

Master Agreement #: **99SWC-NV23-16270**

Contractor: **A3 Communications**

Participating Entity: **STATE OF TENNESSEE, CENTRAL  
PROCUREMENT OFFICE**

The following products or services are included in this contract portfolio:

- All products and accessories listed on the Contractor page of the NASPO ValuePoint website.

**Participating Addendum Terms and Conditions:**

1. Scope: This addendum covers the ***Security and Fire Protection Services (2023-2028)*** led by the State of Nevada for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating State authorized by that State's statutes to utilize State contracts with the prior approval of the State's Chief Procurement Official.
2. Participation: The NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement referenced above may be used by all state agencies, institutions of higher institution, political subdivisions and other entities authorized to use statewide contracts in the State of Tennessee. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official. Please see Attachment A: Specific State of Tennessee Terms and Conditions, Section E.3. for more details regarding eligibility.
3. Primary Contacts: The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

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| Telephone: | 803-744-5000                  |
| Fax:       |                               |
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Participating Entity

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#### **4. PARTICIPATING ENTITY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT**

These modifications or additions apply only to actions and relationships within the Participating Entity.

☐ No changes to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are required.

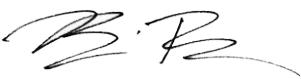
☒ The following changes are modifying or supplementing the Master Agreement terms and conditions:

This Participating Addendum with Specific State of Tennessee Terms and Conditions are attached below as Attachment A and if conflict, take precedence over the NASPO Master Agreement Number 99SWC-NV23-16270 terms and conditions.

#### **5. Term:**

The term, renewal, and extension provisions of this Participating Addendum are set forth in Attachment A, Specific State of Tennessee Terms and Conditions, Section B.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

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| Participating Entity: State of Tennessee,<br>Central Procurement Office | Contractor: A3 Communications                                                                    |
| Signature:                                                              | Signature:<br> |
| Name:                                                                   | Name:<br>Brian Thomas                                                                            |
| Title:<br>State of Tennessee, Chief Procurement<br>Officer              | Title:<br>Chief Sales Officer                                                                    |
| Date:                                                                   | Date:<br>May 30, 2024                                                                            |

For questions on executing a participating addendum, please contact:

**NASPO ValuePoint**

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in appropriate data bases.]***

**SPECIFIC STATE OF TENNESSEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
TO MASTER AGREEMENT #: 99SWC-NV23-16270**

**A. SCOPE:**

A.1. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required, described, and detailed below and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by the Master Agreement and the Participating Addendum with State specific Terms and Conditions (hereinafter "Contract"). The requested services will be made available for use by all State facilities, inclusive of group homes, prisons, military bases, including military bases located in Catoosa, Georgia and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and other Authorized Users as defined in Section E.3.

A.2. Contractor Requirements.

- a. Contractor must follow all applicable federal, State, local, environmental, and security standards and regulations. Contractor must adhere to all Federal codes as required for federal facilities serviced under the Contract. Contractors awarded Military and Air National Guard locations shall follow any specific regulations that apply to those facilities.
- b. The Contractor must comply with the National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") Codes, as adopted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshall's Office and Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-601-02, as may be amended.
- c. Any Contractor servicing fire related systems under the Contract shall be certified by the International Code Council (ICC), NFPA and shall be licensed by the appropriate State of Tennessee licensing board. National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level III Certification is required for Contractors handling special hazard suppression systems.
- d. As required, the Contractor shall hold all current licenses, certifications, or permits necessary to perform the Contract tasks and shall provide copies of all applicable licenses, certifications, or permits for each employee assigned to work under this Contract as listed in Section A.7.
- e. At the Authorized User's request, the Contractor shall be required to furnish evidence of training or licenses.
- f. The Authorized User shall maintain control of the equipment or system(s) covered by this Contract, with full authority determining if and when the Contractor shall be called to perform work. Upon request by the Central Procurement Office ("CPO") or Authorized User, the Contractor will make available information on system codes for proprietary and non-proprietary systems, system manufacturer brands and models, and locations of the systems serviced. At the request of the Authorized User or CPO, the Contractor shall relinquish the pass codes to the State's systems or set the pass codes to default at no cost to the State or its Authorized Users.

- g. The Contractor is responsible for programming and must have access to repair and replacement parts. There will be no additional charge for programming.

