or occurrences and proper notification is given the Commissioner, any performance so suspended or delayed shall be performed by the Contractor at no increased cost, promptly after such disabilities have ceased to exist unless it is determined in the sole discretion of the Commissioner that the delay will significantly impair the value of the contract to the County or to Authorized Users, whereupon the Commissioner may:

a. Accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor. The Contractor, however, hereby agrees to grant preferential treatment to County Agencies with respect to Product subjected to allocation; and/or

b. Purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the contract quantity; or

c. Terminate the contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delivery delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the contract or the relative part thereof.

In addition, the Commissioner reserves the right, in his/her sole discretion, to make an equitable adjustment in the contract terms and/or pricing should extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace affect pricing or the availability of supply. "Extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace" is defined as market circumstances which meet the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes outside the

control of Contractor; (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular contract source of supply; (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial; and (4) the volatility so affects Contractor's performance that continued performance of the contract would result in a substantial loss.

67. CONTRACT BILLINGS Contractor and the distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billings for Agencies must contain all information required by the County Finance Commissioner. The County Finance Commissioner shall render payment for Agency purchases, and such payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary County procedures and practices. Payment of contract purchases made by Authorized Users other than County Agencies shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User.

Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Commissioner from seeking reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the bid and award documents.

68. DEFAULT - AUTHORIZED USER An Authorized User's breach shall not be deemed a breach of the centralized contract. In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 60 days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon 10 days advance written notice to both the Commissioner and the Authorized User's purchasing official, suspend additional shipments of Product or provision of services to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future contract payments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 days prior to declaring a breach of contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Commissioner and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared. It is understood, however, that if the Contractor's basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractor's declaration of breach and failure to service an Authorized User shall constitute a breach of its contract, and the County or Authorized User may thereafter utilize any remedy available at law or equity.

69. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS

a. County Agencies: County agencies shall not be liable to the Contractor for any payments of interest, late payment charges or collection fee charges.

b. By Contractor:

i. Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the County hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to the terms hereunder and all applicable laws.

ii. Interest payments on amounts due to the County of Putnam shall be paid by contractor for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and be assessed until all amounts are paid in full, and shall be paid at the rate of interest of one per cent (1%) per month.

70. REMEDIES FOR BREACH It is understood and agreed that all rights and remedies afforded below shall be in addition to all remedies or actions otherwise authorized or permitted by law:

a. Cover / Substitute Performance In the event of Contractor's material breach, the Commissioner may, with or without formally bidding same:

i. Purchase from other sources; or

ii. If, after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then existing, to timely obtain acceptable service or acquire replacement product of equal or comparable quality, the Commissioner is unsuccessful, the Commissioner may acquire acceptable replacement product or service of lesser or greater quality.

Such purchases may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be deducted from the contract quantity and payments due Contractor.

b. Withhold Payment In any case where a question of non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Commissioner. Should the amount withheld be finally paid, a cash discount originally offered may be taken as if no delay in payment had occurred.

c. Reimbursement of Costs Incurred The Contractor agrees to reimburse the County and/or Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable services, and/or replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the County or Authorized User in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the contract, the Commissioner may authorize an ordering Authorized User to rent substitute equipment temporarily. Any sums expended for such rental shall, upon demand, be reimbursed to the Authorized User promptly by the Contractor or deducted by the Authorized User from payments due or to become due the Contractor on the same or another transaction.

d. Deduction / Credit Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the County or Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the County or Authorized User the amount of such claim or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, liquidated damages, etc., which arise from the administration of the contract.

71. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM Contractor hereby assigns to the County of Putnam, any and all of its claims for overcharges associated with this contract which may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C. Section 1, et seq., and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, General Business Law Section 340, et seq.

72. TOXIC SUBSTANCES Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance as defined by Section 875 of the *Labor Law*, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a material safety data sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the *Labor Law*.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the user agency representative.

73. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent contractor, and in no manner

shall they be deemed employees of the County or Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment. The Contractor agrees, during the term of this contract, to maintain at Contractor's expense those benefits to which its employees would otherwise be entitled by law, including health benefits, and all necessary insurance for its employees, including workers' compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and to provide the Authorized User with certification of such insurance upon request. The Contractor remains responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and all FICA contributions.

