

Participating Addendum

This Participating Addendum ("Participating Addendum" or "Contract") is made by and between the State of Connecticut, acting by its Department of Administrative Services ("Participating Entity"), under the authority of Sections 4a-2, 4a-51, 4a-53, 4a-60b and 4d-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company ("Contractor").

1. Scope

This Participating Addendum allows for the purchase of computer equipment, peripherals, and related services, led by the state of Minnesota ("Lead State") along with a multi-state sourcing team for use by state of Connecticut agencies and political subdivisions and institutions.

The state of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Services ("Participating Entity") will identify this Participating Addendum as the state of Connecticut ("State"), Department of Administrative Services ("DAS"), Procurement Division Contract # 23PSX0163.

2. Participation

The National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO") is the Cooperative Purchasing Organization, LLC doing business as NASPO ValuePoint. Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint cooperative contracts by State agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by the State's statutes to use State contracts are subject to the prior approval of the State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official.

Each using State agency, political subdivision and institution ("Purchasing Entity") that purchases under the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Number 23008 as executed by the Lead State and Contractor ("Master Agreement," attached as Exhibit C) will be treated as an individual customer(s). Except to the extent modified by this Participating Addendum, each Purchasing Entity will be responsible to follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and will have the same rights and responsibilities for purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities.

This Participating Addendum is effective upon the date it is approved by the Office of the Connecticut Attorney General below ("Effective Date").

3. Order of Precedence

- a. This Participating Addendum. The Participating Addendum shall not diminish, change, or impact the rights of the Lead State with regard to the Lead State's contractual relationship with the Contractor under the terms of the Master Agreement.
- b. Master Agreement (including negotiated terms and conditions).

These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict between these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above.

4. Primary Contacts

The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor:

Name:	Hewlett Packard Enterprise
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Participating Entity:

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Procurement Division
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1202, Hartford, CT 06103
Contact Person: Alison Monroe
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E-mail: Alison.Monroe@ct.gov

5. Orders

Any order placed by a Purchasing Entity through the Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) the Master Agreement.

All Purchase Orders must reference both "Master Agreement No. 23008" and the "DAS Contract No. 23PSX0163."

6. Participating Entity Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement

6.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Participating Addendum:

a. Business Day

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

b. Claims

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

c. Client Agency

Any Purchasing Entity, department, commission, board, bureau, agency, institution, public authority, office, council, association, instrumentality or political subdivision of the State, non-profit organization organized in the State and any entity identified in Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 4a-54, as applicable, who is authorized and chooses to make purchases under, and pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

d. Confidential Information

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

e. Confidential Information Breach

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Generally, an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the State; (3) the unauthorized acquisition of encrypted or protected Confidential Information together with the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the integrity of the Confidential Information; or (4) if there is a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud to the Client Agency, the Contractor, or State.

f. Contractor IP

Contractor's materials and other intellectual property (1) in existence prior to the Effective Date of this Contract, (2) created, developed or acquired during the Term but not exclusively for the State, (3) identified as Contractor IP in the applicable SOW, or (4) otherwise developed or acquired independent of this Contract and employed by the Contractor in connection with the Deliverables.

g. Contractor Parties

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

h. Corrective Action Plan, or CAP

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

i. Deliverable

Each (1) Good, Service, Maintenance Services, Improvement, Materials, Documentation, System, process or information of any type, whether stand-alone or intended as part of the integration of the System with existing hardware or software of the State, and whether or not used for administrative, maintenance, consulting, training, data warehousing, operations, support, hosting, or fulfillment of Performance; and (2) warranty of a Deliverable(s) that is listed in the Pricing Schedule or provided by Contractor as an element of Contractor's overall approach and solution to the requirements of this Contract. Any one of them or a combination of any of them may be developed or produced by Contractor or by a third party as a supplier or subcontractor to Contractor.

j. Documentation

All Specifications; all technical, systems and user reference manuals; all System documentation related to each component of the System, Deliverables and processes; and any Improvements to any of them.

k. Goods

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

l. Improvement

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Any Contractor changes, patches, corrections, repairs, replacements, additions, modifications, enhancements, updates, releases, revisions, error fixes, bug fixes or any new versions of Deliverables, or any combination of the foregoing, that are to be or may be provided as a Deliverable from time to time. An Improvement may serve any purpose. Improvements do not include upgrades to software for which Contractor charges its customers, or upgrades by a Licensor that is charging Contractor for such upgrade.

m. Maintenance Services

The software and process support services described in this Contract, or a Statement of Work, as applicable.

n. Materials

Collectively, software programs, literary works, other works of authorship, documented specifications, designs, analyses, processes, methodologies, concepts, inventions, know-how, programs, program listings, program tools, Documentation, reports, drawings, data bases, spreadsheets, machine readable text, models and work product, whether tangible or intangible.

o. Perform

All acts and things of the Contractor and Contractor Parties, severally and collectively, that are necessary or appropriate to fulfill or accomplish this Contract fully, including the Deliverables and all other Contract obligations. The word "Perform" includes all parts of speech.

p. Purchase Order

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

q. Records

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

r. Services

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

s. Specifications

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

t. Statement of Work ("SOW")

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

u. System

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Contractor furnished or otherwise supplied Deliverables that collectively and in an integrated fashion fulfill the performance criteria and the business and technical requirements of this Contract or SOW, as applicable.

v. Term

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

w. Termination

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

6.2 Whistleblower Provision

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

6.3 Forum and Choice of Law

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

6.4 Sovereign Immunity

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

6.5 Summary of State Ethics Laws

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes (a) the State has provided to the Contractor the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes, which summary is

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

6.6 Campaign Contribution Restriction

For all State contracts, defined in section 9-612 of the Connecticut General Statutes as having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Contract represents that they have received the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice.

6.7 Executive Orders and Other Enactments

- a. All references in this Contract to any Federal, State, or local law, statute, public or special act, executive order, ordinance, regulation or code (collectively, "Enactments") shall mean Enactments that apply to this Contract at any time during its Term, or that may be made applicable to the Contract during its Term. This Contract shall always be read and interpreted in accordance with the latest applicable wording and requirements of the Enactments. Unless otherwise provided by Enactments, the Contractor is not relieved of its obligation to Perform under this Contract if it chooses to contest the applicability of the Enactments or the State's authority to require compliance with the Enactments.
- b. This Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of this Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.
- c. This Contract may be subject to (1) Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services; and (2) Executive Order No. 61 of Governor Dannel P. Malloy promulgated December 13, 2017 concerning the Policy for the Management of State Information Technology Projects, as issued by the Office of Policy and Management, Policy ID IT-SDLC-17-04. If any of the Executive Orders referenced in this subsection is applicable, it is deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Contract as if fully set forth in it.

6.8 Nondiscrimination

- a. For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:
 1. "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
 2. "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
 3. "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;

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4. "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose;
5. "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
6. "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;
7. "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
8. "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
9. "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and
10. "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

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

- b. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action equal

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opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

- c. Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.
- d. The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- e. The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- f. The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- g. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

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- h. The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- i. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 and subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by (A) having provided an affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under such sections, (B) signing this Contract, or (C) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

6.9 Indemnification

- a. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all third party (1) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with this Contract for the acts of commission or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Contractor or Contractor Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or this Contract. Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this Section. Contractor's obligations under this Section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's bid, proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or non-copyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance.
- b. Contractor shall not be responsible for indemnifying, defending or holding the State harmless from any liability arising due to the negligence of the State or any third party acting under the direct control or supervision of the State.
- c. Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the Acts of Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The State shall give Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.
- d. Contractor's duties under this Section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms of this Contract, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Contractor is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the Acts giving rise to the Claims or where the State is alleged or is found to have contributed to the Acts giving rise to the Claims or both.
- e. Contractor shall carry and maintain at all times during the Term of this Contract, and during the time that any provisions survive the Term of this Contract, sufficient commercial general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract.
- f. Limitation of Liability

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Contractor's liability to the State shall be limited to the greater of (i) the total annual amount of all fees paid or payable to Contractor by the State under this Contract, including any amendments, and (ii) five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The limitation of liability in this subparagraph under this Section 6.9(f) shall not limit Contractor's liability for:

1. Any actual or alleged claim that the Deliverables or Services under this Contract infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate any intellectual property rights, including copyright and patent, by any software or other intangible deliverable, including open-source software that may be included in the System, Deliverables, or Services provided under this Contract, or to any other liability for infringement of third party intellectual property rights;
 2. Claims arising against the State for bodily injury to persons or damage to real or tangible personal property caused by Contractor's negligence or willful misconduct; or
 3. Contractor's gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct.
- g. Contractor's liability to the State for Contractor's breach of its data security privacy obligations, including, without limitation, those obligations in this Contract shall be limited to the greater of (i) two times the total annual amount of all fees paid or payable to Contractor by the State under this Contract, including any amendments, and (ii) ten million dollars (\$10,000,000); except that, with respect to this Participating Addendum under which multiple project awards are made, "amount paid or payable" will mean the total amount paid or payable to the Contractor under the Purchase Orders and applicable SOW for the Deliverable(s) or Service(s) for each project awarded to Contractor.).
- h. Neither party shall be liable for consequential, special, punitive, or incidental damages, or lost profits from any cause under this Contract.
- i. This Section shall survive the Termination of this Contract and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.

6.10 Tangible Personal Property

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

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- b. For purposes of this Section of this Contract, the word “Affiliate” means any person, as defined in section 12-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that controls is controlled by, or is under common control with another person. A person controls another person if the person owns, directly or indirectly, more than ten percent of the voting securities of the other person. The term “voting security” means a security that confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business, or that is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive, upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. “Voting security” includes a general partnership interest.
- c. Contractor represents and warrants that each of its Affiliates has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to so bind the Affiliates in any agreement with the State of Connecticut. Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the State’s contracting authority, such information as the State may require to ensure, in the State’s sole determination, compliance with the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including, but not limited to, §12-411b.

6.11 Audit and Inspection of Plants, Places of Business and Records

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

6.12 Protection of Confidential Information

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- a. Contractor and Contractor Parties have a duty to and shall, at their own expense, protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with the highest current industry standards and best practices, as they may be amended from time to time.
- b. Contractor and all Contractor Parties shall develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive written information security policy for the protection of Confidential Information that meets or exceeds current industry standards and best practices as they may be amended from time to time. The safeguards contained in the written information security policy must meet or exceed the standards for the protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and State law and in written policy of the Client Agency or DAS concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1. A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
 - 2. Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept and an auditable electronic system of logging and tracking the viewing, accessing or both of Confidential Information;
 - 3. A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
 - 4. Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
 - 5. Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices and storage media or that is being transmitted electronically.
- c. Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify DAS, the Client Agency and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than the next Business Day, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties have come to possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred which, in the sole opinion of the Client Agency after consultation with the Attorney General, constitutes a breach of security as defined in Connecticut General Statutes, § 36a- 701b, or otherwise (Breach), the Contractor shall, within three (3) Business Days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the Commissioner of DAS, the Client Agency, and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval. Such credit monitoring and protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a. Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the State in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Breach. Neither Contractor's nor any Contractor Party's costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall be recoverable from DAS, the Client Agency, or any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals and shall be outside of any liability cap or limitation contained in this Contract.
- d. Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party to safeguard Confidential Information in the same manner as provided for in this Section.
- e. Nothing in this Section shall supersede in any manner Contractor's or Contractor Party's obligations pursuant to the provisions of this Contract concerning the obligations of the Contractor to the Client Agency or DAS.

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6.13 Confidentiality; Non-Disclosure

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

All Records, Client Agency Data, and any Data owned by the State in any form, in the possession of the Contractor or Contractor Parties, whether uploaded, collected, stored, held, hosted, located or utilized by Contractor and Contractor Parties directly or indirectly, must remain within the continental United States. The State consents to the Contractor's use of follow-the-sun technical and operational support of this Contract. Contractor's follow-the-sun support model shall include customer support over multiple time zones providing necessary support at all hours.

6.14 Lead State Terms that are Modified or Do Not Apply to the State

No provision in the Master Agreement or any of its Exhibits, shall apply to the State, the Participating Entity or any of the Purchasing Entities if the provision violates sovereign immunity or conflicts with this Participating Addendum. If a provision requires the State to indemnify the Contractor or requires that the parties are bound by binding arbitration, that requirement constitutes a violation of sovereign immunity.

The following do not apply to the State and are deleted in their entirety, or are deleted in their entirety and, where noted, replaced with the new stated language:

- a. Section 1 Conflict of Terms/Order of Precedence of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- b. Section 21 Warranty is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

“The Contractor must ensure warranty service and maintenance for all Contractor-equipment provided. Contractor does not warrant non-Contractor products or non-Contractor services; however, Contractor will facilitate the pass-through of any Manufacturer or Publisher warranty and maintenance of third-party products furnished through the Master Agreement. The Contractor shall provide the warranty service and maintenance for Contractor-equipment and all Contractor-peripherals on the Master Agreement in accordance with subsections 1 and 2 below.

 1. Warranties for Products. The Contractor warrants that the Contractor-branded Product is free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of Purchasing Entity Acceptance (the “Warranty Period”). During the Warranty Period, Contractor shall provide repair and exchange service for the hardware Product, without charge, under the type of warranty service designated by Contractor for the hardware Product. If a defect in materials or workmanship is discovered during the Warranty Period and Contractor is unable either: (i) to repair the hardware Product; or (ii) to replace it with one that is at least functionally equivalent, the Purchasing Entity may return the hardware Product to Contractor for a refund of the purchase price.
 2. Warranty for Services. Contractor warrants that it will perform each Service using reasonable care and skill and according to its current description, including any completion criteria, contained in this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum. Purchasing Entity shall provide timely written notice to Contractor of any failure to comply with this warranty not later than thirty (30) days after completion of the Service at issue identifying the failure with reasonable particularity, in order that Contractor may take corrective action as specified in the following sentence. Contractor will either correct the failure or provide a credit of the charges paid to Contractor for the defective portion of the Services. Such corrective action shall be the Purchasing Entity's sole remedy for a breach of this section.”

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- c. Section 23 Payment, paragraph one, of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
“Payment after Acceptance is normally made within forty-five (45) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later.”
- d. Section 27 Assignment/Subcontracts of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- e. Section 28 Insurance of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- f. Section 33 Records Administration and Audit of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- g. Section 34 Indemnification of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- h. Section 35 Limitations of Liability of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- i. Section 40 Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- j. Section 42 Cancellation of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- k. Section 44 Defaults and Remedies of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- l. Section 46, Notices of Exhibit A of the Master Agreement.
- m. Exhibit B Minnesota Terms and Conditions of the Master Agreement.
- n. Exhibit E Contractor Terms and Conditions

6.15 State Comptroller’s Specifications

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-31, this Contract is deemed to have incorporated within it, and Contractor shall deliver the Deliverables in compliance with, all specifications established by the State Comptroller to ensure that all policies, procedures, processes and control systems, including hardware, software and protocols, which are established or provided by Contractor or Contractor Parties, are compatible with and support the State's core financial systems, including but not limited to, accounting, payroll, time and attendance, and retirement systems.

6.16 Chief Information Officer Approval of Subcontractors

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-32, Contractor shall not award a subcontract for work under this Contract without having first obtained the written approval of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administrative Services or their designee of the selection of the subcontractor and of the provisions of the subcontract.

6.17 Ownership Rights and Integrity of Public Records

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-34, (a) neither Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall have any Title in or to (1) any public records which the Contractor or Contractor Parties possess, modify or create pursuant to a contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract, or (2) any modifications by such contractor, subcontractor, employee or agent to such public records; (b) neither Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall impair the integrity of any public records which they possess or create; and (c) public records which Contractor or Contractor Parties possess, modify or create pursuant to this Contract or other contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract shall at all times and for all purposes remain the property of the State. For purposes of this Section, “public records” shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-33, as it may be modified from time to time.

6.18 Application of FOIA to Public Records Provided to Contractor

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-35, any public record which a state agency provides to Contractor or Contractor Parties shall remain a public record for the purposes of subsection (a) of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210 and as to such public records, the State, Contractor and Contractor Parties shall have a joint and several obligation to comply with the obligations of the state agency under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-200, provided that the determination of whether or not to disclose a particular record or type of record shall be made by such state agency.