A.3. Service Level Agreement.

a. Contractor Response Time:

- 1) The Contractor shall have a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours response time during Normal State Operating Hours. Response time begins when the Contractor receives authorization from the Authorized User via phone or email to perform service and ends when the Contractor arrives on-site. It is up to the discretion of the Authorized User to schedule a time outside of this response time. (This excludes "trouble calls," which shall require the Contractor to meet the service time as outlined in the Master Agreement).
- 2) Not to Exceed Estimates shall be provided to the Authorized User within five (5) business days after the initial request is made by the Authorized User unless otherwise specified by the Authorized User.

b. Contractor Service Personnel:

- 1) The Contractor must use personnel who are trained to work on the equipment or system(s) as described or as listed to perform the services as requested. The trained personnel can be the Contractor's Subcontractor personnel.
- 2) The Contractor must have personnel to receive and act on service calls twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week and on holidays. An automated answering system will not be acceptable as a contact. Service calls may include:
  - i. Dispatching service technicians
  - ii. Providing technical assistance via telephone or email

A.4. Additional Job Requirements.

- a. All Contractors contacted to provide a Not to Exceed Estimate should visit the facility or facilities to take exact measurements and examine the premises to become familiar with any problems or unusual circumstances which might exist. No allowances will be made by the Authorized User for errors in Not to Exceed Estimates due to any Contractor not visiting the site(s) prior to submitting their Not to Exceed Estimate. Contractors shall be responsible for their own measurements.
- b. At the discretion of the Authorized User, Contractors will be required to attend any mandatory site visit(s) held at the Authorized User's facility in order to provide a Not to Exceed Estimate. Any Contractor who fails to attend a mandatory site visit cannot submit a Not to Exceed Estimate for that particular job. If the Authorized User does not deem a mandatory site visit necessary, the Contractor may request to visit the site prior to providing a Not to Exceed Estimate.

A.5. Security and Safety Policy and Procedure.

- a. Security and safety requirements and State and Authorized User regulations and policies must be adhered to while on-site. This includes, but is not limited to; key control, tool control, compliance with prohibitory contraband items, etc.

- b. Under no circumstances shall service be provided by Contractor without proper contact with the Authorized User or designated authority as instructed.
  - c. Contractor Service Personnel may be required to provide picture identification for inspection upon entering the Authorized User facilities. Contractor Service Personnel will be required to wear an identification badge while on the Authorized User's property.
  - d. The Contractor must ensure that all vehicles, equipment, fuel, tools, chemicals, and supplies used at the Authorized User's locations are appropriately accounted for at all times, including while vehicles are in parking areas or on campus roads and drives.
    - 1) No equipment, tools, supplies or materials shall be left open or unattended.
    - 2) Equipment and supplies shall be secured when not in use.
    - 3) Vehicles must be turned off, keys must be removed from the ignition, and doors must be locked when left unattended.
  - e. The Contractor shall clean the work area of all equipment and waste or debris generated by the Contractor during the performance of a job; leaving the work site clean at the end of each workday, unless otherwise allowed by the Authorized User.
  - f. All materials used or generated by the Contractor while performing the tasks of this contract is the total responsibility of the Contractor. This includes waste or debris generated by the Contractor.
    - 1) Waste, excess, and debris generated by the Contractor, will be removed from the work site by the Contractor.
    - 2) Use, removal and disposal of materials must be done in accordance with any and all federal, State and local laws and regulations.
- A.6. State Building Commission. Jobs with the estimated or actual cost exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) are excluded from being conducted under this Contract without the prior approval of the State Building Commission ("SBC") per By-Laws, Policy, and Procedure of the State Building Commission of Tennessee, Item 2.
- A.7. Licenses, Certifications, Permits.
- a. Category 1: Backflow Prevention System
  - b. Category 2: Standpipe Inspections – Fire Hose – NFPA 1962
  - c. Category 3: Automatic Fire Pumps – NFPA 20, 25
  - d. Category 4: Fire Sprinkler Systems – Persons who engage in the business of selling, installing, or servicing fire protection sprinkler systems regulated by Tenn. Code Ann. §62-32-101 et seq., Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-07-.01, and NFPA 13, 25
  - e. Category 5: Fire Detection – Fire Alarm Systems – NFPA 72
  - f. Category 6: Emergency Lighting – International Fire Code
  - g. Category 7: Special Hazard Fire Suppression Systems – NFPA 11, 11A, 11C, 12, 12A, 15, 16, 17, 17A, 18
  - h. Category 8: Portable Fire Extinguisher Inspection – Service and Testing – The standards for the installation and service of portable fire extinguishers and fixed fire extinguisher systems in the State of Tennessee are found in Tenn. Code Ann. §62-32-101 et seq., Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-14, and NFPA 10.
  - i. Category 9: New Portable Fire Extinguishers – The standards for the installation and service of portable fire extinguishers and fixed fire extinguisher systems in the State of

Tennessee are found in Tenn. Code Ann. §62-32-101 et seq., Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-14, and NFPA 10.