74. SECURITY / CONFIDENTIALITY Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that it will comply fully with all security procedures of the County and any Authorized User(s) in performance of the Contract.

Contractor further warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, subcontractors, officers, or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the County or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such confidential material which is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information of the County or Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable New York State Laws and Regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to take appropriate steps as to its personnel, agents, officers and any subcontractors regarding the obligations arising under this clause to insure such confidentiality.

75. THIRD PARTIES RIGHTS

- (a) Cooperation With Third Parties: The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party, including but not limited to subcontractors of the Authorized User, relating to delivery of product or coordination of services.
- (b) Indemnification Relating To Third Party Rights: The Contractor will also indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs that may be finally assessed against the Authorized Users in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or other third party proprietary right except to the extent such claims arise from the Authorized Users' gross negligence or willful misconduct, provided that the State shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor.

If usage shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Authorized User the right to continue Usage (ii) to modify the service or Product so that Usage becomes non-infringing, and is of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said service or Product or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing service or Product of at least equal quality and performance. If the above remedies are not available, the parties shall terminate the Contract, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable, provided the Authorized User is given a refund for any amounts paid for the period during which Usage was not feasible.

The foregoing provisions as to protection from third party rights shall not apply to any infringement occasioned by modification by the Authorized User of any Product without Contractor's approval. In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim that the Authorized User's use of the service or Product under the Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and Contractor satisfactorily demonstrates that the allegations in such action in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and secure a continuance to permit the Authorized User to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the Authorized User may have. This constitutes the Authorized User's sole and exclusive remedy for patent infringement, or for infringement of any other third party proprietary right.

76. CONTRACT TERM-RENEWAL EXTENSION In addition to any stated renewal periods in the Contract, any Contract or unit portion thereof let by the Commissioner may be extended by the Commissioner for an additional period(s) of up to one year with the written concurrence of the Contractor and Comptroller. Such extension may be exercised on a month-to-month basis or in other stated periods of time during the one year extension.

In the event a replacement Contract has not been issued at the time of Contract expiration, any Contract let and awarded hereunder by the County, may be extended unilaterally by the County for an additional period of up to one (1) month upon notice to the Contractor with the same terms and conditions as the original Contract including, but not limited to quantities (prorated for such one (1) month extension), pricing, and delivery requirements. With the concurrence of the Contractor, the extension may be for a period of up to three (3) months in lieu of one (1) month. However, this extension terminates should the replacement Contract be issued in the interim.

77. WARRANTIES Where Contractor or Product manufacturer generally offers additional or more advantageous warranties than set forth below, Contractor shall offer or pass through any such warranties to Authorized Users. Contractor hereby warrants and represents:

- a. Product Performance Products delivered pursuant to this Contract conform to the manufacturer's specifications, performance standards and documentation, and the documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products.
- b. Title and Ownership Warranty Full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or the right to transfer or deliver perpetual license rights to any Products transferred to Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor fully indemnifies the County and Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.
- c. Contractor Compliance To pay, at its sole expense, all applicable permits, licenses, tariffs, tolls and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the bid/ contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, insurance coverage,

licensing, proof of coverage for workers' compensation, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to do so may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

- d. **Product Warranty** Unless recycled or recovered materials are available in accordance with the "Recycled or Recovered Materials" clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; and no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice. Every Product, including any substituted or replacement Product delivered, must be unconditionally guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of one year from and after the date the Product is accepted unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner. Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to extend its warranty period by the cumulative periods of time, after notification, during which the Product requires servicing or replacement (down time) or is in the possession of the Contractor, its agents, officers or employees. If during the regular or extended warranty periods faults develop, the Contractor shall promptly repair or, upon demand, replace the defective unit or component part affected. All costs for labor and material and transportation incurred to repair or replace defective goods during the warranty period shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the County or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefor. This warranty shall survive any termination of the contract in accordance with the warranty term.
- e. **Replacement Parts Warranty** Where the provision of services requires the replacement or repair of Product, any replaced or repaired component, part or Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturer's component, part or Product. Remanufactured components meeting new product standards may be permitted by the Commissioner or Authorized User. All proposed substitutes for the original manufacturer's installed Product must be approved by the Authorized User before installation. The Product or part shall be equal to or of better quality than the original Product being replaced. Any Product replaced by the Contractor under the contract shall be guaranteed for the remainder of the warranty period under (d) above and replaced at no cost to the Authorized User if found defective during that time.
- f. **Date/Time Warranty** Contractor warrants that Product(s) furnished pursuant to this Contract shall, when used in accordance with the Product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a Contractor proposes or an acquisition requires that specific Products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the Products as a system.