6.19 Nondisclosure of Public Records

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In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-36, neither Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall disclose to the public any public records (a) which they possess, modify or create pursuant to this Contract or any contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract and (b) that a state agency (1) is prohibited from disclosing pursuant to state or federal law in all cases, (2) may disclose pursuant to state or federal law only to certain entities or individuals or under certain conditions or (3) may withhold from disclosure pursuant to state or federal law. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Contractor from disclosing such public records to any Contractor Parties to carry out the purposes of its subcontract. For purposes of this section, "public records" shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200, as it may be modified from time to time.

6.20 Profiting from Public Records

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-37, neither Contractor nor Contractor Parties shall sell, market or otherwise profit from the disclosure or use of any public records which are in their possession pursuant to this Contract or any contract, subcontract or amendment to a contract or subcontract, except as authorized in this Contract. For purposes of this Section, "public records" shall have the meaning set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200, as it may be modified from time to time.

6.21 Contractor's Obligation to Notify DAS Concerning Public Records

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-38, if the Contractor or Contractor Parties learn of any violation of the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4d-36 or 4d-37 they shall, no later than seven calendar days after learning of such violation, notify the Chief Information Officer of such violation.

6.22 General Assembly Access to Records

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4d-40, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management and each nonpartisan office of the General Assembly shall continue to have access to DAS records that is not less than the access that said committee and such offices have on July 1, 1997.

6.23 Continuity of Systems

- a. This Section is intended to comply with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent Contractor from being paid for its Performance that is provided in accordance with this Contract.
- b. Contractor acknowledges that the Deliverables, the Systems and associated Services are important to the function of State government and that they must continue without interruption. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, if the work under this Contract, any subcontract, or amendment to either, is transferred back to the State or to another contractor at any time for any reason, then Contractor shall cooperate fully with the State, and do and Perform all acts and things that DAS deems to be necessary or appropriate, to ensure continuity of the Client Agency information system and telecommunication system facilities, equipment and Services so that there is no disruption or interruption in Performance as required or permitted in this Contract. Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for any part of the Performance under this Contract without approval of such subcontract by DAS, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-32 and without such subcontract including a provision that obligates the subcontractor to comply fully with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44 as if the subcontractor were in fact the Contractor. Contractor shall make a full and complete disclosure of and delivery to DAS or its representatives of all Records and "Public Records," as that term is defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-33 in whatever form they exist or are stored and maintained and wherever located, directly or indirectly concerning this Contract.
- c. The parties shall follow the below applicable and respective procedures in order to ensure the orderly transfer to the State:
 1. Facilities and Equipment:

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Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, in which case that shorter period shall apply, Contractor shall deliver to the State, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other State location which the State identifies, all Deliverables, Systems, facilities and equipment related to or arising out of this Contract, subcontract or amendment, (other than any of the Deliverables, Systems, facilities or equipment in which Contractor has title under this Contract) no later than ten (10) days from the date that the work under this Contract is transferred back to the Client Agency or to another contractor for any reason. Contractor shall deliver the Deliverables, Systems, facilities or equipment to the State, during the State's business hours, in good working order and in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage. Concurrent with this delivery, Contractor shall also deliver all related operation manuals and other Documentation in whatever form they exist and a list of all related passwords and security codes;

2. Software Deliverables created or modified pursuant to this Contract, subcontract or amendment: Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, in which case that shorter period shall apply, Contractor shall deliver to the State, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other location which the Client Agency identifies, all Deliverables, Materials and Systems, no later than 10 days from the date that the work under the SOW or this Contract is transferred back to the State or to another contractor for any reason. Contractor shall deliver such Deliverables, Materials and Systems to the Client Agency, during the Client Agency's Business Hours, in good working order, and if the Client Agency's equipment shall be delivered, in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage. Concurrent with this delivery, Contractor shall also deliver all Deliverable-related operation manuals and other Documentation in whatever form they exist, if delivery of such manuals and documentation is required by this Contract or the SOW for such Deliverable, and a list of all Deliverable passwords and security codes; and
3. Public Records, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-33, which Contractor or Contractor Parties possess or create pursuant to this Contract, subcontract or amendment: Unless a shorter period is necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §4d-44, in which case that shorter period shall apply, Contractor shall deliver to the Client Agency, F.O.B. Hartford, Connecticut or other State location which Client Agency identifies, all Public Records created or modified pursuant to this Contract, any SOW, subcontract or amendment and requested in writing by the Client Agency (provided that Contractor may redact confidential information of Contractor, its personnel or third parties to the extent permitted by applicable law) no later than the latter of (1) the time specified in the section in this Contract concerning Termination for the return of Public Records and (2) ten (10) days from the date that the work under this Contract or SOW is transferred back to the Client Agency or to another contractor for any reason. Contractor shall deliver to the Client Agency during the Client Agency's Business Hours those Public Records in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or TXT. Contractor shall deliver to the Client Agency, during the Client Agency's business hours, those Public Records and a list of all applicable passwords and security codes, all in appropriately protective packaging to ensure delivery without damage.
4. For any partial or incomplete Deliverables, Systems, facilities and equipment related to or arising out of this Contract or amendment, (other than any of the Deliverables, Systems, facilities or equipment in which Contractor has title under this Contract), including Software Deliverables, Contractor will provide such Deliverables and Client Agency shall pay the prorated portion of the fees due for the Deliverables that the Client Agency has inspected and accepted.
- d. If Contractor employs former State employees, Contractor shall facilitate the exercising of any reemployment rights that such State employees may have with the State, including, but not limited to, affording them all reasonable opportunities during the workday to interview for State jobs. Contractor shall include language similar to this Section in all of its contracts with its subcontractors and applicable Contractor Parties so that they are similarly obligated.

6.24 Data: Access and Ownership

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a. Access to Contract and State Data.

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

b. Ownership of Data

1. All ownership, title, licenses, proprietary rights and interest (including, but not limited to, perpetual use) (for purposes of this Ownership of Data Section, collectively, "Title") of and to any and all data as defined in section 4e-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, ("Data") that is uploaded, collected, stored, held, hosted, provided, located or utilized by the Client Agency or Contractor and Contractor Parties directly or indirectly in connection with this Contract at all times is and will always remain vested in the State. At no time will Contractor have Title to such Data, wherever located. Data does not include Contractor IP.
2. At no additional cost to the State, the Contractor and Contractor Parties shall, no later than fifteen (15) days after (i) receiving a written request from the Client Agency or (ii) Termination for any reason, deliver and transfer possession to the Client Agency all of the Data, in a format acceptable to the State.
3. At no additional cost to the State, the Contractor and Contractor Parties shall, no later than fifteen (15) days, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties, after (i) receiving a written request from the Client Agency, (ii) receiving final payment from the Client Agency, or (iii) Termination for any reason, over-write and securely delete all of the Data, such that the Data will be expunged in a manner to make retrieval of the Data impossible.
4. The Contractor's failure to deliver and transfer possession of the Data to a duly authorized agent of the Client Agency shall constitute, without more, a de facto breach of this Contract. Consequently, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Client Agency and the State, as appropriate, for any and all damages, costs and expenses associated directly or indirectly with such failure. The damages, costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, those resulting from any corresponding contracting for credit or identity protection services, or both, and from any subsequent non-State use of any Data. If Contractor Parties will Perform for any purpose under this paragraph, the Contractor represents and warrants that it shall cause each of the Contractor Parties to so Perform and that each has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to cause the Contractor Parties to Perform. For purposes of this Ownership of Data Section, "Perform" shall include, but not be limited to, the obligations relating to the sale, transfer of Title, removal and transfer of possession of the Data and indemnifying and holding harmless the Client Agency and the State. The Contractor on its own behalf and on behalf of the Contractor Parties shall also provide, no later than 30 days after receiving a request by the Client Agency, such information as the Client Agency may identify to ensure, in the Client Agency's sole reasonable discretion, compliance with the provisions of this Ownership of Data Section. This Ownership of Data Section survives Termination.

6.25 P-Card (Purchasing Credit Card)

- a. Purchases may be made using the State of Connecticut Purchasing Card Program ("P-Card Program or P-Card") in accordance with sections 4-98(c) and 42-133ff(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- b. Contractor shall be equipped to receive orders issued by the Purchasing Entities using the P-Card Program. The Contractor shall be responsible for the credit card user-handling fee associated with P-Card Program purchases. The Contractor shall charge to the P-Card only upon acceptance of Goods delivered to the Purchasing Entity or rendering of Services.

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- c. The Contractor shall capture and provide to its merchant bank, Level 3 reporting at the line item level for all orders placed by MasterCard.
- d. Questions regarding the state of Connecticut P-Card Program may be directed to the Procurement Card Program Administrator at DAS.PCardAdmin@ct.gov.

6.26 Iran Energy Investment Certification

- a. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-252a, the Contractor certifies that it has not made a direct investment of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, and has not increased or renewed such investment on or after said date.
- b. If the Contractor makes a good faith effort to determine whether it has made an investment described in subsection (a) of this Section then the Contractor shall not be deemed to be in breach of this Contract or in violation of this Section. A "good faith effort" for purposes of this subsection includes a determination that the Contractor is not on the list of persons who engage in certain investment activities in Iran created by the Department of General Services of the state of California pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 2.7 of the California Public Contract Code. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the ability of the State or quasi-public agency to pursue a breach of contract action for any violation of the provisions of this Contract.

6.27 Large State Contract Representation for Contractor

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

- a. That no gifts were made by (A) the Contractor, (B) any principals and key personnel of the Contractor, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, or (C) any agent of the Contractor or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating State contracts, to (i) any public official or State employee of the State agency or quasi- public agency soliciting bids or proposals for State contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for State contracts or the negotiation or award of State contracts, or (ii) any public official or State employee of any other State agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such State agency or quasi-public agency;
- b. That no such principals and key personnel of the Contractor, or agent of the Contractor or of such principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the Contractor to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the Contractor to provide a gift to any such public official or State employee; and
- c. That the Contractor is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.

6.28 Large State Contract Representation for Official or Employee of State Agency

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

6.29 Consumer Data Privacy and Online Monitoring

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

6.30 Order and Delivery

- a. The Contractor shall Perform in accordance with this Contract and at the prices set forth in Exhibit B.
- b. Except as it may otherwise be set forth in the Contract or Exhibit B, Price Schedule, as applicable, the Contractor shall deliver the Goods F.O.B. wherever specified by the Client Agency in its Purchase Order or in another communication to Contractor.
- c. Subject to the Sections in this Contract concerning Force Majeure, Termination and Open Market Purchases, this Contract shall bind the Client Agency to order the Deliverables from the Contractor, and to pay for the accepted Deliverables in accordance with Exhibit B, Price Schedule.

6.31 Purchase Orders

- a. This Contract itself is not an authorization for the Contractor to begin Performance in any way. The Contractor may begin Performance only after it has received and accepted a duly issued Purchase Order against this Contract for Performance.
- b. The Client Agency shall issue a Purchase Order against this Contract directly to the Contractor or to a partner in the Partner Matrix, Attachment 1 to Exhibit A.
- c. All Purchase Orders shall be in written or electronic form, bear the Contract number (if any) and comply with all other State and Client Agency requirements, particularly the Client Agency's requirements concerning procurement. Purchase Orders issued in compliance with such requirements shall be deemed to be duly issued.
- d. A Contractor Performing without a duly issued Purchase Order in accordance with this Section does so at the Contractor's own risk.
- e. The Client Agency may, in its sole discretion, deliver to the Contractor or partner in the Partner Matrix, Attachment 1 to Exhibit A, any or all duly issued Purchase Orders via electronic means only, such that the Client Agency shall not have any additional obligation to deliver to the Contractor or partner in the Partner Matrix, Attachment 1 to Exhibit A, a "hard copy" of the Purchase Order or a copy bearing any hand-written signature or other "original" marking.

6.32 Delivery

- a. Delivery shall be made as ordered and in accordance with this Contract. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, delivery shall be to a loading dock or receiving platform. The Contractor or Contractor's shipping designee shall be responsible for removal of Goods from the carrier and placement on the Client Agency loading dock or receiving platform. The receiving personnel of the Client Agency are not required to assist in this process. The decision of DAS as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final and binding. The burden of proof of proper receipt of the order shall rest with the Contractor.
- b. In order for the time of delivery to be extended, the Client Agency must first approve a request for extension from the time specified in this Contract, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment.
- c. Goods shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, according to accepted standard

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commercial practice, without extra charge for packing cases, baling or sacks. The containers shall remain the property of the Client Agency unless otherwise stated in this Contract.

- d. All risk of loss and damage to the Goods transfers to the Client Agency upon Title vesting in the Client Agency.

6.33 Breach

- a. If one party (the "Non-breaching Party") determines that the other (the "Breaching Party") has failed to comply with any of the Breaching Party's corresponding Contract obligations (a "Breach"), then the Non-Breaching Party shall provide written notice of such failure to the Breaching Party in accordance with this Contract. The Non-breaching Party must provide the Breaching Party an opportunity to remedy the Breach within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice. However, if Contractor is the Breaching Party, then the Client Agency may set forth any remedy period in the notice, so long as that period is otherwise consistent with the provisions of this Contract. The period set forth in the notice is known as the "Remedy Period." The Non-Breaching Party shall extend the Remedy Period if it is satisfied that the Breaching Party is making a good faith effort to remedy the Breach, but the nature of the Breach is such that it cannot be remedied within the Remedy Period.
- b. If the Client Agency determines that the Contractor has committed a Breach, then the Client Agency may require the Contractor to, and Contractor shall, prepare and submit to the Client Agency a CAP in connection with the identified Breach. Contractor shall provide in the CAP a detailed explanation of the deficiencies and other factors that contributed to the cited Breach, Contractor's assessment or diagnosis of Breach (identifying the deficiencies and factors in reasonable detail, with references to the applicable Specifications), and a specific proposal to remedy or resolve the Breach. Contractor shall submit the CAP to the Client Agency within (10) Business Days following the Client Agency's request for the CAP for the Client Agency's review and approval. Within (10) Business Days of receiving the CAP, the Client Agency must either approve the CAP, or reject it by delivering to Contractor a written explanation for the rejection. If the Client Agency fails to accept or reject the CAP within the (10) Business Days, then the CAP is deemed to have been approved, without more. The Client Agency's explanation for the rejection must include suggestions for changes to the CAP and the Contractor shall address the suggestions in such a manner to make it likely that the Client Agency will approve the CAP when the Contractor re-submits it to the Client Agency for review and approval. If the Client Agency rejects a CAP, then the parties will repeat this submittal and review process until the earliest of one of the following: (1) the Client Agency accepts a CAP, (2) the Client Agency waives its right to receive a CAP, (3) Contractor remedies the Breach, (4) the Client Agency waives the Breach, or (5) the Client Agency makes a determination to Terminate this Contract. After the first rejection, each of the parties will have (5) Business Days, instead of (10) Business Days, within which to review the CAP. Each subsequent revision and review will be for up to (3) Business Days each instead of (10) or (5) Business Days.
- c. If the Client Agency determines that the Contractor has Breached this Contract, then the Client Agency may withhold payment in whole or in part for any amounts due pending resolution of the Performance issue, provided that the Client Agency notifies Contractor in writing prior to the date that the payment would have been due.
- d. For purposes of the Client Agency determining whether there is a Breach under this Contract, or whether any statement in the Representations and Warranties Section of this Contract is false or misleading, the parties deem the Acts of the Contractor Parties to be the Acts of the Contractor itself, as if the Contractor itself was the subject of the Acts which the Client Agency considers in determining if there was a Breach, or an instance of false or misleading statements, or both.
- e. The written notice of the Breach may include an effective Termination date. If the identified Breach is not remedied by the stated Termination date, unless otherwise modified by the Non-

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breaching Party in writing before such date, no further action shall be required of any party to effect the Termination as of the stated date. If the notice does not set forth an effective Termination date, then the Non-breaching Party shall provide, following the Remedy Period, the Breaching Party no less than twenty-four (24) hours' prior written notice before terminating this Contract.