- j. Category 10: Kitchen Fire Suppression Commercial Hood System – International Mechanical Code, International Fire Code
- k. Category 11: Commercial Hood System Cleaning
- l. Category 12: Access Control Systems - There are four classifications of Alarm System Contractors which require licensure. T.C.A. § 62-32-316, T.C.A. § 62-32-314 (licensure requirements), Tenn. Rules and Reg. 009-01-.02 (Access Control Definition), Tenn. Rules and Reg. 0090-01-.02(4) (access control may be a function of a burglar alarm system). Tenn Rules and Reg. 0090-01-.03: “Mechanical locks without electrical components and electro-mechanical locking devices securing a single entry point, which are not part of either an integrated system involving multiple access points or other alarm systems shall not be considered an “alarm system” as defined in T.C.A. § 62-32-303 paragraph (1).” (This will be limited to installation, the organization may need to be licensed in another classification as well, i.e. monitoring.) Exemptions from Alarm System Contractor requirements T.C.A. §62-32-305.
- m. Category 13: Burglar Alarm Systems - There are four classifications of Alarm System Contractors which require licensure, one of which is Burglar Alarm Systems. T.C.A. § 62-32-316, T.C.A. § 62-32-314 (licensure requirements). “Burglar alarm system means an alarm or monitoring system that has the primary function of detecting or responding to emergencies other than fire;” T.C.A. § 62-32-303(5). “BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM – An alarm or monitoring system, including but not limited to access control that has the primary function of detecting or responding to emergencies other than fire.” Tenn. Rules and Reg. 0090-01-.02(4). (This will be limited to installation, the organization may need to be licensed in another classification as well, i.e. monitoring.) Exemptions from Alarm System Contractor requirements T.C.A. §62-32-305.
- n. Category 14: Surveillance Services and Equipment - There are four classifications of Alarm System Contractors which require licensure, one of which is Closed Circuit Television. T.C.A. § 62-32-316, T.C.A. § 62-32-314 (licensure requirements). “CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION – An alarm system that provides video surveillance of events primarily by means of transmission and recording of visual signals through the use of film, cameras, receivers, and other visual imaging systems. Closed circuit television systems may also include as secondary functions audio and related electrical signals. Tenn. Code Ann. 0090-01-.02(6). (This will be limited to installation, the organization may need to be licensed in another classification as well, i.e. monitoring.) Exemptions from Alarm System Contractor requirements T.C.A. §62-32-305.
- o. Category 15: High Security Controls Systems – There are four classifications of Alarm System Contractors which require licensure. T.C.A. § 62-32-316, T.C.A. § 62-32-314 (licensure requirements). Given the functions being performed in these high security facilities there is likely a need for an Alarm Systems Contractor with multiple classifications or multiple contractors depending on the function (burglar, monitoring, CCTV).
- p. Category 16: Inspections & Monitoring
  - 1) Fire Extinguishing Systems – The standards for the installation and service of portable fire extinguishers and fixed fire extinguisher systems in the State of Tennessee are found in Tenn. Code Ann. §62-32-101 et seq., Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-14, and NFPA 10.NFPA 11, 11A, 11C, 12, 12A, 15, 16, 17, 17A, 18
  - 2) Fire Sprinkler Systems – Persons who engage in the business of selling, installing, or servicing fire protection sprinkler systems regulated by Tenn. Code Ann. §62-32-101 et seq., Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0780-02-07-.01, and NFPA 13, 25
  - 3) Alarm Monitoring –There are four classifications of Alarm System Contractors which require licensure, one of which is Monitoring. T.C.A. § 62-32-316, T.C.A. § 62-32-314 (licensure requirements). Monitoring “means any off-site central monitoring station or

location that receives electronic burglar alarm, closed circuit television or fire alarm signals from multiple locations and notifies or dispatches, or both, other persons to emergency burglaries, hold ups, thefts, vandalism, civil unrest, personal emergencies or fire alarm conditions.” T.C.A. § 62-32-303(12). NFPA 72. (This will be limited to monitoring the organization may need to be licensed in another classification as well for installation.) Exemptions from Alarm System Contractor requirements T.C.A. §62-32-305.

4) Fire Alarm/Protective Signaling Systems – NFPA 72

A.8. Security Requirements:

- 1) Contactors shall use hardwired connections (POTS lines), and avoid any State network or wi-fi dependencies.
- 2) All State data must remain in the United States, regardless of whether the data is processed, stored, in-transit, or at rest.
- 3) Access to State data shall be limited to US-based (onshore) resources only.
- 4) Configuration or development of software and code is permitted outside of the United States. However, software applications designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned or controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of, a foreign adversary, which the U.S. Secretary of Commerce acting pursuant to 15 CFR 7 has defined to include the People's Republic of China, among others are prohibited.
- 5) Any testing of code outside of the United States must use fake data. A copy of production data may not be transmitted or used outside the United States.