Where Contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, ii) maintenance or support services, iii) data entry or processing, or iv) contract administration services (e.g., billing, invoicing, claim processing), Contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of Contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) and various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or untimely performance resulting therefrom, including, but not limited to, the failure or untimely performance of such services.

This Date/Time Warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of this contract through: a) ninety (90) days or b) the Contractor's or Product manufacturer/developer's stated date/time warranty term, whichever is longer. Nothing in this warranty statement shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this Contract for breach of warranty.

78. **INDEMNIFICATION**

Contractor hereby warrants and represents to fully indemnify and save harmless the County to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Authorized Users and their respective officers, agents and employees without limitation from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description arising out of the acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors, partners, or agents, in any performance under this contract including: i) personal injury, damage to real or personal tangible property, ii) negligence, either active or passive, or iii) infringement of any law or of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual proprietary rights, provided that the County or Authorized User shall give Contractor: (a) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, promptness of which shall be established by Authorized User upon the furnishing of written notice and verified receipt, (b) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (c) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the County or Authorized User may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Commissioner shall require.

79. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** Except as otherwise set forth in the Indemnification Paragraphs above, the limit of liability shall be as follows or as otherwise prescribed by law:

a. Contractor's liability for any claim, loss or liability arising out of, or connected with the Products and services provided, and whether based upon default, or other liability such as breach of contract, warranty, negligence, misrepresentation or otherwise, shall in no case exceed direct damages in: (i) an amount equal to two (2) times the charges specified in the Purchase Order for the Products and services, or parts thereof forming the basis of the Authorized User's claim, (said amount not to exceed a total of twelve (12) months charges payable under the applicable Purchase Order) or (ii) one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater.

b. The Authorized User may retain such monies from any amount due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, costs and the like asserted against the Authorized User unless Contractor at the time of the presentation of claim shall demonstrate to the Authorized User's satisfaction that sufficient monies are set aside by the Contractor in the form of a bond or through insurance coverage to cover associated damages and other costs.

c. Notwithstanding the above, neither the Contractor nor the Authorized User shall be liable for any consequential, indirect or special damages of any kind which may result directly or indirectly from such performance, including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or loss of profit by the Authorized User, the Contractor, or by others.

80. **INSURANCE:** Contractor shall secure and maintain insurance coverage as specified in the Bid Documents and shall promptly provide

documentation of specified coverages to the Authorized User. The Contractor shall be required to add the Authorized User as an additional insured.

81. FINANCIAL RECORDS/AUDIT: The Contractor shall maintain records of all its financial transactions, including all expenses and disbursements, which relate to this agreement. Such records shall be kept in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices) and/or County record-keeping requirements, and each transaction shall be documented. Such records shall be made available to County for inspection or audit upon request. No compensation or fee for services will be due Contractor unless or until financial statements have been filed with the Putnam County Department of Finance, if and when required by the Department of Finance.

82. CONFIDENTIALITY: For the purposes of this paragraph:

- A. The term "Confidential Information" as used herein means all material and information, whether written or oral, received by Contractor from or through the County or any other person connected with the County, or developed, produced, or obtained by Contractor in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Confidential Information shall include, but not be limited to, samples, substances and other materials, conversations, correspondence, records, notes, reports, plans, drawings, specifications and other documents in draft or final form, including any documentation or data relating to the results of any investigation, testing, sampling in laboratory or other analysis, and all conclusions, interpretations, recommendations and/or comments relating thereto.
- B. The term "Contractor" as used herein includes all officers, directors, employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees or representatives of Contractor.

83. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS.

The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law Section 165 (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit cooperation. The contractor must establish qualification for this exemption to obtain the approval of the County.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding the use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in Section 165 of the State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the County; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder specifications, the Contractor must show proof of its qualification for the exemption to obtain the approval of the County.