- f. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, DAS may terminate this Contract with no Remedy Period for Contractor's Breach or violation of any of the representations or warranties in this Contract and revoke any consent to assignments given as if the assignments had never been requested or consented to, without liability to Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party. Termination under this Breach section is subject to the provisions of the Termination Section of this Contract. In case of such revocation or Termination, the Client Agency will have no liability or responsibility to Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party, or any of them, resulting from the Termination or revocation.
- g. None of the State's rights under this Breach Section diminishes the State's rights under the Termination Section of this Contract.

6.34 Termination

- a. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, DAS, through a duly authorized employee, may Terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days' notice, whenever DAS makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the State. DAS shall notify the Contractor in writing of Termination pursuant to this Section, which notice shall specify the effective date of Termination and the extent to which the Contractor must complete its Performance under this Contract prior to such date.
- b. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, either party, through a duly authorized employee, may, after making a written determination that the other party has Breached this Contract and has failed to remedy the Breach, Terminate this Contract in accordance with the Breach Section of this Contract.
- c. Notices of Termination must be sent certified in accordance with Section 6.43 (Notice) of this Contract. Upon receiving the Termination notice from DAS, the Contractor shall immediately modify or discontinue all Performance affected in accordance with the terms of the notice, undertake commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any losses or damages and deliver to DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) all Records. The Records are deemed to be the property of the State and the Contractor shall deliver them to DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) no later than thirty (30) days after the Termination of this Contract or fifteen (15) days after the Contractor receives a written request from DAS for the Records. The Contractor shall deliver those Records that exist in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or .TXT.
- d. Except for any work which DAS directs the Contractor to Perform in the notice prior to the effective date of Termination and except as otherwise provided in the notice, the Contractor shall terminate or conclude all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and shall not enter into any further subcontracts, purchase orders or commitments.
- e. The Client Agency shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the Client Agency in accordance with this Contract, or a SOW, as applicable, in addition to all actual and reasonable costs incurred after Termination in completing those portions of the Performance which the notice required the Contractor to complete. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the Client Agency will not tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the Client Agency, the Contractor shall assign to the Client Agency, or any replacement contractor which the Client Agency designates, all Client Agency-specific subcontracts, Purchase Orders and other commitments, deliver to the Client Agency all

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Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance, all as DAS or the Client Agency (as directed in the notice) may request.

- f. Upon Termination of this Contract, all rights and obligations shall be null and void, so that no party shall have any further rights or obligations to any other party, except with respect to the Sections which survive Termination. All representations, warranties, agreements and rights of the parties under this Contract shall survive such Termination to the extent not otherwise limited in this Contract and without each one of them having to be specifically mentioned in this Contract.
- g. Termination of this Contract pursuant to this Section shall not be deemed to be a Breach of contract by DAS or the Client Agency.

6.35 Continued Performance

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

6.36 Open Market Purchases

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

6.37 Setoff

The State, in its sole discretion, upon thirty (30) days' notice, may setoff and withhold (1) any costs or expenses including but not limited to costs or expenses such as overtime, that the State incurs resulting from the Contractor's unexcused Breach under this Contract and under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State and (2) any other amounts of whatever nature that are due or may become due from the State to the Contractor, against amounts otherwise due or that may become due to the Contractor under this Contract, or under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State. The State's right of setoff and to withhold shall not be deemed to be the State's exclusive remedy for the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' Breach of this Contract, all of which shall survive any setoffs and withholdings by the State.

6.38 Reserved

- a. Reserved.

6.39 Representations and Warranties

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

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- a. each is a duly and validly existing under the laws of each such entity's respective states of organization and authorized to conduct business in the State of Connecticut in the manner contemplated by this Contract. Further, as appropriate, each has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and Performance of this Contract and have the power and authority to execute, deliver and Perform its obligations under this Contract;
- b. each will comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and municipal ordinances in satisfying its obligations to the State under and pursuant to this Contract, including, but not limited to (1) Connecticut General Statutes Title 1, Chapter 10, concerning the State's Codes of Ethics; Title 4a, Chapter 51 concerning State purchasing; and (3) Title 22a, Chapter 446c, section 22a-194a concerning the use of polystyrene foam;
- c. the execution, delivery and Performance of this Contract will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a Breach of or constitute (with or without due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any of the following, as applicable: (1) any provision of law; (2) any order of any court or the State; or any indenture, agreement, document or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound;
- d. each is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental entity;
- e. as applicable, each has not, within the three years preceding the Effective Date of this Contract, in any of their current or former jobs, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them or against any person who would Perform under this Contract, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or Performing a transaction or contract with any governmental entity. This includes, but is not limited to, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records or property, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- f. each is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses listed above;
- g. they have notified DAS in writing whether they have had any contracts with any governmental entity Terminated for cause within the three (3) years preceding the Effective Date;
- h. none has employed or retained any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, to solicit or secure this Contract and it has not paid or agreed to pay any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract or any assignments made in accordance with the terms of this Contract;
- i. to the best of each entity's knowledge, except as otherwise disclosed to Client Agency pursuant to subsection (j) below, there are no Claims involving Contractor or Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under this Contract;
- j. each shall disclose, to the best of its knowledge, to the State in writing any Claims involving it that would adversely impact Performance of this Contract and be required disclosure on Form 8-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 no later than ten (10) calendar days after becoming aware or after it should have become aware of any such Claims. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to disclose any Claims to the State, the ten (10) calendar days in the Section of this Contract concerning disclosure of Contractor Parties litigation shall run consecutively with the ten (10) days provided for in this representation and warranty;

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- k. each entity's participation in the Solicitation process is not a conflict of interest or a breach of ethics under the provisions of Title 1, Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the State's Code of Ethics;
- l. the proposal submitted by Contractor in response to the Solicitation was not made in connection or concert with any other person, entity or proposer, including any affiliate (as defined in the Tangible Personal Property Section of this Contract) of the proposer, submitting a proposal for the same Solicitation, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud;
- m. each is able to Perform under this Contract using their own resources or the resources of a party who has not submitted a proposal;
- n. if Contractor does not have plenary authority to make the representations and warranties in this Section, as applicable, on behalf of Contractor Parties, then Contractor shall enter into a written contract with Contractor Parties, in which contract Contractor Parties shall make all of the applicable representations and warranties in this Section;
- o. each has paid all applicable workers' compensation second injury fund assessments concerning all previous work done in Connecticut; they have a record of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations without any unabated, willful or serious violations;
- p. none owes unemployment compensation contributions;
- q. none is delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed, or, that they have filed a sales tax security bond, and they have, if and as applicable, filed for motor carrier road tax stickers and have paid all outstanding road taxes;
- r. all of each entity's vehicles have current registrations and, unless such vehicles are no longer in service, they shall not allow any such registrations to lapse;
- s. each Contractor Party has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to ensure full compliance with and Performance in accordance with all of the terms of this Contract and that all appropriate parties shall also provide, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from DAS or the Client Agency, such information as DAS or the Client Agency may require to evidence, in their sole reasonable determination, compliance with this Section;
- t. each either owns or has the authority to use all the Deliverables;
- u. to the best knowledge of Contractor, the Deliverables do not infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;
- v. to the best knowledge of Contractor, the Client Agency's use of any Deliverables in a manner consistent with this Contract shall not infringe or misappropriate any patent, trade secret or other intellectual property right of a third party;
- w. if any party shall procure any Deliverables, they shall sublicense such Deliverables and that the Client Agency shall be afforded the full benefits of any manufacturer or subcontractor licenses for the use of the Deliverables; and
- x. each shall assign or otherwise transfer to the Client Agency or afford the Client Agency the full benefits of any manufacturer's warranty for the Deliverables, to the extent that such warranties are assignable or otherwise transferable to the Client Agency.

6.40 Notice

All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals or other communications required or permitted to

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

6.41 Additional Requirements

Additional requirements for Purchasing Entities authorized to issue Purchase Orders under this Participating Addendum are attached as Exhibit A, Additional Requirements.

6.42 Disclosure of Records Concerning Governmental Functions

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

6.43 Risk of Loss and Insurance

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

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

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

a. Commercial General Liability

Throughout the Term and during the time that any provisions survive the Term, Contractor shall maintain, at Contractor's sole cost and expense, a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance, including contractual liability coverage, in an amount of \$1,000,000 for damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, persons and injuries to or destruction of property, in any one accident or occurrence, and, subject to no aggregate limit per occurrence for damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, persons and injuries to or destruction of property per policy period. The Contractor shall cause the State and its officers, agents, and employees to be included as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide (1) a certificate of insurance and (2) a copy of the additional insured blanket endorsement to the policy to DAS all in an electronic format acceptable to DAS prior to the Effective Date evidencing such coverage. The Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of these documents to DAS. Contractor shall provide an annual electronic update of these documents to DAS on or before each anniversary of the Effective Date during the Term. The State shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy, if the claim qualifies under the

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policy, even if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the State is contributorily negligent, but only for that portion of the negligence attributable to the Contractor and not for that portion of the negligence attributable to the State.

b. **Automobile Liability**

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

c. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability**

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

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6.44 Consulting Agreements Representation

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-81, the person signing this Contract on behalf of the Contractor represents, to their best knowledge and belief and subject to the penalty of false statement as provided in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-157b, that the Contractor has not entered into any consulting agreements in connection with this Contract, except for the agreements listed below. "Consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the State, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the State, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (C) any other similar activity related to such contracts. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-81.

Consultant's Name and Title

Name of Firm (if applicable)

Start Date

End Date

Cost

The basic terms of the consulting agreement are:

Description of services provided:

Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES:

Name of Former State Agency

Termination Date of Employment

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6.45 AMENDMENTS; SUPREMACY AND ENTIRETY OF CONTRACT

No amendment to or modification of this Contract shall be valid or binding unless made in writing, signed by the parties and, if applicable, approved by the Connecticut Attorney General. Any and all Purchase Orders, Statements of Work and other documents authorized in connection with this Contract shall be subject to the terms of this Contract. This Contract contains the complete and exclusive statement of the terms agreed to by the parties. No other terms apply.

6.46 Assignment

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

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

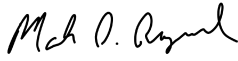
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY

By: 

Printed Name: Matthew C. Keck
Title: Associate General Counsel

Date: 10/25/2024

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

By: 

Printed Name: Mark Raymond
Title: Chief Information Officer

Date: 10/28/2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of the Attorney General

By: _____

Name: Jeffrey Zeman
Title: Assistant Attorney General

Date:

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Exhibit A Additional Requirements

A. Partner Utilization

1. Requirements. Contractor shall utilize only those partners listed in the Partner Matrix, Attachment 1 to Exhibit A, to provide Deliverables and warrant Services and Maintenance Services for Deliverables for awarded bands only. Contractor shall provide the Participating Entity with a list of its partners ("Partner Utilization Plan") using the format on the Partner Matrix, attached as Attachment 1 to this Exhibit A, as follows:
 - a. Upon execution of this Contract; and
 - b. Within five (5) Business Days following the request of the Participating Entity.
2. Adjustments. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties in accordance with 1(b) above, the Partner Matrix shall remain unchanged for twelve (12) months following the Effective Date of this Participating Addendum. Contractor shall have the right to request an adjustment to its Partner Utilization Plan only during the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the annual anniversary dates of the Effective Date of this Participating Addendum during the Term. Contractor shall submit its request in writing to adjust its Partner Utilization Plan to the Participating Entity's contact listed in Section 4 (Primary Contacts) of the Participating Addendum.
3. Information submitted to the Participating Entity shall not be valid and the parties shall treat it as if the Contractor had not submitted the information at all. Information submitted to the Participating Entity shall not be considered timely and shall not toll or extend the running of the thirty (30) Business Days. The right of the Contractor to request a particular adjustment shall lapse upon the expiration of the applicable thirty (30) Business Days. If the Contractor fails to submit the information in a timely manner, then the partner utilization plan shall remain unchanged until thirty (30) Business Days immediately following the date of the next reverse auction pricing event.
4. The Contractor shall not submit a Partner Matrix to any Client Agency. Any such submittal shall not be valid and the parties shall treat it as if the Contractor had not submitted the Partner Matrix at all. Such submission to the Client Agency shall not be considered timely and shall not toll or extend the running of the thirty (30) Business Days required above. The right of the Contractor to request a particular adjustment to the Partner Utilization Plan shall lapse upon the expiration of the applicable thirty (30) Business Days. If the Contractor fails to submit the information in a timely manner, then the Partner Utilization Plan shall remain unchanged through the next succeeding twelve (12) months until the next annual anniversary of the Effective Date of this Participating Addendum.
5. Participating Entity reserves the right to add or remove partners based on their status as Connecticut Certified Small Business entities, including Small Business Enterprise ("SBE"), Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE"), and Women Business Enterprise ("WBE").

B. Purchases from Contractor Portal

Client Agency may complete purchases through Contractor portals. Contractor portals must include products and pricing in accordance with Exhibit B, Price Schedule prior to Client Agency purchase.

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C. Bill of Material Requirements

1. No later than twenty (20) Business Days after receipt of a Client Agency request, Contractor shall provide Bill of Materials (BOMs) to Client Agency with all equipment, hardware, software, licensing, model number(s), Stock Keeping Unit(s) ("SKU") and support including quantity and costs at the line-item level.
2. No later than twenty (20) Business Days after receipt of a Client Agency request, Contractor shall provide Hardware Bill of Materials ("HBOM") and/or Software Bill of Materials (SBOM") using a format as defined by the [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\) Hardware Bill of Materials \(HBOM\) Framework for Supply Chain Risk Management \(CISA HBOM Framework\)](#), publish date September 25, 2023. Accepted formats defined by CISA HBOM Framework Appendix B include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:
 - a. Parent-Child Nesting (Hierarchical)
 - b. Product Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and Manufacturing Details
 - c. Semiconductor Components

D. Sales and Use Reporting Requirements

1. Contractor shall deliver a sales and use report on a quarterly basis listing sales from Connecticut certified small business entities, including SBE, MBE, and WBE partners identified in Attachment 1, Partner Matrix.
2. Contractor shall deliver the sales and use report (1) to the Participating Entity's contact listed in Section 4 (Primary Contacts) in the Participating Addendum, (2) in the form and content of the Supplier Diversity Sales and Use Report attached as Attachment 2 to this Exhibit A, and (3) within thirty (30) Business Days following the end of each quarter in accordance with the table below:

Description:	Duration:
1st Quarter	July 1 to September 30
2nd Quarter	October 1 to December 31
3rd Quarter	January 1 to March 31
4th Quarter	April 1 to June 30

3. Contractor shall provide the Client Agency with any additional reports as the Client Agency may request from time to time within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of the Client Agency's written request. Timely submission of these reports is a material requirement of this Participating Addendum. All Title and property rights and interests in and to the reports and the data in the media containing the reports at all times is and will always remain vested in the State. At no time will Contractor have Title to such reports, data or media, wherever located. Accordingly, the Client Agency shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use the reports, data, and information provided under this section. Title is defined as: All ownership, title, licenses, rights and interest, including, but not limited to, perpetual use, of and to the Deliverable.

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E. Trade-in Data Protection Requirements

1. The DAS Bureau of Information Technology Solutions (“BITS”) has the right in its sole discretion to trade in any of the Deliverables during the Term.
2. Contractor shall comply with the State Office of Policy and Management disposal of digital media requirements at no additional cost to Client Agency, found in the following link: [disposal of digital media](#) and where disposal is purchased by the Client Agency.
3. Contractor shall comply with any additional restrictions and/or policies established by Client Agency and mutually agreed to by Contractor at the time of purchase and at no additional cost to Client Agency.

F. Restrictions

1. Software.
 - a. Contractor shall provide software that is commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software or that is the operating system.
 - b. Any software purchased must be related to the procurement of Deliverables.
 - c. Software must be pre-loaded or provided as an electronic link with the initial purchase of Deliverables.
2. Cloud Services. The only Cloud Services that the Contractor may provide as Deliverables are those that function as operating systems and software needed to support or configure Deliverables.
3. Additional Product/Service Restrictions
 - a. Client Agencies may lease Deliverables, but only with prior written approval of BITS and with an executed Statement of Work identifying the lease requirements. A sample Statement of Work is attached as Attachment 3 to this Exhibit A.
 - b. The Contractor shall not provide wired or wireless voice and data or internet service.
 - c. The Contractor shall not provide print purchases or managed print services.