**B. TERM OF CONTRACT:**

This Contract shall be effective on August 1, 2024 (“Effective Date”) and extend for a period of Forty-Eight (48) months after the Effective Date (“Term”). The State shall have no obligation for goods or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.

- B.1. Renewal Options. This Contract may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of the Term. The State reserves the right to execute up to one (1) renewal options under the same terms and conditions for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months each by the State, at the State's sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of sixty (60) months or extend beyond the term of the Master Agreement.
- B.2. Term Extension. The State may extend the Term an additional period of time, not to exceed one hundred-eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of this Contract, under the same terms and conditions, at the State's sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of sixty (60) months or extend beyond the term of the Master Agreement.



**C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- C.1. Estimated Liability. The total purchases of any goods or services under the Contract are not known. The State estimates the purchases during the Term shall be Nine million eight hundred twenty-seven thousand one hundred eleven dollars and forty-eight cents (\$6,473,549.78) ("Estimated Liability"). The Estimated Liability per category is:

Category 5: Fire Detection – Fire Alarm Systems: \$3,387,253.54

Category 12: Access Control Systems: \$788,134.72

Category 13: Burglar Alarm Systems: \$212,514.98

Category 14: Surveillance Services and Equipment: \$1,522,093.08

Category 15: High Security Controls Systems: \$224,104.00

Category 16: Inspections & Monitoring: \$339,449.46

This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.

- C.2. Compensation Firm. The payment methodology in Section C.3. of this Contract shall constitute the entire compensation due the Contractor for all goods or services provided under this Contract regardless of the difficulty, materials or equipment required. The payment methodology includes all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Contractor.
- C.3. Payment Methodology. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment rates for goods and services contained in the Master Agreement and as authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Section C.1. The Contractor's compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of goods or services as set forth in Section A.
- C.4. Travel Compensation. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel time, travel expenses, meals, or lodging.
- C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section C.3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

State Agency Billing Address

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):

- (1) Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
- (2) Invoice date;
- (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
- (4) Customer account name: State Agency & Division Name;
- (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer);
- (6) Contractor name;
- (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
- (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);
- (9) Contractor remittance address;
- (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;
- (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
- (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each good or service invoiced;
- (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
- (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.

b. Contractor's invoices shall:

- (1) Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section C;
- (2) Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
- (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes; and
- (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.

c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements of this Section C.5.

C.6. Payment of Invoice. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or other matter. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of goods delivered, any part of the services provided, or as approval of any amount invoiced.

C.7. Invoice Reductions. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that is determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract, to not constitute proper compensation for goods delivered or services provided.

C.8. Deductions. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.

C.9. Prerequisite Documentation. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.

- a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
- b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

**D. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.

D.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective Party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or email address as stated below or any other address provided in writing by a Party.

The State:

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All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effective upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- D.3. Modification and Amendment. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.
- D.4. Subject to Funds Availability. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.
- D.5. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.
- D.6. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"), the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any Breach Condition and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
- D.7. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- D.8. Conflicts of Interest. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.

The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.

- D.9. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.10. Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.
- a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation by submitting to the State a completed Attestation (accessible through the Edison Supplier Portal) and included at Attachment 1, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
  - b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semi-annually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
  - c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
  - d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
  - e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
- D.11. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under

this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

- D.12. Monitoring. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.13. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.14. Strict Performance. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
- D.15. Independent Contractor. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.
- D.16. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless from any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.
- D.17. Limitation of State's Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. Notwithstanding anything else herein, the State's total liability under this Contract (including without limitation any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Estimated Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
- D.18. Limitation of Contractor's Liability. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Estimated Liability amount detailed in Section C.1. and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for: (i) intellectual property or any Contractor indemnity obligations for infringement for third-party

intellectual property rights; (ii) any claims covered by any specific provision in the Contract providing for liquidated damages; or (iii) any claims for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or acts or omissions that result in personal injuries or death.

- D.19. Hold Harmless. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.

In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

- D.20. HIPAA Compliance. The State and Contractor shall comply with obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding privacy (collectively the "Privacy Rules"). The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- a. Contractor warrants to the State that it is familiar with the requirements of the Privacy Rules, and will comply with all applicable requirements in the course of this Contract.
- b. Contractor warrants that it will cooperate with the State, including cooperation and coordination with State privacy officials and other compliance officers required by the Privacy Rules, in the course of performance of the Contract so that both parties will be in compliance with the Privacy Rules.
- c. The State and the Contractor will sign documents, including but not limited to business associate agreements, as required by the Privacy Rules and that are reasonably necessary to keep the State and Contractor in compliance with the Privacy Rules. This provision shall not apply if information received or delivered by the parties under this Contract is NOT "protected health information" as defined by the Privacy Rules, or if the Privacy Rules permit the parties to receive or deliver the information without entering into a business associate agreement or signing another document.
- d. The Contractor will indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any violation by the Contractor or its subcontractors of the Privacy Rules. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of protected health information, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any fines, penalties, or damages paid by the State because of the violation.