84. EMERGENCY CONTRACTS:

In the event that a disaster emergency is declared by Executive Order under Sections 103 and 104 of the General Municipal Law, or if the Commissioner, with the approval of the County Executive and the Chairman of the Legislature, determines pursuant to his/her authority that an emergency exists requiring the prompt and immediate delivery of Product, the Commissioner reserves the right to obtain such Product

from any source, including, but not limited, to this Contract(s), as the Commissioner in his/her sole discretion determines will meet the needs of such emergency. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or lost profits for Product procured from other sources pursuant to this paragraph. The reasons underlying the finding that an emergency exists shall be included in the procurement record.

85. SAFETY / OSHA/PESH REQUIREMENTS:

All contractors and/or vendors shall be required to wear hard hats and safety protective equipment while doing work for and/or being on Putnam County premises as the job requires. This directive is effective immediately and shall be enforced. No work will be authorized or performed without proper safety protection equipment adhering to the most recent OSHA standards, and it is the vendor's responsibility to supply the necessary items of equipment.

86. USE OF PREMISES:

The Contractor shall confine his equipment and the storage of materials, if any, and the portion of his employees to the limits directed by the owner and shall not encumber the premises or any part thereof with his materials or equipment. All work shall be accomplished in such a manner as not to interfere with the orderly conduct of the business of the County of Putnam. Since the buildings are occupied, personnel shall be instructed to refrain from unworkmanlike conduct while on the job.

TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE CONTRACTS

**The Following Clauses Pertain To
Technology & Negotiated Contracts**

87. SOFTWARE LICENSE GRANT Where Product is acquired on a licensed basis, the following shall constitute the license grant:

a. License Scope Licensee is granted a nonexclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, or merge the Product within its business enterprise in the United States up to the maximum licensed capacity stated on the Purchase Order. Product may be accessed, used, executed, reproduced, displayed or performed up to the capacity measured by the applicable licensing unit stated on the Purchase Order (i.e., payroll size, number of employees, CPU, MIPS, MSU, concurrent user, workstation). Licensee shall have the right to use and distribute modifications or customizations of the Product to and for use by any Authorized Users otherwise licensed to use the Product, provided that any modifications, however extensive, shall not diminish Licensor's proprietary title or interest. No license, right or interest in any trademark, trade name, or service mark is granted hereunder.

b. License Term The license term shall commence upon the License Effective Date, provided, however, that where an acceptance or trial period applies to the Product, the License Term shall be extended by the time period for testing, acceptance or trial.

c. Licensed Documentation If commercially available, Licensee shall have the option to require the Contractor to deliver, at Contractor's expense: (i) one (1) hard copy and one (1) master electronic copy of the Documentation in a mutually agreeable format; (ii) hard copy instructions for access by downloading from the Internet and (iii) hard copies of the Product Documentation by type of license in the following amounts, unless otherwise mutually agreed:

- Individual/Named User License - one (1) copy per License
- Concurrent Users – ten (10) copies per site
- Processing Capacity – ten (10) copies per site

Software media must be in a format specified by the Authorized User, without requiring any type of conversion.

Contractor hereby grants to Licensee a perpetual license right to make, reproduce (including downloading electronic copies of the Product) and distribute, either electronically or otherwise, copies of Product Documentation as necessary to enjoy full use of the Product in accordance with the terms of license.

d. Product Technical Support & Maintenance Licensee shall have the option of electing the Product technical support and maintenance ("Maintenance") set forth in the Contract by giving written notice to Contractor any time during the Centralized Contract term. Maintenance term(s) and any renewal(s) thereof are independent of the expiration of the Centralized Contract term and will not automatically renew.

Maintenance shall include, at a minimum, (i) the provision of error corrections, updates, revisions, fixes, upgrades and new releases to Licensee, and (ii) Help Desk assistance with locally accessible "800" or toll free, local telephone service or, alternatively on-line Help Desk accessibility. Contractor shall maintain the Products so as to provide Licensee with the ability to utilize the Products in accordance with the Product documentation without significant functional downtime to its ongoing business operations during the maintenance term.