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Attachment 1 to Exhibit A: Partner Matrix

Partner Name	Partner Address	CT Certification Type
Advanced Computer Technologies Inc	108 Main Street, Norwalk, CT 06851	SBE
Advanced Corporate Networking	192 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, CT 06460	MBE
AdvizeX Technologies LLC	6480 Rockside Woods Boulevard S190, Independence, OH 44131	N/A
Atlantic Computing Technology Corporation	11 Freedom Way, B1, Niantic, CT 06357	SBE
CDW Government, Inc.	230 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061	N/A
Consolidated Computing Inc	380 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT 0662	SBE
CyberNorth LLC	15 Cottage Road, Unit 2433, South Portland, ME 04116	N/A
International Integrated Solutions dba: iis Technology	107 Mill Plain Road, Suite 305, Danbury, CT 06811	N/A
Hemmersbach US LLC (Subcontractor)	13105 Northwest Fwy Suite 1025, Houston, TX 77040	N/A

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Attachment 2 to Exhibit A: Supplier Diversity Sales and Use Report

Description:	Duration:
1st Quarter	July 1 to September 30
2nd Quarter	October 1 to December 31
3rd Quarter	January 1 to March 31
4th Quarter	April 1 to June 30

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Attachment 3 to Exhibit A: Sample Statement of Work

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF _____

STATEMENT OF WORK, pursuant to Contract #23PSX0163

1. STATE CONTRACT NUMBER & PARTIES

Pursuant to Contract #23PSX0163, the parties to this Statement of Work are as follows:

a. Client Agency

Address

Point of contact

b. Contractor

Address

Point of contact

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

EXAMPLE: The Client Agency seeks to purchase ABC for use in its XYZ to function as 123.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Goods purchased: items, quantity, specifications, requirements.

Services required: details of services.

Refer to Contract and Exhibits for available Deliverables.

4. TIMELINE/IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Contractor shall provide all Deliverables necessary to accomplish [tie to project objective], in accordance with the following [for example: timeline, milestones, acceptance, .implementation schedule].

5. PRICE SUMMARY

Identify pricing model.

See Contract for per unit, fixed fee.

ADD AS APPLICABLE:

Work Schedule: All Contractor work shall be performed in _____ hour shifts, 5 days per week, between 8:00am and 5:00pm during Client Agency business hours (Monday to Friday), excluding State holidays.

Security/Privacy Considerations: Client Agency specific: Information accessible by the Contractor may be sensitive, confidential or subject to the Privacy Act and/or HIPAA considerations. Contractor personnel must be familiar with and comply with the provisions of appropriate statute, regulations

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Attachment 3 to Exhibit A: Sample Statement of Work

and/or Client Agency instructions. Signing of a confidentiality agreement may be required. Background checks may be required, language in Contract, Client Agency specific procedures to be identified.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

Identify assumptions: Contractor and/or Client Agency.

THIS STATEMENT OF WORK IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT AND MUST NOT INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS OR CHANGE OR MODIFY ANY OF THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

7. SIGNATURES: Contractor and Client Agency

_____(CONTRACTOR)

By: _____

Name:
Title:
Duly Authorized

Date:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Department of _____

By: _____

Name:
Title:
Duly Authorized

Date:

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Exhibit B Price Schedule

A. Purchase Instructions

1. Any purchase through this Participating Addendum placed by a Purchasing Entity shall be governed by the prices in the Master Agreement Exhibit D-Price Schedule.
2. All Purchase Orders and payments for Deliverables shall be issued directly to Contractor or a partner in the Partner Matrix.

B. Discount and Rate Adjustments

Contractor shall submit any Lead State approved adjustment or amendment to the minimum discounts and rates pursuant to the Master Agreement's Exhibit A, Section 13 (Price and Rate Guarantee Period) to Participating Entity's contact listed in Section 4 (Primary Contacts) within five (5) Business Days of the posting of a duly executed adjustment or amendment on the NASPO ValuePoint portfolio website.

C. Configuration Dollar Limits

Configuration dollar limits do not apply to this Participating Addendum for band 1, band 2, peripherals, and Services.

D. The Contractor shall not charge separately for the following items:

1. Any costs, fees and expenses, except as preapproved by the Client Agency and in accordance with Connecticut managerial rates.
2. All personal protective equipment.
3. All delivery costs, including but not limited to, transportation and unloading of products to loading docks or ground at the point of destination as directed by the Client Agency.
4. In-building delivery costs as directed by the Client Agency.
5. Product installation assistance and Product use and maintenance training(s).
6. All product assembly parts.



NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement No.: 23008

This Contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Administration ("Lead State") and Hewlett Packard Enterprise whose designated business address is 1701 East Mossy Oaks Road, Spring, TX 77389 ("Contractor"). State and Contractor may be referred to jointly as "Parties."

Recitals

1. The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement, on behalf of the State of Minnesota and NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Procurement Program ("NASPO ValuePoint") issued a solicitation to establish Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement(s) ("Contract") with qualified manufacturers for Computer Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Servers, and Storage, including related Peripherals & Services);
2. Contractor provided a response to the Solicitation indicating its interest in and ability to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation; and
3. Subsequent to an evaluation in accordance with the terms of the Solicitation and negotiation, the Parties desire to enter into a contract; and
4. All authorized governmental entities in any state or participating US Territory are welcome to use the resulting Master Agreement through NASPO ValuePoint with the approval of the State Chief Procurement Official. Upon final award of the overarching Master Agreement, Contractors are able to sign Participating Addendums (PA) at the option of Participating States. Participating States reserve the right to add state specific terms and conditions and modify the scope of the contract in their Participating Addendum as allowed by the Master Agreement.

Accordingly, the Parties agree as follows:

Contract

1. Term of Contract

- a. Effective date. July 1, 2023, or the date the Lead State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2, whichever is later.
- b. Expiration date. June 30, 2025. This Master Agreement may be extended for up to an additional 36 months, in increments as determined by the Lead State, through a duly executed amendment.
- c. If, in the judgment of the Lead State, a follow-on, competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement, this Master Agreement may be extended for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed six months. This subsection shall not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law otherwise to negotiate contract extensions.

2. Representations and Warranties

- a. Under Minn. Stat. §§ 15.061 and 16C.03, subd. 3, and other applicable law the Lead State is empowered to engage such assistance as deemed necessary.
- b. Contractor warrants that it is duly qualified and shall perform its obligations under this Master Agreement in accordance with the commercially reasonable standards of care, skill, and diligence in Contractor's industry, trade, or profession, and in accordance with the specifications set forth in this Master Agreement, to the satisfaction of the Lead State.
- c. Contractor warrants that it possesses the legal authority to enter into this Master Agreement and that it has taken all actions required by its procedures, by-laws, and applicable laws to exercise that authority, and to lawfully authorize its undersigned signatory to execute this Master Agreement, or any part thereof, and to bind Contractor to its terms.

3. Awarded Band(s)

The solicitation included three product Bands: Band 1, Personal Computing Devices – Windows Operating Systems: Desktops, Laptops, Tablets; and Band 2, Personal Computing Devices – Non-Windows Operating Systems: Desktops, Laptops, Tablets; and Band 3, Servers and Storage. The Contractor is awarded the following Band(s):

Band 3, Servers and Storage

4. Configuration Dollar Limits

The following configuration limits apply to the Master Agreement. Participating Entities may define their configuration limits in their Participating Addendum. The Participating Entity's Chief Procurement Official may increase or decrease the configuration limits, as defined in their Participating Addendum. The Participating Entity will determine with the Contractor how to approve these modifications to the Product and Service Schedule.

The dollar limits identified below are based on a SINGLE computer/system configuration. This is NOT a restriction on the purchase of multiple configurations (e.g., an entity could purchase 10 laptops at \$15,000 each, for a total purchase price of \$150,000).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CONFIGURATION</u>
Band One	\$15,000
Band Two	\$15,000
Band Three	\$1,000,000
Peripherals	\$10,000
Services	Addressed in the Participating Addendum

5. Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to the Master Agreement. A Participating Entity may set further restrictions of products in their Participating Addendum. The Participating Entity will determine with the Contractor how to approve these modifications to the Entity's Product and Service Schedule.

- a. Software
 1. Software is restricted to operating systems and commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software and is subject to equipment configuration limits.
 2. Any software purchased must be related to the procurement of equipment.

3. Software must be pre-loaded or provided as an electronic link with the initial purchase of equipment, except for the exceptions allowed under Paragraph 5.a.4.

4. Software such as middleware which is not always installed on the equipment, but is related to storage and server equipment (Band 3) purchased, is allowed and may be procured after the initial purchase of equipment.

b. General Services

1. Services must be related to the procurement of equipment.

2. Service limits will be addressed by each State.

3. Wireless phone and internet service is not allowed.

4. Managed Print Services are not allowed.

c. Cloud Services

1. Cloud Services are restricted to Services that function as operating systems and software needed to support or configure hardware purchased under the scope of the contract and is subject to equipment configuration limits.

2. Any Cloud Service purchased must be related to the procurement of equipment.

d. Third-Party Products

1. Third-Party Products can be offered only in the Bands they have been awarded. All third-party products must meet the definition(s) of the Band(s) in which they are being offered.

2. Products manufactured by another Contractor holding a Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement for Computer Equipment cannot be offered unless approved by the Lead State.

e. Additional Product/Services

1. Hardware and software required to solely support wide area network (WAN) operation and management are not allowed.

2. Lease/Rentals of equipment may be allowed and will be addressed by each State.

3. Cellular Phone Equipment is not allowed.

4. EPEAT Bronze requirement may be waived, on a State case-by-case basis, if approved by the State's Chief Procurement Officer. EPEAT Bronze requirement does not currently apply to storage.

6. Authorized Representative

- a. Master Agreement Administrator. The Master Agreement Administrator designated by NASPO ValuePoint and the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration is Elizabeth Randa, Acquisition Management Specialist.

Elizabeth Randa, Acquisition Management Specialist
Department of Administration
Office of State Procurement
112 Administration Building
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
E-mail: elizabeth.randa@state.mn.us
Phone: 651.201.3122

- b. Contractor's Authorized Representative. The Contractor's Authorized Representative is Stacey Pierce, SLED, US Route to Market Manager.

Stacey Pierce, SLED, US Route to Market Manager
Hewlett Packard Enterprise
1701 East Mossy Oaks Road
Spring, TX 77389
Email: stacey.pierce@hpe.com
Phone: 501.205.6277

If the Contractor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, the Contractor must immediately notify the Lead State.

7. Notices

If one party is required to give notice to the other under the Master Agreement, such notice shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt. Delivery may be by certified United States mail or by hand, in which case a signed receipt shall be obtained. An email shall constitute sufficient notice, provided the receipt of the transmission is confirmed by the receiving party. Either party must notify the other of a change in address for notification purposes. All notices to the Lead State shall be addressed to the Master Agreement Administrator.

8. Exhibits

The following Exhibits are attached and incorporated into this Contract. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Contract and its Exhibits, or between Exhibits, the order of precedence is first the Contract, and then in the following order:

Exhibit A: NASPO ValuePoint Terms and Conditions
Exhibit B: Minnesota Terms and Conditions
Exhibit C: Requirements
Exhibit D: Price Schedule
Exhibit E: Contractor Terms and Conditions

9. Survival of Terms:

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Master Agreement: Indemnification; State Audits; Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; Publicity and Endorsement; Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and Data Disclosure. Any other Contract term that states it shall survive, shall survive.

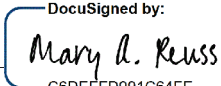
10. Entire Agreement

This Contract and any written addenda thereto constitute the entire agreement of the parties to the Master Agreement.

1. Contractor

The Contractor certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the Contract on behalf of the Contractor as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

Print name: Mary A. Reuss _____

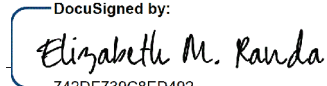
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Title: Contract Negotiator Date: 9/7/2023

2. State Agency

With delegated authority

Print name: Elizabeth M. Randa _____

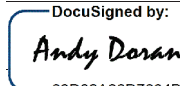
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Title: Acquisition Management Specialist Date: 9/7/2023

3. Commissioner of Administration

As delegated to The Office of State Procurement

Print name: Andy Doran _____

Signature:  _____
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Title: IT Acquisitions Supervisor Date: 9/7/2023

Exhibit A: NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions

1. Conflict of Terms/Order of Precedence.

- a. Any order placed under this Master Agreement shall consist of the following documents:
 1. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
 2. Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement, as negotiated, including all exhibits;
 3. A Purchase Order issued against a PA (terms and conditions set forth in a Purchase Order will not be deemed to modify, diminish, or otherwise derogate the terms and conditions set forth in a Participating Addendum or Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement).
- b. These documents shall be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents shall be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to this Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment.
- c. Contractor terms and conditions may be incorporated if expressly accepted by the Lead State and attached to the Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment, or by written reference (including reference to information contained in a URL or referenced policy). A written reference, including by URL or policy, is incorporated into the Master Agreement only if the Master Agreement expressly identifies that reference. URL's must be explicitly referenced to be incorporated into the Master Agreement. URL's contained within the URL's that are explicitly referenced are not incorporated into the Master Agreement. Any Contractor term or condition incorporated by URL or written reference applies to this Master Agreement only to the extent such term or condition is not prohibited by applicable law. Any change to information contained in a URL or referenced policy will not affect any financial obligation, place any additional material obligation on an ordering entity, or materially diminish an ordering entity's ability to use the product or service.
- d. A written Master Agreement (which may include the contents of the RFP and selected portions of Contractor's response incorporated therein by reference) will constitute the entire agreement of the parties to the Master Agreement. No other terms and conditions shall apply, including terms and conditions listed in the Contractor's response to the RFP, or terms listed or referenced on the Contractor's website not otherwise incorporated into the Master Agreement, in the Contractor quotation/sales order, or in similar documents subsequently provided by the Contractor.
- e. Additional Agreement with NASPO. Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, awarded Contractor shall enter into a direct contractual relationship with NASPO ValuePoint related to Contractor's obligations to NASPO ValuePoint under the terms of the Master Agreement, the terms of which shall be the same or similar (and not less favorable) than the terms set forth in the Master Agreement.

2. Definitions.

- a. **Acceptance** is defined by the applicable commercial code, except Acceptance shall not occur before the completion of delivery in accordance with the Order, installation if required, and a reasonable time for inspection of the Product.
- b. **Accessory** means a product that enhances the user experience but does not extend the functionality of the computer (e.g., mouse pad or monitor stand). For the purposes of this Contract, accessories are considered peripherals.

- c. **_____ as a Service (_aaS)** refers to any good provided in a subscription-based model that is defined in the industry as “_____ as a Service”. Examples are “Software as a Service”, “Infrastructure as a Service”, and “Storage as a Service”, and shall follow the NIST definitions of those services. _____ as a Service are permitted only when they meet the restrictions found in Paragraph 5.c, above.
- d. **Band** means a category of products. There are three product bands which may be awarded through this Contract. Each product band includes related peripherals and services.
- e. **Components** are the parts that make up a computer configuration.
- f. **Contractor** means the person or entity delivering Products or performing services under the terms and conditions set forth in this Master Agreement.
- g. **Configuration** means the combination of hardware and software components that make up the total functioning system.
- h. **Customer** (see Purchasing Entity).
- i. **Desktop** means a personal computer intended for regular use at a single location. A desktop computer typically comes in several units connected together during installation: (1) the processor, 2) display monitor, and 3) input devices usually a keyboard and a mouse. Desktops, including desktop virtualization endpoints such as zero and thin clients, are included in Bands 1 and 2 of this Contract.
- j. **Embedded Software** means one or more software applications which permanently reside on a computing device.
- k. **Energy Star®** is a voluntary energy efficiency program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Energy Star program makes it easy to identify energy efficient computers by labeling products that deliver the same or better performance as comparable models while using less energy and saving money. For additional information on the Energy Star program, including product specifications and a list of qualifying products, visit the Energy Star website at <http://www.energystar.gov>.
- l. **EPEAT** is a type-1 ecolabel for identifying and purchasing sustainable IT products. EPEAT-registered products must meet sustainability criteria detailed in voluntary consensus-based standards that are free and publicly available on the Green Electronics Council’s website at www.greenelectronicscouncil.org. Products are classified as Bronze, Silver, or Gold based on meeting criteria that address the life cycle of the products. Product life cycle includes material extraction, hazardous substance reduction, end-of-life management, packaging, and corporate sustainability. Only products listed as Active in the online EPEAT Registry are considered to meet the EPEAT criteria.
- m. **FOB Destination** means that shipping charges are included in the price of the item and the shipped item becomes the legal property and responsibility of the receiver when it reaches its destination unless there is acceptance testing required.
- n. **FOB Inside Delivery** means that shipping charges are included in the price of the item, and that the shipped item becomes the legal property and responsibility of the receiver when it reaches the inside delivery point, which is beyond the front door or loading dock. FOB Inside Delivery is a special shipping arrangement that may include additional fees payable by the Purchasing Entity. FOB Inside Delivery must be annotated on the Purchasing Entity ordering document.