- D.21. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, *et seq.*, the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (“TCRS”), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, *et seq.*, accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of “employee/employer” and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.
- D.22. Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 – 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
- D.23. Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:
- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
  - b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
  - d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded, disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.

- D.24. Force Majeure. “Force Majeure Event” means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not



excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred, and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees for the affected obligations until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.

- D.25. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor's performance of this Contract.
- D.26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 - 408.
- D.27. Entire Agreement. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
- D.28. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
- D.29. Headings. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
- D.30. Incorporation of Additional Documents. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:
- a. any amendment to this Participating Addendum, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments;

- b. this Participating Addendum with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below), which includes Attachment A
- c. the NASPO Master Agreement (Number 99SWC-NV23-16270);
- d. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking the NASPO Master Agreement;
- e. the NASPO solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for the NASPO Master Agreement;
- f. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award the NASPO Master Agreement; and
- g. the Contractor's response seeking the NASPO Master Agreement.

D.31. Iran Divestment Act. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.

D.32. Insurance. Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage as specified in this Section. The State reserves the right to amend or require additional insurance coverage, coverage amounts, and endorsements required under this Contract. Contractor's failure to maintain or submit evidence of insurance coverage, as required, is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor loses insurance coverage, fails to renew coverage, or for any reason becomes uninsured during the Term, Contractor shall immediately notify the State. All insurance companies providing coverage must be: (a) acceptable to the State; (b) authorized by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance ("TDCI"); and (c) rated A- / VII or better by A.M. Best. All coverage must be on a primary basis and noncontributory with any other insurance or self-insurance carried by the State. Contractor agrees to name the State as an additional insured on any insurance policy with the exception of workers' compensation (employer liability) and professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance. All policies must contain an endorsement for a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. Any deductible or self insured retention ("SIR") over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) must be approved by the State. The deductible or SIR and any premiums are the Contractor's sole responsibility. The Contractor agrees that the insurance requirements specified in this Section do not reduce any liability the Contractor has assumed under this Contract including any indemnification or hold harmless requirements.

To achieve the required coverage amounts, a combination of an otherwise deficient specific policy and an umbrella policy with an aggregate meeting or exceeding the required coverage amounts is acceptable. For example: If the required policy limit under this Contract is for two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in coverage, acceptable coverage would include a specific policy covering one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined with an umbrella policy for an additional one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the deficient underlying policy is for a coverage area without aggregate limits (generally Automobile Liability and Employers' Liability Accident), Contractor shall provide a copy of the umbrella insurance policy documents to ensure that no aggregate limit applies to the umbrella policy for that coverage area. In the event that an umbrella policy is being provided to achieve any required coverage amounts, the umbrella policy shall be accompanied by an endorsement at least as broad as the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (also known as "ISO") "Noncontributory—Other Insurance Condition" endorsement or shall be written on a policy form that addresses both the primary and noncontributory basis of the umbrella policy if the State is otherwise named as an additional insured.

Contractor shall provide the State a certificate of insurance ("COI") evidencing the coverages and amounts specified in this Section. The COI must be on a form approved by the TDCI (standard ACORD form preferred). The COI must list each insurer's National Association of Insurance

Commissioners (NAIC) number and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer. The COI must list the State of Tennessee – CPO Risk Manager, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Central Procurement Office, Nashville, TN 37243 as the certificate holder. Contractor shall provide the COI ten (10) business days prior to the Effective Date and again thirty (30) calendar days before renewal or replacement of coverage. Contractor shall provide the State evidence that all subcontractors maintain the required insurance or that subcontractors are included under the Contractor's policy. At any time, the State may require Contractor to provide a valid COI. The Parties agree that failure to provide evidence of insurance coverage as required is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor self-insures, then a COI will not be required to prove coverage. Instead Contractor shall provide a certificate of self-insurance or a letter, on Contractor's letterhead, detailing its coverage, policy amounts, and proof of funds to reasonably cover such expenses. The State reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

The State agrees that it shall give written notice to the Contractor as soon as practicable after the State becomes aware of any claim asserted or made against the State, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days after the State becomes aware of such claim. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor or its insurer, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

The insurance obligations under this Contract shall be: (1)—all the insurance coverage and policy limits carried by the Contractor; or (2)—the minimum insurance coverage requirements and policy limits shown in this Contract; whichever is greater. Any insurance proceeds in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and minimum required policy limits, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the State. No representation is made that the minimum insurance requirements of the Contract are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor arising under this Contract. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain, at a minimum, the following insurance coverages and policy limits.