Authorized User shall not be required to purchase Maintenance for use of Product, and may discontinue Maintenance at the end of any current Maintenance term upon notice to Contractor. In the event that Authorized User does not initially acquire or discontinues Maintenance of licensed Product, it may, at any time thereafter, reinstate maintenance for Product without any additional penalties or other charges, by paying Contractor the amount which would have been due under the Contract for the period of time that such Maintenance had lapsed, at then current NYS net maintenance rates.

e. Permitted License Transfers As Licensee's business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, licenses granted hereunder may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated site not originally specified in the license, including transfers between Agencies ("Permitted License Transfers"). Licensee(s) do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for Permitted License Transfers, but must give thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor of such move(s) and certify in writing that the Product is not in use at the prior site. There shall be no additional license or other transfer fees due Contractor, provided that: i) the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is equal to the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site (e.g., named users, seats, or MIPS); or ii) if the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the individual license capacity being transferred, a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting access will be maintained within the computer system so as to restrict use and access to the Product to that unit of licensed capacity solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In the event that the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site, and a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting use is not available, the fees due Contractor shall not exceed the fees otherwise payable for a single license for the upgrade capacity.

f. Restricted Use By Outsourcers / Facilities Management, Service Bureaus / or Other Third Parties Outsourcers, facilities management or service bureaus retained by Licensee shall have the right to use the Product to maintain Licensee's business operations, including data processing, for the time period that they are engaged in such activities, provided that: 1) Licensee gives notice to Contractor of such party, site of intended use of the Product, and means of access; and 2) such party has executed, or agrees to execute, the Product manufacturer's standard nondisclosure or restricted use agreement

which executed agreement shall be accepted by the Contractor ("Non-Disclosure Agreement"); and 3) if such party is engaged in the business of facility management, outsourcing, service bureau or other services, such third party will maintain a logical or physical partition within its computer system so as to restrict use and access to the program to that portion solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In no event shall Licensee assume any liability for third party's compliance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, nor shall the Non-Disclosure Agreement create or impose any liabilities on the State or Licensee.

Any third party with whom a Licensee has a relationship for a state function or business operation shall have the temporary right to use Product (e.g., JAVA Applets), provided that such use shall be limited to the time period during which the third party is using the Product for the function or business activity.

g. Archival Back-Up and Disaster Recovery Licensee may use and copy the Product and related Documentation in connection with: i) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product for archival backup and disaster recovery procedures in the event of destruction or corruption of the Product or disasters or emergencies which require Licensee to restore backup(s) or to initiate disaster recovery procedures for its platform or operating systems; ii) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product and related Documentation for cold site storage. ("Cold Site" storage shall be defined as a restorable back-up copy of the Product not to be installed until and after the declaration by the Licensee of a disaster); and/or iii) reproducing a back-up copy of the Product to run for a reasonable period of time in conjunction with a documented consolidation or transfer otherwise allowed herein. "Disaster Recovery" shall be defined as the installation and storage of Product in ready-to-execute, back-up computer systems prior to disaster or breakdown which is not used for active production or development.

h. Confidentiality Restrictions The Product is a trade secret, and a copyrighted and proprietary product. Licensee and its employees will keep the Product strictly confidential, and Licensee will not disclose or otherwise distribute or reproduce any Product to anyone other than as authorized under the terms of Contract. Licensee will not remove or destroy any proprietary markings of Contractor.

i. Restricted Use by Licensee Except as expressly authorized by the terms of license, Licensee shall not:

- (i) Copy the Product;
- (ii) Cause or permit reverse compilation or reverse assembly of all or any portion of the Product; or
- (iii) Export the Licensed Software in violation of any U.S. Department of Commerce export administration regulations.

88. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User(s) shall have thirty (30) days from the date of delivery to accept hardware products and sixty (60) days from the date of delivery to accept all other Product. Where the Contractor is responsible for installation, acceptance shall be from completion of installation. Failure to provide notice of acceptance or rejection or a deficiency statement to the Contractor by the end of the period provided for under this clause constitutes acceptance by the Authorized User(s) as of the expiration of that period. The License Term shall be extended by the time periods allowed for trial use, testing and acceptance unless the Commissioner or Authorized User agrees to accept the Product at completion of trial use.

Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User shall have the option to run testing on the Product prior to acceptance, such tests and data sets to be specified by User. Where using its own data or tests, Authorized User must have the tests or representative set of data available upon delivery.