- o. **Intellectual Property** means any and all patents, copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade secrets, trade names, patentable inventions, or other similar proprietary rights, in tangible or intangible form, and all rights, title, and interest therein.
- p. **Laptop** means a personal computer for mobile use. A laptop includes a display, keyboard, point device such as a touchpad, and speakers in a single unit. A laptop can be used away from an outlet using a rechargeable battery. Laptops include notebooks, ultrabooks, netbooks, Zero and thin client devices, and computers with mobile operating systems. Laptops are included in Bands 1 and 2 of this Contract.
- q. **Lead State** means the State centrally administering any resulting Master Agreement(s).
- r. **Mandatory Requirement** is a requirement that the failure to meet results in the rejection of the responder's proposal unless all responders are unable to meet the mandatory requirement. The terms "must" and "shall" identify a mandatory requirement. Any objection to a mandatory requirement should be identified by responders in the Question and Answer period.
- s. **Manufacturer** means a company that, as one of its primary business functions, designs, assembles, owns the trademark/patent for, and markets branded computer equipment.
- t. **Master Agreement** means the underlying agreement executed by and between the Lead State, acting on behalf of NASPO ValuePoint, and the Contractor.
- u. **Middleware** means the software "glue" that helps programs and databases (which may be on different computers) work together. The most basic function of middleware is to enable communication between different pieces of software.
- v. **NASPO ValuePoint** is a division of the National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO"), a 501(c)(3) limited liability company. NASPO ValuePoint facilitates administration of the NASPO cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. NASPO ValuePoint is identified in the Master Agreement as the recipient of reports and may perform contract administration functions relating to collecting and receiving reports as well as other contract administration functions as assigned by the Lead State.
- w. **Option** means an item of equipment or a feature that may be chosen as an addition to or replacement for standard equipment and features.
- x. **Order or Purchase Order** means any purchase order, sales order, contract or other method used by a Purchasing Entity to order the Products, including any supporting materials which the parties identify as incorporated either by attachment or reference ("Supporting Material"). Supporting Material may include (as examples) product lists, hardware or software specifications, standard or negotiated service descriptions, data sheets and their supplements, and statements of work ("SOW"), published warranties and service level agreements, and may be available to Participating Entity in hard copy or by accessing a designated Contractor website.
- y. **Participating Addendum** means a bilateral agreement executed by a Contractor and a Participating Entity incorporating this Master Agreement and any other additional Participating Entity specific language or other requirements, e.g. ordering procedures specific to the Participating Entity, other terms and conditions.

z. **Participating Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and U.S territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that has executed a Participating Addendum.

aa. **Participating State** means a state that has executed a Participating Addendum.

bb. **Partner** means a company, authorized by the Contractor and approved by the Participating Entity, to provide marketing, support, or other authorized contract services on behalf of the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contractor's Master Agreement. A Partner may include, but is not limited to, an agent, subcontractor, fulfillment partner, channel partner, business partner, servicing subcontractor, etc.

cc. **Peripherals** means any hardware product that can be attached to, added within, or networked with personal computers, servers, or storage. Peripherals extend the functionality of a computer without modifying the core components of the system.

dd. **Per Transaction Multiple Unit Discount** means a contractual volume discount based on dollars in a single purchase order or combination of purchase orders submitted at one time by a Participating Entity or multiple entities conducting a cooperative purchase.

ee. **Premium Savings Package(s) (PSP)** are deeply discounted standard configurations available to Purchasing Entities using the Master Agreement. NASPO ValuePoint reserves the right to expand and modify the PSP throughout the life of the contract. For more information see: <https://www.naspovaluepoint.org/portfolio/57/>.

ff. **Product** means any equipment, software (including embedded software), documentation, service, or other deliverable supplied or created by the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The term Products, supplies and services, and products and services are used interchangeably in these terms and conditions.

gg. **Purchasing Entity** means a state (including the District of Columbia and U.S. territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a state, other public entities domestic or foreign, and nonprofit organizations under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues a Purchase Order under the terms of the Master Agreement, or any Participating Addendum thereto, and becomes financially committed to the purchase.

hh. **Ruggedized** means equipment specifically designed to operate reliably in harsh usage environments and conditions, such as strong vibrations, extreme temperatures, and wet or dusty conditions. Ruggedized equipment may be proposed under the band that most closely fits the equipment being proposed.

ii. **Server** means computer hardware dedicated to run one or more services or applications (as a host) to serve the needs of the users of other computers on a network. Servers may be either physical or virtual. Servers, including server appliances, are included in Band 3 of this Contract. Server appliances have their hardware and software preconfigured by the manufacturer, and include embedded networking components such as those found in blade chassis systems.

jj. **Services** are broadly classified as installation or de-installation, maintenance, support, training, migration, and optimization of products offered or supplied under the Master Agreement. These classifications of services may include, but are not limited to: warranty services, maintenance, installation, de-installation, factory integration (software or hardware components), asset management, recycling or disposal, training and certification, pre-implementation design, disaster recovery planning and support, service desk or helpdesk, imaging, and any other directly related technical support service required for the effective operation of a product offered or supplied. Contractors may offer limited professional services related ONLY to the equipment and configuration of the equipment purchased through the resulting contracts.

EACH PARTICIPATING ENTITY WILL DETERMINE RESTRICTIONS AND NEGOTIATE TERMS FOR SERVICES THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.

kk. **Software** means, for the purposes of this Contract, commercial operating off the shelf machine-readable object code instructions including microcode, firmware, and operating system software that meet the restrictions specified in Paragraph 5.a. "Software" applies to all parts of software and documentation, including new releases, updates, and modifications of software.

ll. **Storage** means hardware or a virtual appliance with the ability to store large amounts of data. Storage, including SAN switching necessary for the proper functioning of storage equipment, is included in Band 3 of this Contract

mm. **Storage Area Network (SAN)** is a high-speed special-purpose network (or subnetwork) that interconnects different kinds of data storage devices with associated data servers on behalf of a larger network of users.

nn. **Tablet** means a mobile computer that provides a touchscreen that acts as the primary means of control. Tablets, including notebooks, ultrabooks, and netbooks with touchscreen capabilities, are included in Bands 1 and 2 of this Contract.

oo. **Takeback Program** means the Contractor's process for accepting the return of equipment or other products at the end of the product's life.

pp. **Thin Client** is a lightweight computer that has been optimized for establishing a remote connection with a server-based computing environment.

qq. **Third Party Product** is a good sold by the Contractor that is manufactured by another company. Third Party Products are intended to enhance or supplement a Contractor's own product line, and are not intended to represent more than a third of any Contractor's total sales under this Master Agreement.

rr. **Upgrade** means the replacement of existing software, hardware, or hardware component with a newer version.

ss. **Warranty** means the Manufacturer's general warranty tied to the product at the time of purchase.

tt. **Wide Area Network (WAN)** is a data network that serves users across a broad geographic area and often uses transmission devices provided by common carriers.

3. **Term of the Master Agreement.**

a. The initial term of this Master Agreement is for 2 years. This Master Agreement may be extended beyond the original contract period for 36 additional months at the Lead State's discretion and by mutual agreement and upon review of requirements of Participating Entities, current market conditions, and Contractor performance.

b. The Master Agreement may be extended for a reasonable period of time if in the judgment of the Lead State a follow-on, competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed (despite good faith efforts) beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement. This subsection shall not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law otherwise to negotiate contract extensions.

4. **Amendments.**

The terms of this Master Agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever without a written amendment to the Master Agreement executed by the Contractor and Lead State as required by law. Master Agreement amendments will be negotiated by the Lead State with the Contractor whenever necessary to address changes in the terms and conditions, costs, timetable, or increased or decreased scope of work.

5. Participants and Scope.

- a. Canadian Participation. Subject to the approval of Contractor, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, or Saskatchewan, and territorial government or territorial government funded entity in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use Contractor's Master Agreement
- b. Contractor may not deliver Products under this Master Agreement until a Participating Addendum acceptable to the Participating Entity and Contractor is executed. The NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions are applicable to any Order by a Participating Entity (and other Purchasing Entities covered by their Participating Addendum), except to the extent altered, modified, supplemented or amended by a Participating Addendum. By way of illustration and not limitation, this authority may apply to unique delivery and invoicing requirements, confidentiality requirements, defaults on Orders, governing law and venue relating to Orders by a Participating Entity, indemnification, and insurance requirements. Statutory or constitutional requirements relating to availability of funds may require specific language in some Participating Addenda in order to comply with applicable law. The expectation is that these alterations, modifications, supplements, or amendments will be addressed in the Participating Addendum or, with the consent of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, may be included in the ordering document (e.g. purchase order or contract) used by the Purchasing Entity to place the Order.
- c. Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements by state agencies, political subdivisions and other Participating Entities (including cooperatives) authorized by individual state's statutes to use state contracts are subject to the approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the respective State Chief Procurement Official.
- d. Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating Entities who have signed a Participating Addendum and Purchasing Entities within the scope of those Participating Addenda. States or other entities permitted to participate may use an informal competitive process to determine which Master Agreements to participate in through execution of a Participating Addendum. Financial obligations of Participating Entities who are states are limited to the orders placed by the departments or other state agencies and institutions having available funds. Participating Entities who are states incur no financial obligations on behalf of other Purchasing Entities. Contractor shall email a fully executed PDF copy of each Participating Addendum to PA@naspovaluepoint.org to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate data bases.
- e. NASPO and NASPO ValuePoint are not parties to the Master Agreement.
- f. Participating Addenda shall not be construed to amend the following provisions in this Master Agreement between the Lead State and Contractor that prescribe NASPO ValuePoint requirements: Term of the Master Agreement; Amendments; Participants and Scope; Administrative Fee; NASPO ValuePoint Summary and Detailed Usage Reports; NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Program Marketing and Performance Review; Right to Publish; Price and Rate Guarantee Period; and Individual Customers. Any such language shall be void and of no effect.
- g. Participating Entities who are not states may under some circumstances sign their own Participating Addendum, subject to the consent to participation by the Chief Procurement Official of the state where the Participating Entity is located. Coordinate requests for such participation through NASPO ValuePoint. Any permission to participate through execution of a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists in the Participating Entity; they must ensure that they have the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum.

h. Resale. "Resale" means any payment in exchange for transfer of tangible goods, software, or assignment of the right to services. Subject to any specific conditions included in the Master Agreement, or as explicitly permitted in a Participating Addendum, Purchasing Entities may not resell Products (the definition of which includes services that are deliverables). Absent any such condition or explicit permission, this limitation does not prohibit: payments by employees of a Purchasing Entity for Products; sales of Products to the general public as surplus property; and fees associated with inventory transactions with other governmental or nonprofit entities and consistent with a Purchasing Entity's laws and regulations. Any sale or transfer permitted by this subsection must be consistent with license rights granted for use of intellectual property.

6. Individual Customers.

Except to the extent modified by a Participating Addendum, each Purchasing Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement, including but not limited to, any indemnity or right to recover any costs as such right is defined in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.

7. Independent Contractor.

The Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor shall have no authorization, express or implied, to bind the Lead State, Participating States, other Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and agrees not to hold itself out as an agent except as expressly set forth herein or as expressly agreed in any Participating Addendum.

8. Contracting Personnel.

Contractor must provide adequate contracting personnel to assist states with the completing and processing Participating Addenda. It is preferred that each Contractor be able to provide each Participating Entity with a primary contact person for that Participating Entity.

9. Changes in Contractor Representation.

The Contractor must notify the Lead State of changes in the Contractor's key administrative personnel managing the Master Agreement in writing within 10 calendar days of the change. The Lead State reserves the right to approve changes in key personnel, as identified in the Contractor's proposal. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Contractor agrees to propose replacement key personnel having substantially equal or better education, training, and experience as was possessed by the key person proposed and evaluated in the Contractor's proposal.

10. Contractor Verification.

The Contractor is responsible for delivering products or performing services under the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Agreement. The Contractor must ensure partners utilized in the performance of this contract adhere to all the terms and conditions. The term Partner will be utilized in naming the relationship a Contractor has with another company to market and sell under the contract. Participating Entities will have final determination/approval if a Partner may be approved for that state in the role identified by the Contractor.

11. Contractor Performance Meeting.

An annual performance meeting may be held each year with the NASPO ValuePoint Sourcing Team. Historically performance meetings have been held in Minnesota, but the Lead State may hold the meetings in person or virtually at the Lead State's discretion.

All contractors that are invited to participate must send their Primary Account Representative, unless an exception is granted in writing by the Lead State. It is possible that not all contractors will be invited to participate in a performance meeting.

12. Laws and Regulations.

Any and all Products offered and furnished shall comply fully with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including Minn. Stat. § 181.59 prohibiting discrimination and business registration requirements of the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. To the extent any purchase is subject to Federal Acquisition Regulations, as may be required by the terms of a federal grant, a Participating Entity and Contractor may include in their Participating Addendum terms that reflect such a requirement.

If software is licensed to Purchasing Entity for use in the performance of a U.S. Government prime contract or subcontract, Purchasing Entity agrees that consistent with FAR 12.211 and 12.212, commercial computer software, documentation and technical data for commercial items are licensed under publisher's standard commercial license.

Purchasing Entity is responsible for complying with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to, obtaining any required export or import authorizations if Purchasing Entity exports, imports or otherwise transfers products or deliverables provided under this Master Agreement.

13. Price and Rate Guarantee Period.

All minimum discounts and rates must be guaranteed for the initial term of the Master Agreement. Following the initial Master Agreement period, any request for minimum discount or rate adjustment must be for a guarantee period as offered by the Contractor, and must be made at least 30 days prior to the effective date. Requests for minimum discount or rate adjustment must include sufficient documentation supporting the request. Any adjustment or amendment to the Master Agreement shall not be effective unless approved by the Lead State. No retroactive adjustments to minimum discounts or rates will be allowed.

14. Premium Savings Package Program.

The Lead State reserves the right to create a Premium Savings Package Program (PSP) as outlined in the Definitions, Paragraph 2.ee of Exhibit A. Participation by Contractor is voluntary. The details and commitments of the PSP will be detailed as a part of any request for Contractor to participate.

15. Services.

Participating Entities must explicitly allow services in their Participating Addenda for the approved services to be allowed under that Participating Addendum. The Participating Addendum by each Participating Entity will address service agreement terms and related travel.

16. Ordering.

- a. Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, and purchase order numbers shall be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.
- b. Purchasing Entities may define entity or project-specific requirements and informally compete the requirement among companies having a Master Agreement on an "as needed" basis. This procedure may also be used when requirements are aggregated or other firm commitments may be made to achieve reductions in pricing. This procedure may be modified in Participating Addenda and adapted to the Purchasing Entity's rules and policies. The Purchasing Entity may in its sole discretion determine which Master Agreement Contractors should be solicited for a quote. The Purchasing Entity may select the quote that it considers most advantageous, cost and other factors considered.
- c. Each Purchasing Entity will identify and utilize its own appropriate purchasing procedure and documentation. Contractor is expected to become familiar with the Purchasing Entities' rules, policies, and procedures regarding the ordering of supplies or services contemplated by this Master Agreement.