a. Commercial General Liability (“CGL”) Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain CGL, which shall be written on an ISO Form CG 00 01 occurrence form (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) and shall cover liability arising from property damage, premises and operations products and completed operations, bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).  
The Contractor shall maintain single limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this policy or location of occurrence or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

b. Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance

- 1) For Contractors statutorily required to carry workers' compensation and employer liability insurance, the Contractor shall maintain:

- i. Workers' compensation in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) including employer liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury by accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit by disease, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per employee for bodily injury by disease.
- 2) If the Contractor certifies that it is exempt from the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 50-6-101 – 103, then the Contractor shall furnish written proof of such exemption for one or more of the following reasons:
  - i. The Contractor employs fewer than five (5) employees;
  - ii. The Contractor is a sole proprietor;
  - iii. The Contractor is in the construction business or trades with no employees;
  - iv. The Contractor is in the coal mining industry with no employees;
  - v. The Contractor is a state or local government; or
  - vi. The Contractor self-insures its workers' compensation and is in compliance with the TDCI rules and Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-6-405.

c. Automobile Liability Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance which shall cover liability arising out of any automobile (including owned, leased, hired, and non-owned automobiles).
- 2) The Contractor shall maintain bodily injury/property damage with a limit not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or combined single limit.

- D.33. Major Procurement Contract Sales and Use Tax. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-39-102 and to the extent applicable, the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors shall remit sales and use taxes on the sales of goods or services that are made by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors and that are subject to tax.
- D.34. Confidentiality of Records. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- D.35. Boycott of Israel. The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and covenants that it will not, for the duration of the Contract, engage in a Boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119.
- D.36. Prohibited Contract Terms. The prohibited contract terms and conditions enumerated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that the inclusion of a term or condition prohibited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be null and void and the Contract shall be enforceable as if the Contract did not contain such term or condition.

**E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- E.1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract's other terms and conditions.
- E.2. Contractor Commitment to Diversity. The Contractor shall comply with and make reasonable business efforts to exceed the commitment to diversity represented by the Contractor's Response to Nevada Request for Proposal #99SWC-S1820 and resulting in this Contract.

The Contractor shall assist the State in monitoring the Contractor's performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a monthly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, and persons with disabilities. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the TN Diversity Software available online at:

<https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9810>.

- E.3. Statewide Contract. This Contract establishes a source or sources of supply for all Tennessee State Agencies. "Tennessee State Agency" refers to the various departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and agencies of the executive branch of government of the State of Tennessee with exceptions as addressed in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0690-03-01-.01. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required by this Contract to all Tennessee State Agencies. The Contractor shall make this Contract available to the following entities, who are authorized to and who may purchase off of this Statewide Contract ("Authorized Users"):
- a. all Tennessee State governmental entities (this includes the legislative branch; judicial branch; and, commissions and boards of the State outside of the executive branch of government);
  - b. Tennessee local governmental agencies;
  - c. members of the University of Tennessee or Tennessee Board of Regents systems;
  - d. any private nonprofit institution of higher education chartered in Tennessee; and,
  - e. any corporation which is exempted from taxation under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c) (3), as amended, and which contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to provide services to the public (Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-2-1001).

These Authorized Users may utilize this Contract by purchasing directly from the Contractor according to their own procurement policies and procedures. The State is not responsible or liable for the transactions between the Contractor and Authorized Users.

- E.4. Statewide Contract Reports. All reports shall be submitted electronically in Microsoft Excel format. Reports shall include the ability to sort or summarize data in accordance with the Contract Administrator's specifications. All reports shall be provided at no additional cost to the State.

Quarterly Reports: Contractor(s) will submit quarterly reports to the Contract Administrator no later than ten (10) days after the end of the State's quarter (e.g. a fiscal year quarter 2 report for October - December is due no later than January 10th). At the Contract Administrator's sole discretion, the State may extend the time allowed to complete quarterly reports. Quarterly reports shall provide statistical data on all purchases under this Contract by Tennessee State Agencies and Authorized Users. At minimum, the quarterly report's statistical data shall be detailed and broken down by line item to include:

1. Edison contract number
2. Contract line item number
3. Invoice date
4. Invoice number
5. Supplier part number
6. Item or bundle description
7. Quantity purchased
8. Unit of measure
9. Unit of measure description
10. Name of State Agency or Authorized User
11. Identity of purchaser: State entity or non-State entity
12. State Agency location
13. Unit/Contract price per line item
14. List price as listed in supplier's catalog if catalog item
15. Subtotals for each category above
16. Grand totals for each category above

Custom Reports: When requested by the State, the Contractor shall submit custom reports to the Contract Administrator within thirty (30) days of the request.