This demonstration will take the form of a documented installation test, capable of observation by the Authorized User, and shall be made part of the Contractor's standard documentation. The test data shall remain accessible to the Authorized User after completion of the test.

In the event that the documented installation test cannot be completed successfully within the specified acceptance period, and the Contractor or Product is responsible for the delay, Authorized User shall have the option to cancel the order in whole or in part, or to extend the testing period for an additional thirty (30) day increment. Authorized User shall notify Contractor of acceptance upon successful completion of the documented installation test. Such cancellation shall not give rise to any cause of action against the Authorized User for damages, loss of profits, expenses, or other remuneration of any kind.

If the Authorized User elects to provide a deficiency statement specifying how the Product fails to meet the specifications within the testing period, Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to correct the deficiency, and the Authorized User shall have an additional sixty (60) days to evaluate the Product as provided herein. If the Product does not meet the specifications at the end of the extended testing period, Authorized User, upon prior written notice to Contractor, may then reject the Product and return all defective Product to Contractor, and Contractor shall refund any monies paid by the Authorized User to Contractor therefor. Costs and liabilities associated with a failure of the Product to perform in accordance with the functionality tests or product specifications during the acceptance period shall be borne fully by Contractor to the extent that said costs or liabilities shall not have been caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Authorized User's agents or employees. Said costs shall be limited to the amounts set forth in the Limitation of Liability Clause for any liability for costs incurred at the direction or recommendation of Contractor.

89. AUDIT OF LICENSED PRODUCT USAGE Contractor shall have the right to periodically audit, no more than annually, at Contractor's expense, use of licensed Product at any site where a copy of the Product resides provided that: (i) Contractor gives Licensee(s) at least thirty (30) days advance written notice, (ii) such audit is conducted during such party's normal business hours, (iii) the audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen on mutual agreement of the parties; (iv) Contractor and Licensee are each entitled to designate a representative who shall be entitled to participate, in and mutually agree on the audit format, shall simultaneously review all information obtained by the audit. Such representatives also shall be entitled to copies of all reports, data or information obtained from the audit; and (v) if the audit shows that such party is not in compliance, Licensee shall be required to purchase additional licenses or capacities necessary to bring it into compliance and shall pay for the unlicensed capacity at the NYS Net Price in effect at time of audit, or if none, then at the Contractor's U.S. Commercial list price. Once such additional licenses or capacities are purchased, Licensee shall be deemed to have been in compliance retroactively, and Licensee shall have no further liability of any kind for the unauthorized use of the software.

Contractor shall recommend a minimum of three (3) auditing/accounting firms from which the Licensee will select one (1). In no case shall the Business Software Alliance (BSA), Software Publishers Association (SPA), Software and Industry Information Association (SIIA) or Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) be used directly or indirectly to conduct audits, or be recommended by Contractor;

90. OWNERSHIP/TITLE TO PROJECT DELIVERABLES

a. Definitions

(i) For purposes of this paragraph, "Products," means deliverable furnished under this Contract by or through Contractor, including existing and custom Products, including, but not limited to: a)

components of the hardware environment, b) printed materials (including, but not limited to, training manuals, system and user documentation, reports or drawings), whether printed, in hard copy or maintained on diskette, CD, DVD or other electronic media, c) third party software, d) modifications, customizations, custom programs, program listings, programming tools, data, modules or components, and e) any properties embodied therein, whether in tangible or intangible form (including, but not limited to, utilities, interfaces, templates, subroutines, algorithms, formulas, source code or object code).

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Existing Products" means tangible Products and intangible licensed Products that exist prior to the commencement of work under the Contract. Contractor bears the burden of proving that a particular product was in existence prior to the commencement of the Project.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Custom Products" means Products, preliminary, final or otherwise, which are created or developed by Contractor, its Subcontractors, partners, employees or agents for Authorized User under the Contract.

b. Title to Project Deliverables Contractor acknowledges that it is commissioned by the Authorized User to perform the services detailed in the Purchase Order. Unless otherwise specified in writing in the Bid or Purchase Order, the Authorized User shall have ownership and license rights as follows:

(i) Existing Products:

1. Hardware - Title and ownership of Existing Hardware Product shall pass to Authorized User upon Acceptance.

2. Software - Title and ownership to Existing Software Product(s) delivered by Contractor under the Contract that is normally commercially distributed on a license basis by the Contractor or other independent software vendor proprietary owner ("Existing Licensed Product"), whether or not embedded in, delivered or operating in conjunction with hardware or Custom Products, shall remain with Contractor or the proprietary owner of other independent software vendor(s) (ISV). Effective upon acceptance, such Product shall be licensed to Authorized User in accordance with the Contractor or ISV owner's standard license agreement, provided, however, that such standard license, must, at a minimum: (a) grant Authorized User a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt (unless Contractor advises Authorized User as part of Contractor's proposal that adaptation will violate existing agreements or statutes and Contractor demonstrates such to the Authorized User's satisfaction) and distribute Existing Licensed Product to the Authorized User up to the license capacity stated in the Purchase Order or work order with all license rights necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) stated in the Bid or Authorized User's Purchase Order or work order, including the financing assignment rights set forth in paragraph (c) below; and (b) recognize the State of New York as the licensee where the Authorized User is a state agency, department, board, commission, office or institution. Where these rights are not otherwise covered by the ISV's owner's standard license agreement, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining these rights at its sole cost and expense. The Authorized User shall reproduce all copyright notices and any other legend of ownership on any copies authorized under this paragraph.

(ii.) **Custom Products:** Effective upon creation of Custom Products, Contractor hereby conveys, assigns and transfers to Authorized User the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in Custom Product(s), whether preliminary, final or otherwise, including all trademark and copyrights. Contractor hereby agrees to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the Custom Products are protected against unauthorized copying, reproduction and marketing by or through Contractor, its agents, employees, or Subcontractors. Nothing herein shall preclude the Contractor from otherwise using the related or underlying general knowledge, skills, ideas, concepts, techniques and experience developed under a Purchase Order, project definition or work order in the course of Contractor's business.

Authorized User may, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor, elect in the alternative to take a non-exclusive perpetual license to Custom Products in lieu of Authorized User taking exclusive ownership and title to such Products. In such case, Licensee on behalf of all Authorized Users shall be granted a non-exclusive perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt and distribute Custom Product as necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) as stated in paragraph (b)(i)(2), above.

c. Transfers or Assignments to a Third Party Financing Agent It is understood and agreed by the parties that a condition precedent to the consummation of the purchase (s) under the Contract may be the obtaining of acceptable third party financing by the Authorized User. The Authorized User shall make the sole determination of the acceptability of any financing proposal. The Authorized User will make all reasonable efforts to obtain such financing, but makes no representation that such financing has been obtained as of the date of Bid receipt. Where financing is used, Authorized User may assign or transfer its rights in Licensed Products (existing or custom) to a third party financing entity or trustee ("Trustee") as collateral where required by the terms of the financing agreement. Trustee's sole rights with respect to transferability or use of Licensed Products shall be to exclusively sublicense to Authorized User all of its Licensee's rights under the terms and conditions of the License Agreement; provided, further, however, in the event of any termination or expiration of such sublicense by reason of payment in full, all of Trustee's rights in such Licensed Product shall terminate immediately and Authorized User's prior rights to such Existing Licensed Product shall be revived.

d. Sale or License of Custom Products Involving Tax-Exempt Financing (i.e., Certificates of Participation - COPS) The Authorized User's sale or other transfer of Custom Products which were acquired by the Authorized User using third party, tax-exempt financing may not occur until such Custom Products are, or become, useable. In the event that the Contractor wishes to obtain ownership rights to Custom Product(s), the sale or other transfer shall be at fair market value determined at the time of such sale or other transfer, and must be pursuant to a separate written agreement in a form acceptable to the Authorized User which complies with the terms of this paragraph.

e. Contractor's Obligation with Regard to ISV (Third Party) Product Where Contractor furnishes Existing Licensed Product(s) as a Project Deliverable, and sufficient rights necessary to effect the purposes of this section are not otherwise provided in the Contractor or ISV's standard license agreement, Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining from the ISV third party proprietary owner/developer the rights set forth herein to the benefit of the Authorized User at Contractor's sole cost and expense.⁹¹

PROOF OF LICENSE The Contractor must provide to each Licensee who places a Purchase Order either: (i) the Product developer's certified License Confirmation Certificates in the name of such Licensee; or (ii) a written confirmation from the Proprietary owner accepting Product invoice as proof of license. Contractor shall submit a sample certificate, or alternatively such written confirmation from the proprietary developer. Such certificates must be in a form acceptable to the Licensee.