- d. Contractor shall not begin work without a valid Purchase Order or other appropriate commitment document under the law of the Purchasing Entity.
- e. Orders may be placed consistent with the terms of this Master Agreement during the term of the Master Agreement.
- f. All Orders pursuant to this Master Agreement, at a minimum, shall include:
 - 1. The service description or supplies being delivered;
 - 2. The place and requested time of delivery;
 - 3. A billing address;
 - 4. The name, phone number, and address of the Purchasing Entity representative;
 - 5. The price per hour or other pricing elements consistent with this Master Agreement and the contractor's proposal;
 - 6. A ceiling amount of the order for services being ordered;
 - 7. The Master Agreement identifier; and
 - 8. Statement of Work, when applicable.
- g. All communications concerning administration of Orders placed shall be furnished solely to the authorized purchasing agent within the Purchasing Entity's purchasing office, or to such other individual identified in writing in the Order.
- h. Orders must be placed pursuant to this Master Agreement prior to the termination date thereof, but may have a delivery date or performance period up to 120 days past the then-current termination date of this Master Agreement. Contractor is reminded that financial obligations of Purchasing Entities payable after the current applicable fiscal year are contingent upon agency funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.
- i. Notwithstanding the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, Contractor agrees to perform in accordance with the terms of any Orders then outstanding at the time of such expiration or termination. Contractor shall not honor any Orders placed after the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, or otherwise inconsistent with its terms. Orders from any separate indefinite quantity, task orders, or other form of indefinite delivery order arrangement priced against this Master Agreement may not be placed after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, notwithstanding the term of any such indefinite delivery order agreement.

17. Trade-In.

Any trade-in programs offered during the life of the Master Agreement must be approved by the Lead State. Participating Entities must explicitly allow trade-in programs in their Participating Addenda for the approved programs to be allowed under that Participating Addendum. Trade-in value shall not decrease the discounts offered through the Master Agreement.

18. Shipping and Delivery.

- a. The prices are the delivered price to any Purchasing Entity for standard shipping. An estimated ship and delivery date shall be provided to Purchasing Entity at the time of the Order. If an order is requested with expedited shipping, the Contractor must provide a firm "not to exceed" price for the expedited shipping on the quote. All deliveries shall be FOB Destination, freight pre-paid, with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage incurred during shipping or delivery shall remain the Contractor's until final inspection when responsibility shall pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud, and Contractor's warranty obligations. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an Order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered shall be shipped without charge.
- b. Specific delivery instructions, including FOB Inside Delivery, will be noted on the order form or Purchase Order. Any damage to the building interior, scratched walls, damage to the freight elevator, etc., directly caused by the Contractor or its subcontractors will be the responsibility of the Contractor. If such damage does occur, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to promptly notify the Purchasing Entity placing the Order.
- c. All products must be delivered in the manufacturer's standard package. Costs shall include all packing and crating charges. Cases shall be of durable construction, good condition, properly labeled and suitable in every respect for storage and handling of contents. Each shipment shall be marked with the Purchasing Entity's Purchase Order number and other information sufficient for the Purchasing Entity to properly identify the shipment as outlined in the Participating Addendum of the Purchasing Entity.

19. Inspection and Acceptance.

- a. Where the Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or an Order does not otherwise specify a process for inspection and Acceptance, this section governs. This section is not intended to limit rights and remedies under the applicable commercial code.
- b. Contractor shall provide right of access to the Lead State, or to any other authorized agent or official of the Lead State or other Participating or Purchasing Entity, at reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and quality assurance requirements under this Master Agreement.
- c. Upon delivery, the Purchasing Entity shall have 30 days to inspect the Product(s). Acceptance of Products occurs after inspection and applies to all Products(s) (hardware and software) purchased under this Master Agreement, including any additional replacement or substitute Product(s) and any Product(s) which are modified by or with the written approval of Contractor after Acceptance by the Participating Entity. The Purchasing Entity will make every effort to notify the Contractor, within thirty (30) calendar days following delivery, of non-acceptance of a Product or completion of Service. In the event that the Contractor has not been notified within 30 calendar days from delivery of Product or completion of Service, the Product and Services will be deemed accepted on the 31st day after delivery of Product or completion of Services. This clause shall not be applicable, if acceptance testing and corresponding terms have been mutually agreed to by both parties in writing.
- d. Products that do not meet manufacturer's specifications may be rejected. Failure to reject upon receipt, however, does not relieve the contractor of liability for material (nonconformity that substantially impairs value) latent or hidden defects subsequently revealed when goods are put to use. Acceptance of such goods may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the applicable commercial code, and the Contractor is liable for any resulting expense incurred by the Purchasing Entity related to the preparation and shipping of Product rejected and returned, or for which Acceptance is revoked. Return of Products is subject to the Contractor's applicable return policy, which shall be made available to Purchasing Entity prior to placement of an order. Any restocking fee may not exceed 15% of the purchase price.

- e. If any services do not conform to contract requirements, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in Order amount. When defects cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Purchasing Entity may cancel or modify the Order to remove the nonconforming services, shall be refunded any amounts paid for the nonconforming services, and may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements.
- f. The warranty period shall begin upon delivery.
- g. The Purchasing Entity and the Contractor shall determine if Acceptance Testing is applicable and/or required for the purchase. Acceptance Testing means the process agreed upon by Purchasing Entity and Contractor for ascertaining that the Product meets the standard of performance prior to Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity. The terms in regards to Acceptance Testing will be negotiated, in writing, as mutually agreed.
- h. No Product shall be deemed Accepted and no charges shall be paid until the standard of performance is met. The warranty period for Products subject to Acceptance Testing shall begin upon Acceptance.

20. Title of Product.

Upon Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity, Contractor shall convey to Purchasing Entity title to the Product free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, or other security interests. Transfer of title to the Product shall include a license to use any Embedded Software in the Product, as follows:

- a. To the extent that the Software sold under the Master Agreement is Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software, such Software is licensed, not sold, to the Purchasing Entity. The Contractor and its licensors reserve and retain all rights not expressly granted to the Purchasing Entity. No right, title or interest to any trademark, service mark, logo or trade name of Contractor or its licensors is granted to the Purchasing Entity. Licenses to such Software is provided in accordance with the terms of the manufacturer's written End User License Agreement tied to the product at the time of purchase unless otherwise negotiated between Purchasing Entity and the Contractor or the Licensor in a duly executed contract.
- b. Contractor will perform services for the Purchasing Entity, subject to the following section pursuant to a fully executed Statement of Work entered into between the Purchasing Entity and the Contractor.
- c. The Contractor grants the Purchasing Entity a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty free the license in Contractor's pre-existing intellectual property that is contained in the products, materials, equipment or services, excluding software, that are purchased through this Master Agreement.
- d. Any and all licensing, maintenance, cloud services, or order specific agreements referenced within the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement are agreed to only to the extent that the terms do not conflict with the terms of the Participating Addendum or the terms of the Master Agreement as incorporated into the Participating Addendum, and to the extent the terms are not in conflict with the Participating Entities' applicable laws. In the event of a conflict in the terms and conditions, the conflict shall be resolved as detailed in the Order of Precedence defined herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, licensing, maintenance, cloud services agreements, or order specific agreements may be further negotiated by the Contractor or, if applicable, the Licensor, and the potential Purchasing Entity, provided the contractual documents are duly executed in writing.

21. Warranty.

The Contractor must ensure warranty service and maintenance for all products provided. The Contractor shall provide the warranty service and maintenance for all products on the Master Agreement.

For third party products sold by the Contract Vendor that are not Contractor-branded, the Contract Vendor sells the third-party products with the manufacturer or publisher's standard warranty, license, and maintenance "as is". The

Contract Vendor will provide warranty and maintenance call numbers and assist the customer in engaging the manufacturer on warranty and maintenance issues.

22. System Failure or Damage.

In the event of system failure or damage caused by the Contractor or its Product, the Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to restore or assist in restoring the system to operational capacity. The Contractor shall be responsible under this provision to the extent a 'system' is defined at the time of the Order; otherwise the rights of the Purchasing Entity shall be governed by the Warranty.

23. Payment.

Payment for completion of an order is normally made within 30 days following the date a correct invoice is received. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance, unless a different late payment amount is specified in a Participating Addendum, Order, or otherwise prescribed by applicable law.

Payments will be remitted by mail or electronically. Payments may be made via a State or political subdivision "Purchasing Card" with no additional charge.

Prices are exclusive of taxes, duties, and fees, unless otherwise quoted. If a withholding tax is required by law, the tax will be added and identified on the applicable invoice. All applicable taxes, duties, and fees must be identified on the quote.

24. Leasing or Alternative Financing Methods.

Lease purchase and term leases are allowable only for Purchasing Entities whose rules and regulations permit leasing of software. Individual Purchasing Entities may enter into a lease agreement for the products covered in this Master Agreement, if they have the legal authority to enter into these types of agreements without going through a competitive process and if the applicable PAs permit leasing. No lease agreements will be reviewed or evaluated as part of the RFP evaluation process.

25. Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds.

Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

26. Self Audit.

The Contractor must conduct at a minimum a quarterly self-audit, unless approved by the Lead State. The audit will sample a minimum of one tenth of one percent (.001) of orders with a maximum of 100 audits per quarter conducted. For example: Up to 1,000 sales = 1 audit; 10,000 sales = 10 audits; Up to 100,000 sales = 100 audits. This will be a random sample of orders and invoices and must include documentation of pricing. Summary findings must be reported to Lead State with actions to correct documented findings.

27. Assignment/Subcontracts.

- a. Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Lead State.
- b. The Lead State, or Participating Entity, shall not assign, delegate or otherwise transfer all or any part of this Master Agreement without prior written consent from Contractor, except for assignment or delegation to a Participating Entity State agency or eligible Purchasing Entity. The Lead State reserves the right to assign any rights

or duties, including written assignment of contract administration duties to NASPO ValuePoint and other third parties.

28. Insurance.

- a. Contractor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in the Lead State and in each Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports (exception for wholly-owned captive insurance companies). Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.
- b. Coverage shall be written on an occurrence basis. Policy limits shall be as indicated below:
 1. Commercial General Liability covering premises operations, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury (including death), advertising liability, and property damage, with a limit of \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million general aggregate;
 2. Contractor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.
 3. Where any subcontractor is retained by Contractor, Contractor shall require such subcontractor to maintain insurance appropriate to subcontractor's activities under this Master Agreement.
- c. Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Should any of the required insurance policies be cancelled or non-renewed, notice shall be provided to Participating Entity in accordance with policy provisions.
- d. Prior to commencement of performance, Contractor shall provide to the Participating Entity with a certificate of insurance showing the Contractor's general liability insurance policy or other documentary evidence acceptable to the Lead State that (1) names the Participating Entity as an additional insured, (2) provides that written notice of cancellation shall be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions, and (3) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy shall be primary, with any liability insurance of any Participating Entity as secondary and noncontributory. Unless otherwise agreed in any Participating Addendum, other state Participating Entities' rights and Contractor's obligations are the same as those specified in the first sentence of this subsection except the endorsement is provided to the applicable state.
- e. During the term of this Master Agreement, the Lead State and Participating Entities may request Contractor provide evidence of coverage that meets the requirements of this Section. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any Participating Addendum.
- f. Coverage and limits shall not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

29. Administrative Fees.

- a. The Contractor shall pay to NASPO ValuePoint, or its assignee, a NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25% or 0.0025) no later than sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee shall be submitted quarterly and is based on all sales of products and services under the Master Agreement (less any charges for taxes or shipping). The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is not negotiable.

- b. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee in this section shall be based on the gross amount of all sales (less any charges for taxes or shipping) at the adjusted prices (if any) in Participating Addenda.
- c. Additionally, some states may require an additional fee be paid directly to the state only on purchases made by Purchasing Entities within that state. For all such requests, the fee level, payment method and schedule for such reports and payments will be incorporated into the Participating Addendum that is made a part of the Master Agreement. The Purchasing Entity may allow the Contractor to adjust the Master Agreement pricing to account for these additional fees for purchases made by Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the Participating Entity. All such agreements shall not affect the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee percentage or the prices paid by the Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the state requesting the additional fee.

30. NASPO ValuePoint Reports

- a. **Sales Data Reporting.** In accordance with this section, Contractor shall report to NASPO ValuePoint all Orders under this Master Agreement for which Contractor has invoiced the ordering entity or individual, including Orders invoiced to Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity employees for personal use if such use is permitted by this Master Agreement and the applicable Participating Addendum ("Sales Data"). Timely and complete reporting of Sales Data is a material requirement of this Master Agreement. Reporting requirements, including those related to the format, contents, frequency, or delivery of reports, may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. NASPO ValuePoint shall have exclusive ownership of any media on which reports are submitted and shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, and transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data, and information provided under this section.
- b. **Summary Sales Data.** "Summary Sales Data" is Sales Data reported as cumulative totals by state. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, report Summary Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. If Contractor has no reportable Sales Data for the quarter, Contractor shall submit a zero-sales report.
- c. **Detailed Sales Data.** "Detailed Sales Data" is Sales Data that includes for each Order all information required by the Solicitation or by NASPO ValuePoint, including customer information, Order information, and line-item details. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, report Detailed Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. Detailed Sales Data shall be reported in the format provided in the Solicitation or provided by NASPO ValuePoint. The total sales volume of reported Detailed Sales Data shall be consistent with the total sales volume of reported Summary Sales Data.
- d. **Sales Data Crosswalks.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide to NASPO ValuePoint tables of customer and Product information and specific attributes thereof for the purpose of standardizing and analyzing reported Sales Data ("Crosswalks"). Customer Crosswalks must include a list of existing and potential Purchasing Entities and identify for each the appropriate customer type as defined by NASPO ValuePoint. Product Crosswalks must include Contractor's part number or SKU for each Product in Offeror's catalog and identify for each the appropriate Master Agreement category (and subcategory, if applicable), manufacturer part number, product description, eight-digit UNSPSC Class Level commodity code, and (if applicable) EPEAT value and Energy Star rating. Crosswalk requirements and fields may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. Contractor shall work in good faith with NASPO ValuePoint to keep Crosswalks updated as Contractor's customer lists and product catalog change.
- e. **Executive Summary.** Contractor shall, upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, provide NASPO ValuePoint with an executive summary that includes but is not limited to a list of states with an active Participating Addendum, states

with which Contractor is in negotiations, and any Participating Addendum roll-out or implementation activities and issues. NASPO ValuePoint and Contractor will determine the format and content of the executive summary.

31. NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Program Marketing, Training, and Performance Review.

- a. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with NASPO ValuePoint personnel. Contractor agrees to present plans to NASPO ValuePoint for the education of Contractor's contract administrator(s) and sales/marketing workforce regarding the Master Agreement contract, including the competitive nature of NASPO ValuePoint procurements, the Master agreement and participating addendum process, and the manner in which qualifying entities can participate in the Master Agreement.
- b. Contractor agrees, as Participating Addendums become executed, if requested by ValuePoint personnel to provide plans to launch the program within the Participating Entity. Plans will include time frames to launch the agreement and confirmation that the Contractor's website has been updated to properly reflect the contract offer as available in the Participating Entity.
- c. Contractor agrees, absent anything to the contrary outlined in a Participating Addendum, to consider customer proposed terms and conditions, as deemed important to the customer, for possible inclusion into the customer agreement. Contractor will ensure that their sales force is aware of this contracting option.
- d. Contractor agrees to participate in an annual contract performance review at a location selected by the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint, which may include a discussion of marketing action plans, target strategies, marketing materials, as well as Contractor reporting and timeliness of payment of administration fees.
- e. Contractor acknowledges that the NASPO ValuePoint logos may not be used by Contractor in sales and marketing until a logo use agreement is executed with NASPO ValuePoint.
- f. The Lead State expects to evaluate the utilization of the Master Agreement at the annual performance review. Lead State may, in its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 42 of Exhibit A, or not exercise an option to renew, when Contractor utilization does not warrant further administration of the Master Agreement. The Lead State may exercise its right to not renew the Master Agreement if contractor fails to record or report revenue for three consecutive quarters, upon 60-calendar day written notice to the Contractor. Cancellation based on nonuse or under-utilization will not occur sooner than two years after award of the Master Agreement. This subsection does not limit the discretionary right of either the Lead State or Contractor to cancel the Master Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 42 of Exhibit A or to terminate for default pursuant to Paragraph 44 of Exhibit A.
- g. Contractor agrees to notify the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint of any contractual most-favored-customer provisions in any Cooperative Purchasing Agreements that may affect the promotion of this Master Agreements or whose terms provide for adjustments to future rates or pricing based on rates, pricing in, or Orders from this master agreement. Upon request of the Lead State or NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide a copy of any such provisions. For the purposes of this paragraph, Cooperative Purchasing Agreement shall mean a cooperative purchasing program facilitating public procurement solicitations and agreements using a lead agency model. This does not include contracts with any federal agency or any federal contract.