- E.5. Additional lines, items, or options. At its sole discretion, the State may make written requests to the Contractor to add lines, items, or options that are needed and within the Scope but were not included in the original Contract. Such lines, items, or options will be added to the Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), not an amendment.
- a. After the Contractor receives a written request to add lines, items, or options, the Contractor shall have ten (10) business days to respond with a written proposal. The Contractor's written proposal shall include:
    - (1) The effect, if any, of adding the lines, items, or options on the other goods or services required under the Contract;
    - (2) Any pricing related to the new lines, items, or options;
    - (3) The expected effective date for the availability of the new lines, items, or options; and
    - (4) Any additional information requested by the State.
  - b. The State may negotiate the terms of the Contractor's proposal by requesting revisions to the proposal.
  - c. To indicate acceptance of a proposal, the State will sign it. The signed proposal shall constitute a MOU between the Parties, and the lines, items, or options shall be incorporated into the Contract as if set forth verbatim.
  - d. Only after a MOU has been executed shall the Contractor perform or deliver the new lines, items, or options.

- E.6. Extraneous Terms and Conditions. Contractor shall fill all orders submitted by the State under this Contract. No purchase order, invoice, or other documents associated with any sales, orders, or supply of any good or service under this Contract shall contain any terms or conditions other than as set forth in the Contract. Any such extraneous terms and conditions shall be void, invalid and unenforceable against the State. Any refusal by Contractor to supply any goods or services under this Contract conditioned upon the State submitting to any extraneous terms and conditions shall be a material breach of the Contract and constitute an act of bad faith by Contractor.
- E.7. Prohibited Advertising or Marketing. The Contractor shall not suggest or imply in advertising or marketing materials that Contractor's goods or services are endorsed by the State. The restrictions on Contractor advertising or marketing materials under this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
- E.8. Lobbying. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:
- a. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
  - b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
  - c. The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into and is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

- E.9. Environmental Tobacco Smoke. Pursuant to the provisions of the federal "Pro-Children Act of 1994" and the Tennessee "Children's Act for Clean Indoor Air of 1995," the Contractor shall prohibit smoking of tobacco products within any indoor premises in which services are provided pursuant to this Contract to individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years. The Contractor shall post "no smoking" signs in appropriate, permanent sites within such premises. This prohibition shall be applicable during all hours, not just the hours in which children are present. Violators of the prohibition may be subject to civil penalties and fines. This prohibition shall apply to and be made part of any subcontract related to this Contract.

- E.10. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The Contractor must comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 (Federal law 42 U.S.C. 15601 et. seq.), with all applicable Federal PREA standards, and with all State policies and standards related to PREA for preventing, detecting, monitoring, investigating, and eradicating any form of sexual abuse within facilities/programs/offices owned, operated, or contracted.
- E.11. Extraneous Terms and Conditions. Contractor shall fill all orders submitted by the State under this Contract. No purchase order, invoice, or other documents associated with any sales, orders, or supply of any good or service under this Contract shall contain any terms or conditions other than as set forth in the Contract. Any such extraneous terms and conditions shall be void, invalid and unenforceable against the State. Any refusal by Contractor to supply any goods or services under this Contract conditioned upon the State submitting to any extraneous terms and conditions shall be a material breach of the Contract and constitute an act of bad faith by Contractor.
- E.12. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. If applicable and as required by 2 CFR 200.216, Contractor is prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as a critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, Section 889, "covered telecommunications equipment" is as follows:
- a. Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - b. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - c. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.

Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

E.13. Contractor Hosted Services Confidential Data, Audit, and Other Requirements

- a. "Confidential State Data" is defined as data deemed confidential by State or Federal statute or regulation. The Contractor shall protect Confidential State Data as follows:
  - (1) The Contractor shall ensure that all Confidential State Data is housed in the continental United States, inclusive of backup data.



- (2) The Contractor shall encrypt Confidential State Data at rest and in transit using the current version of Federal Information Processing Standard ("FIPS") 140-2 or 140-3 (current applicable version) validated encryption technologies. The State shall control all access to encryption keys. The Contractor shall provide installation and maintenance support at no cost to the State.
- (3) The Contractor and the Contractor's processing environment containing Confidential State Data shall either (1) be in accordance with at least one of the following security standards: (i) International Standards Organization ("ISO") 27001; (ii) Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program ("FedRAMP"); or (2) be subject to an annual engagement by a CPA firm in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") for a System and Organization Controls for service organizations ("SOC") Type II audit. The State shall approve the SOC audit control objectives. The Contractor shall provide proof of current ISO certification or FedRAMP authorization for the Contractor and Subcontractor(s), or provide the State with the Contractor's and Subcontractor's annual SOC Type II audit report within 30 days from when the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor or Subcontractor. The Contractor shall submit corrective action plans to the State for any issues included in the audit report within 30 days after the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor or Subcontractor.