92. PRODUCT VERSION Purchase Orders shall be deemed to reference Manufacturer's most recently released model or version of the Product at time of order, unless an earlier model or version is specifically requested in writing by Authorized User and Contractor is willing to provide such version.

93. CHANGES TO PRODUCT OR SERVICE OFFERINGS

a. Product or Service Discontinuance Where Contractor is the Product Manufacturer/Developer, and Contractor publicly announces to all U.S. customers ("Date of Notice") that a Product is being withdrawn

from the U.S. market or that maintenance service or technical support provided by Contractor ("Withdrawn Support") is no longer going to be offered, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the Commissioner, each Licensee and each Authorized User then under contract for maintenance or technical Support in writing of the intended discontinuance; and (ii) continue to offer Product or withdrawn support upon the Contract terms previously offered for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) at Authorized User's option, provided that the Authorized User is under contract for maintenance on the Date of Notice, either: provide the Authorized User with a Product replacement or migration path with at least equivalent functionality at no additional charge to enable Authorized User to continue use and maintenance of the Product.

In the event that the Contractor is not the Product Manufacturer, Contractor shall be required to: (i) provide the notice required under the paragraph above, to the entities described within five (5) business days of Contractor receiving notice from the Product Manufacturer, and (ii) include in such notice the period of time from the Date of Notice that the Product Manufacturer will continue to provide Product or withdraw support.

The provisions of this subdivision (a) shall not apply or eliminate Contractor's obligations where Withdrawn Support is being provided by an independent Subcontractor. In the event that such Subcontractor ceases to provide service, Contractor shall be responsible for subcontracting such service, subject to state approval, to an alternate Subcontractor.

b. Product or Service Re-Bundling In the event that Contractor is the Product manufacturer and publicly announces to all U.S. customers that a Product or maintenance or technical support offering is being re-bundled in a different manner from the structure or licensing model of the prior U.S. commercial offering, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the State and each Authorized User in writing of the intended change; (ii) continue to provide Product or Withdrawn Support upon the same terms and conditions as previously offered on the then-current NYS Contract for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) shall submit the proposed rebundling change to the Commissioner for approval prior to its becoming effective for the remainder of the Contract term. The provisions of this section do not apply if the Contractor is not the Product manufacturer.

94. NO HARDSTOP/PASSIVE LICENSE MONITORING Unless an Authorized User is otherwise specifically advised to the contrary in writing at the time of order and prior to purchase, Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the Product and all Upgrades do not and will not contain any computer code that would disable the Product or Upgrades or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral, or other similar self-destruct mechanisms (sometimes referred to as “time bombs,” “time locks,” or “drop dead” devices) or that would permit Contractor to access the Product to cause such disablement or impairment (sometimes referred to as a “trap door” device). Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach or alleged breach of this provision that Authorized User shall not have an adequate remedy at law, including monetary damages, and that Authorized User shall consequently be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other form of equitable relief against the continuance of such breach, in addition to any and all remedies to which Authorized User shall be entitled.

95. SOURCE CODE ESCROW FOR LICENSED PRODUCT If Source Code or Source Code escrow is offered by either Contractor or Product manufacturer or developer to any other commercial customers, Contractor shall either: (i) provide Licensee with the Source Code for the Product; or (ii) place the Source Code in a third party escrow arrangement with a designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with a standard escrow agreement acceptable to the State; or (iii) will certify to the State that the Product manufacturer/developer has named the State, acting by and through the Authorized User, and the Licensee, as a named beneficiary of an established escrow arrangement with its designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State and Licensee, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with the terms of escrow. Source Code, as well as any corrections or enhancements to such source code, shall be updated for each new release of the Product in the same manner as provided above and such updating of escrow shall be certified to the State in writing. Contractor shall identify the escrow agent upon commencement of the Contract term and shall certify annually that the escrow remains in effect in compliance with the terms of this paragraph.

The State may release the Source Code to Licensees under this Contract who have licensed Product or obtained services, who may use such copy of the Source Code to maintain the Product.