32. Right to Publish.

Throughout the duration of this Master Agreement, Contractor must secure from the Lead State prior approval for the public release of information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by the Master Agreement. This limitation does not preclude publication about the award of the Master Agreement or marketing activities consistent with any proposed and accepted marketing plan. The Contractor shall not make any representations of NASPO ValuePoint's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the services that are the subject of this Master

Agreement without prior written consent. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in termination of the Master Agreement for cause.

33. Records Administration and Audit.

- a. The Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Master Agreement and Orders placed by Purchasing Entities under it to the extent and in such detail as shall adequately reflect performance and administration of payments and fees. Contractor shall permit the Lead State, a Participating Entity, a Purchasing Entity, the federal government (including its grant awarding entities and the U.S. Comptroller General), and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency, to audit, inspect, examine, copy and transcribe Contractor's books, documents, papers and records directly pertinent to this Master Agreement or orders placed by a Purchasing Entity under it for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right shall survive for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement or final payment for any order placed by a Purchasing Entity against this Agreement, whichever is later, or such longer period as is required by the Purchasing Entity's state statutes, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate performance hereunder.
- b. Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for any overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or Orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.
- c. The rights and obligations herein exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement requiring the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State to review compliance with those obligations.

34. Indemnification

- a. General Indemnity. Contractor shall indemnify, defend (to the extent permitted by a state's Attorney General), and hold harmless an Indemnified Party from and against any third party claims or causes of action, including reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent arising from Contractor's intentional, willful, or negligent acts or omissions; actions that give rise to strict liability; and actions arising from breach of contract or warranty.

"Indemnified Party" means NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees.

The indemnification obligations of this section do not apply in the event the claim or cause of action is the result of the Indemnified Party's sole negligence. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Contractor may have for the Indemnified Party's failure to fulfill its obligation under this Contract.

- b. Intellectual Property Indemnification. Notwithstanding Paragraph 34.a of Exhibit A, the Contractor shall indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless the Purchasing Entity, at the Contractor's expense, from any action or claim brought against the Purchasing Entity to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the works or documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Contractor will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees.
 1. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Contractor's or the Purchasing Entity's opinion is likely to arise, the Contractor must, at the Purchasing Entity's discretion, either procure for the Purchasing Entity the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing works or

documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of the Purchasing Entity will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor will not be liable under this section to the extent the infringement was caused by: 1) Contractor modification of the infringing material where such modification is made specifically for the Purchasing Entity, and where the Purchasing Entity has set forth the specific manner in which the modifications shall be made, as opposed to where the Purchasing Entity has requested modifications and given Contractor discretion over how to implement said modifications; 2) Purchasing Entity modification of the infringing material where such modification is not made under the direction of Contractor; 3) Use of the Deliverables or the System in a manner not contemplated by this Contract or as otherwise authorized by the Contractor in writing; 4) use of the Deliverables or the System in combination, operation, or use with other products in a manner other than as contemplated by the Contract or otherwise authorized by the Contractor in writing.

35. Limitations of Liability

- a. The Parties agree that neither Contractor nor the indemnified party shall be liable to each other, regardless of the form of action, for lost revenues or profits, or downtime credits, consequential, incidental, indirect, or special damages except any claim related to bodily injury or death; an unauthorized release or breach of not public data as set forth more fully in Minn. Ch. 13; or a claim or demand based on patent, copyright, or other intellectual property infringement.
- b. Contractor's liability is limited to the greater of (i) the aggregate annual value amount of all fees paid to the Contractor by the Purchasing Entity under this Master Agreement; and (ii) \$5,000,000. This limit on liability does not apply to claims for bodily injury or death or for intellectual property infringement.
- c. Contractor's obligations under this section shall not extend to any combination of the Product with any other product, system or method, unless the Product, system or method is:
 1. provided by the Contractor or the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliates;
 2. specified by the Contractor to work with the Product; or
 3. reasonably required, in order to use the Product in its intended manner, and the infringement could not have been avoided by substituting another reasonably available product, system or method capable of performing the same function; or
 4. It would be reasonably expected to use the Product in combination with such product, system or method.

36. License of Pre-Existing Intellectual Property.

Contractor grants to the Purchasing Entity a nonexclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, license to use, publish, translate, reproduce for Purchasing Entity's own and governmental use, perform, display, and dispose of the Intellectual Property, and its derivatives, used or delivered under this Master Agreement, but not created under it ("Pre-existing Intellectual Property"). The license shall be subject to owner and third-party rights in the Pre-existing Intellectual Property and applies to non-Contractor manufactured or branded Products only to the extent Contractor is able to grant such license. This section does not apply to software. The transfer or sale of any software is governed by the applicable license agreement.

37. Assignment of Antitrust Rights.

Contractor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity who is a state any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contractor now has or which may accrue to the Contractor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal

antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided in that state for the purpose of carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at the Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action.

38. Debarment.

The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction (contract) by any governmental department or agency. This certification represents a recurring certification made at the time any Order is placed under this Master Agreement. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the Lead State.

39. Governing Law and Venue.

- a. The construction and effect of the Master Agreement after award shall be governed by the law of the state serving as Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or Order against the Master Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's State.
- b. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the terms of the Master Agreement shall be in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute, or action concerning any Order placed against the Master Agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum shall be in the Purchasing Entity's State.
- c. If a claim is brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for (in decreasing order of priority): the Lead State for claims relating to contract performance or administration if the Lead State is a party; a Participating State if a named party; the state where the Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity is located if either is a named party.

40. Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief.

- a. Confidentiality. Each party acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, during the term of this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to the other party, including a Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's clients.
 1. Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential by one party (the "originating party") and is obtained by the other party or its employees or agents (the "receiving party") in the performance of this Master Agreement, including, but not limited to (1) any Purchasing Entity's records, (2) personnel records, (3) information concerning individuals, (4) technology, research and development information, Products and Software, and (5) trade secrets and other information which are competitive in nature as confidential information is confidential information of the originating party ("Confidential Information").
 2. Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by the receiving party shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information.
 3. Confidential Information does not include information that (1) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by the receiving party) publicly known; (2) is furnished by the originating party to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (3) is rightfully in the receiving party's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (4) is obtained from a source other than the originating party without the obligation of confidentiality, (5) is disclosed with the

written consent of the originating party or; (6) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractors of the receiving party who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

b. **Non-Disclosure.** The receiving party shall hold Confidential Information in confidence, using at least the industry standard of confidentiality, but no less than the standard of care such party uses for its own similar confidential information and shall not copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than what is necessary to the performance of Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

1. Each party shall advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Participating Entity in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information.

2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, receiving party shall advise the originating party, including as applicable the Participating Entity, and the Lead State if the originating party is a Purchasing Entity, and the Lead State if the originating party is a Participating Entity, immediately if the receiving party learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Master Agreement, and receiving party shall at its expense cooperate with the originating party in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of either party against any such person.

3. Except as directed by the originating party, the receiving party will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at the originating party's request, the receiving party shall turn over to the originating party all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession that embody Confidential Information. If applicable law, regulation or document retention policy prevents the receiving party from destroying or returning all or part of the Confidential Information, the receiving party will maintain the security and confidentiality of all such retained Confidential Information.

4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may keep one copy of such Confidential Information necessary for quality assurance, audits and evidence of the performance of this Master Agreement, and Purchasing Entity may retain Confidential Information to the extent and for the duration required by applicable law.

c. **Injunctive Relief.** Each party acknowledges that the other party's breach of this section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, may cause irreparable injury to the originating party that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, the originating party may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Purchasing Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

d. **Purchasing Entity Law.** These provisions shall be applicable only to extent they are not in conflict with the applicable public disclosure laws of any Purchasing Entity.

e. The rights granted Purchasing Entities and Contractor obligations under this section shall also extend to the cooperative's Confidential Information, defined to include Participating Addenda, as well as Orders or transaction data relating to Orders under this Master Agreement that identify the entity/customer, Order dates, line item descriptions and volumes, and prices/rates. This provision does not apply to disclosure to the Lead State, a Participating State, or any governmental entity exercising an audit, inspection, or examination pursuant to Paragraph 33 of Exhibit A. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall notify the Lead State of the identity of any entity seeking access to the Confidential Information described in this subsection.

41. Public Information.

This Master Agreement and all related documents are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Lead State's public information laws.

42. Cancellation.

Unless otherwise set forth in this Master Agreement, this Master Agreement may be canceled by either party upon 60 days written notice prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon 30 days written notice, unless otherwise stated in the Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision shall not affect the rights and obligations attending orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for Products delivered and accepted, rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any Order, and requirements for records administration and audit. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contractor default may be immediate as set forth in Paragraph 44 of Exhibit A.

43. Force Majeure.

Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, unusually severe weather, other acts of God, or war which are beyond that party's reasonable control. The Lead State may terminate this Master Agreement after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.

44. Defaults and Remedies.

- a. The occurrence of any of the following events shall be an event of default under this Master Agreement:
 1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements; or
 2. A material breach of this Master Agreement; or
 3. Any certification, representation or warranty by Contractor in response to the RFP or in this Master Agreement that proves to be untrue or materially misleading; or
 4. Institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, court-ordered reorganization or similar law, by or against Contractor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contractor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) calendar days after the institution or occurrence thereof; or
 5. Any default specified in another section of this Master Agreement.
- b. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, except for material breach, the Lead State shall issue a written notice of default, identifying the nature of the default, and providing a period of 30 calendar days in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure the default. The Lead State shall not be required to provide advance written notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part if the Lead State, in its sole discretion, determines that it is reasonably necessary to preserve public safety or prevent immediate public crisis. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, including liquidated damages to the extent provided for under this Master Agreement. The Lead State may immediately terminate this Master Agreement upon material breach of the Master Agreement by Contractor.
- c. If Contractor is afforded an opportunity to cure and fails to cure the default within the period specified in the written notice of default, Contractor shall be in breach of its obligations under this Master Agreement and the Lead State shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following remedies:

1. Exercise any remedy provided by law; and
2. Terminate this Master Agreement; and
3. Impose liquidated damages as provided in this Master Agreement; and
4. Suspend Contractor from being able to respond to future bid solicitations issued by the Lead State; and
5. Suspend Contractor's performance under this Master Agreement; and
6. Withhold payment until the default is remedied.

d. Unless otherwise specified in the Participating Addendum, in the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and shall have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in a Purchase Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions shall be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code. Contractor may discontinue performance under a Purchase Order if the Purchasing Entity fails, after thirty (30) days written notice to the Purchasing Entity, to cure a failure to perform under the applicable Participating Addendum.

45. Waiver of Breach.

Failure of the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to declare a default or enforce any rights and remedies shall not operate as a waiver under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum. Any waiver by the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity must be in writing. Waiver by the Lead State or Participating Entity of any default, right or remedy under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, or by Purchasing Entity with respect to any Purchase Order, or breach of any terms or requirements of this Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order shall not be construed or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of such term or requirement, or of any other term or requirement under this Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order.

46. Notices.

If one party is required to give notice to the other under the Master Agreement, such notice shall be in writing and shall be effective upon receipt. Delivery may be by certified United States mail or by hand, in which case a signed receipt shall be obtained. A facsimile or electronic transmission shall constitute sufficient notice, provided the receipt of the transmission is confirmed by the receiving party. Either party must notify the other of a change in address for notification purposes. All notices to the Lead State shall be addressed as follows:

Elizabeth Randa, Acquisition Management Specialist
112 Administration Bldg.
50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
elizabeth.randa@state.mn.us

47. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.

In no event shall this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum or any contract or any Purchase Order issued thereunder, or any act of the Lead State, a Participating Entity, or a Purchasing Entity be a waiver of any form of defense or immunity, whether sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or otherwise, from any claim or from the jurisdiction of any court.

This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating Entities who are states only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the state's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the state to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the state of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Exhibit B: Minnesota Terms and Conditions

1. Change Requests.

The Lead State reserves the right to request, during the term of the Master Agreement, changes to the products offered within the Band(s). Products introduced during the term of the Master Agreement shall go through a formal review process. The process for updating the products offered within a Band is outlined in Paragraph 2 of Exhibit B. The Contractor shall evaluate and recommend products for which agencies have an expressed need. The Lead State shall require the Contractor to provide a summary of its research of those products being recommended for inclusion in the Master Agreement as well as defining how adding the product will enhance the Master Agreement. The Lead State may request that products, other than those recommended, are added to the Master Agreement.

In the event that the Lead State desires to add new products and services that are not included in the original Master Agreement, the Lead State requires that independent manufacturers and resellers cooperate with the already established Contractor in order to meet the Lead State's requirements. Evidence of the need to add products or services should be demonstrated to the Lead State. The Master Agreement shall be modified via supplement or amendment. The Lead State will negotiate the inclusion of the products and services with the Contractor. No products or services will be added to the Master Agreement without the Lead State's prior approval.

2. Product and Service Schedule (PSS).

a. Creating the Product and Service Schedule (PSS). Contractor will use the attached sample PSS to create and maintain a complete listing of all products and services offered under the Master Agreement. The PSS must conform to the contracted minimum discounts. Contractor may create and maintain a separate PSS for a Participating Entity based on the requirements and restrictions of the Participating Entity.

Contractors are encouraged to provide remote learning bundles for K-12 Education. These bundles can be included in the response to the PSS.

b. Maintaining the PSS.

1. In General. Throughout the term of the Master Agreement, on a quarterly basis, Contractor may update the PSS to make model changes, add new products or services, or remove obsolete or discontinued products or services. Any updates to the PSS must conform to the Master Agreement requirements, including the scope of the Master Agreement and contracted minimum discounts.

2. Process. Contractor must provide notification to the Lead State of any changes to their PSS using the attached Action Request Form (ARF).

a) The Lead State does not need to approve Contractor's request to make model changes, add their own manufactured products, or remove discontinued or obsolete products or services, and Contractor does not need the Lead State's approval prior to posting an updated PSS.

b) The Lead State must approve Contractor's request to add new third party manufacturers to Contractor's PSS. If the proposed third-party manufacturer holds a NASPO Master Agreement for Computer Equipment, Contractor must obtain written authorization from that manufacturer. Contractor must have the Lead State's approval prior to posting the updated PSS.

c) Contractor must maintain a historic record of all past PSSs on their dedicated NASPO ValuePoint website.

d) Pursuant to the audit provisions of the Master Agreement, upon the request of NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, or a Participating Entity, Contractor must provide an historic version of any Baseline Price List.

3. Purchase Orders.

There will be no minimum order requirements or charges to process an individual purchase order. The Participating Addendum number and the PO number must appear on all documents (e.g., invoices, packing slips, etc.). The Ordering Entity's purchase order constitutes a binding contract.

4. Risk of Loss or Damage.

The Purchasing Entity is relieved of all risks of loss or damage to the goods or equipment during periods of transportation, and installation by the Contractor and in the possession of the Contractor or their authorized agent.

5. Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard and Cardholder Information Security.