If the scope of the most recent SOC audit report does not include all of the current State fiscal year, upon request from the State, the Contractor must provide to the State a letter from the Contractor or Subcontractor stating whether the Contractor or Subcontractor made any material changes to their control environment since the prior audit and, if so, whether the changes, in the opinion of the Contractor or Subcontractor, would negatively affect the auditor's opinion in the most recent audit report.

No additional funding shall be allocated for these certifications, authorizations, or audits as these are included in the Maximum Liability of this Contract.

- (4) The Contractor must annually perform Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessments against its Processing Environment. "Processing Environment" shall mean the combination of software and hardware on which the Application runs. "Application" shall mean the computer code that supports and accomplishes the State's requirements as set forth in this Contract. "Penetration Tests" shall be in the form of attacks on the Contractor's computer system, with the purpose of discovering security weaknesses which have the potential to gain access to the Processing Environment's features and data. The "Vulnerability Assessment" shall be designed and executed to define, identify, and classify the security holes (vulnerabilities) in the Processing Environment. The Contractor shall allow the State, at its option, to perform Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessments on the Processing Environment.
- (5) Upon State request, the Contractor shall provide a copy of all Confidential State Data it holds. The Contractor shall provide such data on media and in a format determined by the State

- (6) Upon termination of this Contract and in consultation with the State, the Contractor shall destroy all Confidential State Data it holds (including any copies such as backups) in accordance with the current version of National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") Special Publication 800-88. The Contractor shall provide a written confirmation of destruction to the State within ten (10) business days after destruction.

b. Minimum Requirements

- (1) The Contractor and all data centers used by the Contractor to host State data, including those of all Subcontractors, must comply with the State's Enterprise Information Security Policies as amended periodically. The State's Enterprise Information Security Policies document is found at the following URL:  
<https://www.tn.gov/finance/strategic-technology-solutions/strategic-technology-solutions/sts-security-policies.html>.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to maintain the Application so that it will run on a current, manufacturer-supported Operating System. "Operating System" shall mean the software that supports a computer's basic functions, such as scheduling tasks, executing applications, and controlling peripherals.
- (3) If the Application requires middleware or database software, Contractor shall maintain middleware and database software versions that are at all times fully compatible with current versions of the Operating System and Application to ensure that security vulnerabilities are not introduced.

- E.14. Performance Bond. The Contractor shall provide to the State a performance bond guaranteeing full and faithful performance of all undertakings and obligations under this Contract, specifically faithful performance of the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents. The performance bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Maximum Liability, Written Dollar Amount (\$50,000.00). The State reserves the right to review the bond amount and bonding requirements at any time during the Term. The Contractor shall submit the bond no later than the day immediately preceding the Effective Date and in the manner and form prescribed by the State at Attachment Reference. The bond shall be issued by a company licensed to issue such a bond in the state of Tennessee. The performance bond shall guarantee full and faithful performance of all undertakings and obligations for the Term, as the Contract is extended or renewed.

Failure to provide to the State the performance bond(s) as required under this Contract may result in this Contract being terminated by the State. The performance bond required under this Contract shall not be reduced during the Term without the State of Tennessee Central Procurement Office's prior written approval.

- E.15. Payment Bond. The Contractor shall provide to the State a payment bond guaranteeing that the Contractor's subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers will be paid for performance under this Contract with the additional obligation that such contractor shall promptly make payment of all taxes, licenses, assessments, contributions, penalties, and interest. The payment bond will be in an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Maximum Liability Written Dollar Amount (\$50,000.00). The State reserves the right to review the bond amount and bonding requirements at any time during the Term. The Contractor shall submit the bond no later than the day immediately preceding the Effective Date and in the manner and form prescribed by the State at

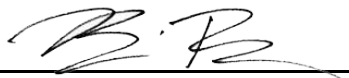
Attachment Reference. The bond shall be issued by a company licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Tennessee. The payment bond shall guarantee that the Contractor's subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers will be paid for performance during the Term and all extensions or renewals of the Contract.

Failure to provide to the State the payment bond as required under this Contract may result in this Contract being terminated by the State. The payment bond required under this Contract shall not be reduced during the Term without the State of Tennessee Central Procurement Office's prior written approval.

**ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

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| <b>SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>             | Master Agreement #: 99SWC-NV23-16270 |
| <b>CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:</b>        | A3 Communications, Inc.              |
| <b>EDISON VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</b> | 0000195393                           |

**The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.**



**CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE**

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.

Brian Thomas, *Chief Sales Officer*

**PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY**

May 30, 2024

**DATE OF ATTESTATION**