Contractor assures all of its Network Components, Applications, Servers, and Subcontractors (if any) comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ("PCIDSS"). "Network Components" shall include, but are not limited to, Contractor's firewalls, switches, routers, wireless access points, network appliances, and other security appliances; "Applications" shall include, but are not limited to, all purchased and custom external (web) applications. "Servers" shall include, but are not limited to, all of Contractor's web, database, authentication, DNS, mail, proxy, and NTP servers. "Cardholder Data" shall mean any personally identifiable data associated with a cardholder, including, by way of example and without limitation, a cardholder's account number, expiration date, name, address, social security number, or telephone number.

Subcontractors (if any) must be responsible for the security of all Cardholder Data in its possession; and will only use Cardholder Data for assisting cardholders in completing a transaction, providing fraud control services, or for other uses specifically required by law. Contractor must have a business continuity program which conforms to PCIDSS to protect Cardholder Data in the event of a major disruption in its operations or in the event of any other disaster or system failure which may occur to operations; will continue to safeguard Cardholder Data in the event this Agreement terminates or expires; and ensure that a representative or agent of the payment card industry and a representative or agent of the Purchasing Entity shall be provided with full cooperation and access to conduct a thorough security review of Contractor's operations, systems, records, procedures, rules, and practices in the event of a security intrusion in order to validate compliance with PCIDSS.

6. Foreign Outsourcing of Work.

Upon request, the Contractor is required to provide information regarding the location of where services, data storage, and location of data processing under the Master Agreement will be performed.

7. State Audits (Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5).

The books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Contractor or other party, that are relevant to the Master Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the contracting agency and either the Lead State's Legislative Auditor or State Auditor as appropriate for a minimum of six years after the end of the Master Agreement or transaction. The Lead State reserves the right to authorize delegate(s) to audit this Master Agreement and transactions.

8. Certification of Nondiscrimination (in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.053).

If the value of this Contract, including all extensions, is \$50,000 or more, Contractor certifies it does not engage in and has no present plans to engage in discrimination against Israel, or against persons or entities doing business in Israel, when making decisions related to the operation of the contractor's business. For purposes of this section, "discrimination" includes but is not limited to engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel, when such actions are taken in a manner that in any way discriminates on the basis of nationality or national origin and is not based on a valid business reason.

9. Human Rights/Affirmative Action.

The Lead State requires affirmative action compliance by its Contractors in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600.

- a. Covered Contracts and Contractors. If the Contract exceeds \$100,000 and the Contractor employed more than 40 full-time employees on a single working day during the previous 12 months in Minnesota or in the state where it has its principal place of business, then the Contractor must comply with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600.
- b. Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 implement Minn. Stat. § 363A.36. These rules include, but are not limited to, criteria for contents, approval, and implementation of affirmative action plans; procedures for issuing certificates of compliance and criteria for determining a contractor's compliance status; procedures for addressing deficiencies, sanctions, and notice and hearing; annual compliance reports; procedures for compliance review; and contract consequences for noncompliance. The specific criteria for approval or rejection of an affirmative action plan are contained in various provisions of Minn. R. 5000.3400 5000.3600 including, but not limited to, parts 5000.3420-5000.3500 and parts 5000.3552 5000.3559.
- c. Disabled Workers. Minn. R. 5000.3550 provides the Contractor must comply with the following affirmative action requirements for disabled workers.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR DISABLED WORKERS

- (a) The Contractor must not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat qualified disabled persons without discrimination based upon their physical or mental disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
 - (b) The Contractor agrees to comply with the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
 - (c) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and the rules and relevant orders of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
 - (d) The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Such notices must state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment, and the rights of applicants and employees.
 - (e) The Contractor must notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract understanding, that the Contractor is bound by the terms of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 of the Minnesota Human Rights Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally disabled persons.
- d. Consequences. The consequences of a Contractor's failure to implement its affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort to do so include, but are not limited to, suspension or revocation of a certificate of compliance by

the commissioner, refusal by the commissioner to approve subsequent plans, and termination of all or part of the Contract by the commissioner or the State.

e. Certification. The Contractor hereby certifies that it is in compliance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36, subd. 1 and Minn. R. 5000.3400-5000.3600 and is aware of the consequences for noncompliance. It is agreed between the parties that Minn. Stat. 363.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based upon this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minn. Stat. § 363A.36 and Minn. R. 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are available upon request from the contracting agency.

10. Equal Pay Certification.

If required by Minn. Stat. §363A.44, the Contractor must have a current Equal Pay Certificate prior to Contract execution. If Contractor's Equal Pay Certificate expires during the term of this Contract, Contractor must promptly re-apply for an Equal Pay Certificate with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and notify the State's Authorized Representative once the Contractor has received the renewed Equal Pay Certificate. If Contractor claims to be exempt, the Lead State may require Contractor to verify its exempt status.

11. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Products provided under the Master Agreement must comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Contractor's catalog and other marketing materials utilized to offer products under the Master Agreement must state when a product is not in compliance. If any descriptive marketing materials are silent as to these requirements, the Contractor agrees that the customer can assume the product meets or exceeds the ADA requirements.

12. Nonvisual Access Standards.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16C.145, the Contractor shall comply with the following nonvisual technology access standards:

- a. That the effective interactive control and use of the technology, including the operating system applications programs, prompts, and format of the data presented, are readily achievable by nonvisual means;
- b. That the nonvisual access technology must be compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom the blind or visually impaired individual must interact;
- c. That nonvisual access technology must be integrated into networks used to share communications among employees, program participants, and the public; and
- d. That the nonvisual access technology must have the capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons who are not blind or visually impaired.

These standards do not require the installation of software or peripheral devices used for nonvisual access when the information technology is being used by individuals who are not blind or visually impaired.

13. Accessibility Standards.

Contractor acknowledges and is fully aware that the Lead State (Executive branch state agencies) has developed IT Accessibility Standard effective September 1, 2010. The standard entails, in part, the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and Section 508 which can be viewed at: <https://mn.gov/mnit/government/policies/accessibility/>.

The Standards apply to web sites, software applications, electronic reports and output documentation, training delivered in electronic formats (including, but not limited to, documents, videos, and webinars), among others. As upgrades are made to the software, products, or subscriptions available through this Contract, the Contractor agrees to

develop functionality which supports accessibility. If any issues arise due to nonconformance with the above-mentioned accessibility Standards, the Contractor agrees to provide alternative solutions upon request at no additional charge to the State.

When updates or upgrades are made to the products or services available through this Contract, the Contractor agrees to document how the changes will impact or improve the product's or service's accessibility and usability. This documentation, upon request, must be provided to the Lead State in advance of the change, occurring within an agreed upon timeframe sufficient for the state to review the changes and either approve them or request a remediation plan from the Contractor. Contractor warrants that its Products comply with the above-mentioned accessibility Standards and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Lead State against any claims related to non-compliance of Contractor's Product with the above-mentioned accessibility Standards. If agreed-upon updates fail to improve the product or service's accessibility or usability as planned, the failure to comply with this requirement may be cause for contract cancellation or for the Lead State to consider the Contractor in default.

14. Conflict Minerals.

Contractor agrees to provide information upon request regarding adherence to the Conflict Minerals section of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Section 1502).

See: <http://beta.congress.gov/111/bills/hr4173/111hr4173enr.pdf#page=838>
<http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-163.htm>

15. Hazardous Substances.

To the extent that the goods to be supplied by the Contractor contain or may create hazardous substances, harmful physical agents or infectious agents as set forth in applicable state and federal laws and regulations, the Contractor must provide Material Safety Data Sheets regarding those substances. A copy must be included with each delivery.

16. Copyrighted Material Waiver.

The Lead State reserves the right to use, reproduce and publish proposals in any manner necessary for State agencies and local units of government to access the responses, including but not limited to photocopying, State Intranet/Internet postings, broadcast faxing, and direct mailing. In the event that the response contains copyrighted or trademarked materials, it is the responder's responsibility to obtain permission for the Lead State to reproduce and publish the information, regardless of whether the responder is the manufacturer or reseller of the products listed in the materials. By signing its response, the responder certifies that it has obtained all necessary approvals for the reproduction and distribution of the contents of its response and agrees to indemnify, protect, save and hold the Lead State, its representatives and employees harmless from any and all claims arising from the violation of this section and agrees to pay all legal fees incurred by the Lead State in the defense of any such action.

17. Publicity.

The Contractor shall make no representations of the State's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the products or services that are the subject of the Master Agreement without the prior written consent of the State's Assistant Director or designee of Office of State Procurement. Representations include any publicity, including but not limited to advertisements, notices, press releases, reports, signs, and similar public notices.

18. Performance While Dispute is Pending.

Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the parties shall continue without delay to carry out all of their responsibilities under the Master Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. If a party fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Master Agreement, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional cost incurred by the other parties as a result of such failure to proceed shall be borne by the responsible party.

19. Organizational Conflicts of Interest.

An organizational conflict of interest exists when, because of existing or planned activities or because of relationships with other persons:

- a. the Contractor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State;
- b. the Contractor's objectivity in performing the work is or might be otherwise impaired; or
- c. the Contractor has an unfair competitive advantage.

The Contractor agrees that if an organizational conflict of interest is discovered after award, an immediate and full disclosure in writing shall be made to the Assistant Director of the Lead State's Department of Administration's Office of State Procurement that shall include a description of the action the Contractor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, the Lead State may, at its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement. In the event the Contractor was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the Master Agreement and did not disclose the conflict to the Master Agreement Administrator, the Lead State may terminate the Master Agreement for default. The provisions of this clause shall be included in all subcontracts for work to be performed, and the terms "Contract," "Contractor," "Master Agreement", "Master Agreement Administrator" and "Contract Administrator" modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights.

20. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion

- a. Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions. Instructions for certification:

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant [responder] is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal [response] is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverages section of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this response that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction [subcontract equal to or exceeding \$25,000] with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the list of parties excluded from federal procurement and nonprocurement programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and debarment.

b. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

21. Government Data Practices.

The Contractor and the Lead State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, (and where applicable, if the Lead State contracting party is part of the judicial branch, with the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court as the same may be amended from time to time) as it applies to all data provided by the Lead State to the Contractor and all data provided to the Lead State by the Contractor. In addition, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Contractor in accordance with the Master Agreement that is private, nonpublic, protected nonpublic, or confidential as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Ch. 13 (and where applicable, that is not accessible to the public under the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch).

In the event the Contractor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Contractor must immediately notify the Lead State. The Lead State will give the Contractor instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08, apply to the release of the data by either the Contractor or the Lead State.

The Contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the Lead State, its agent and employees, harmless from all claims arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner attributable to any violation of any provision of the Minnesota

Government Data Practices Act (and where applicable, the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch), including legal fees and disbursements paid or incurred to enforce this provision of the Master Agreement. In the event that the Contractor subcontracts any or all of the work to be performed under the Master Agreement, the Contractor shall retain responsibility under the terms of this article for such work.

22. Survivability.

Certain rights and duties of the Lead State and Contractor will survive the expiration or cancellation of the RFP and resulting Master Agreement. These rights and duties include but are not limited to paragraphs: Indemnification; Limitations of Liability; State Audits; Government Data Practices; Governing Law and Venue; Publicity; and Administrative Fees.

Software licenses, warranty, and service agreements that were entered into under the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of the Master Agreement.

23. Severability.

If any provision of the Master Agreement, including items incorporated by reference, is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, then both the Lead State and the Contractor shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of the Master Agreement is capable of performance it shall not be affected by such declaration or finding and shall be fully performed.

Exhibit C: Requirements

1. Contractor Verification.

Contractor must be a manufacturer of a Product in the Band(s) it is awarded a Master Agreement. "Re-branding" a product that is manufactured by another company does not meet this requirement. If the Contractor ceases production, sells or assigns their manufacturing to another vendor, or otherwise no longer manufactures a product during the life of the Master Agreement the Lead State reserves the right to terminate the Contractor's Master Agreement.

2. Warranty and Maintenance.

Contractor must ensure warranty service and maintenance for all products provided. The Contractor shall provide the warranty service and maintenance for all products on the Master Agreement.

For third party products sold by the Contract Vendor that are not Contractor-branded, the Contract Vendor sells the third party products with the manufacturer or publisher's standard warranty, license, and maintenance "as is". The Contract Vendor will provide warranty and maintenance call numbers and assist the customer in engaging the manufacturer on warranty and maintenance issues.

3. Website.

Contractor must develop and maintain a URL to a web site specific to the awarded Master Agreement. Contractor's Master Agreement website must offer twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week availability, except for regularly scheduled maintenance times. The website must be separate from the Contractor's commercially available (i.e., public) on-line catalog and ordering systems. No other items or pricing may be shown on the website without written approval from the Lead State

a. Mandatory Specifications:

- Designated Baseline Price List(s) (e.g., MSRP, List, or Education)
- Product and Service Schedule (PSS)
- Product specifications, pricing, and configuration aids for the major product categories proposed that can be used to obtain an on-line quote,
- Service options and service agreements available on the contract. Please refer to Paragraph 5.
- Contact information for order placement, service concerns (warranty and maintenance), problem reporting, and billing concerns
- Sales representatives for participating entities
- Links to environmental certification, including but not limited to take-back/recycling programs, EPEAT, Energy Star, etc.

b. Desirable Specifications:

- Purchase order tracking
- Information on accessibility and accessible products
- Signed Master Agreement
- Online ordering capability with the ability to remember multiple ship to locations (if applicable to product)
- List of approved partners, if applicable

Within 30 calendar days of the notice of intent to award a Master Agreement, Contractor must provide a sample URL of the Master Agreement webpage to the Lead State for review and approval. The Lead State will review and determine acceptability of the website format and data. If the information is determined to be unacceptable or incorrect, the Contractor will have 15 calendar days to provide revisions to the Lead State. After the Lead State approves the website,

Contractor may not make material changes to the website without notifying the Lead State through the ARF process and receiving written approval of the changes.

4. Environmental Certifications.

Contractor must include environmental or supply chain responsibility certifications and registrations for products sold through this Contract on their website. Contractor must provide these certifications and registrations for specific products to Participating Entities upon request.

5. EPEAT Registration.

Contractor agrees that applicable products offered that have EPEAT Standards provided under the Master Agreement must have achieved a minimum EPEAT Bronze registration. This requirement does not apply to Band 3.

Contractor may propose the addition of a product that has not yet achieved a minimum EPEAT Bronze registration. The Lead State, in its sole discretion may require Contractor to provide the following documentation to support the addition of the proposed product:

- A letter from the Green Electronics Council (GEC) on GEC's letterhead confirming that the verification process is underway; or
- A copy of Contractor's GEC contract, Conformity Assurance Board (CAB) contract, and a letter from Contractor's CAB stating that the relevant product has been registered with the CAB and that verification is underway.

The Lead State reserves the right to reject the inclusion of such product, or if approved, require Contractor to remove the product at a later date if the product does not achieve a minimum EPEAT Bronze registration. The Contractor must remove any products that subsequently exit the verification process without achieving EPEAT Bronze or greater from the Master Agreement.

6. Third-Party Products.

Some products offered may be manufactured by a third party. Contractor, however, must provide or facilitate the warranty service and maintenance for all Third-Party Products on the Master Agreement either directly or pass-through from the manufacturer. Contractor may not offer products manufactured by another Contractor holding a Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement for Computer Equipment without approval from the Lead State.

Warranty for third-party products must be provided by the Contractor. Warranty documents for products manufactured by a third party are preferred to be delivered to the Participating Entity with the products. Contractor can only offer Third-Party Products in a Band they have been awarded. For third party products sold by the Contractor that are not Contractor-branded, the Contractor sells the third-party products with the manufacturer or publisher's standard warranty, license, and maintenance "as is". The Contractor will provide warranty and maintenance call numbers and assist the customer in engaging the manufacturer on warranty and maintenance issues.

Third-Party Products are intended to enhance or supplement a Contractor's own product line, and are not intended to represent more than a third of Contractor's total sales under this Master Agreement. The Lead State may limit the sale of Third-Party Products through the Master Agreement during the life of the Master Agreement should Third-Party Product sales be determined to consistently exceed one third of the total sales under this Master Agreement. Such limitation may take the form of any action the Lead State so chooses, up to and including non-renewal or cancellation of the Master Agreement.

7. Partner Utilization.

If utilizing partners, the Contractor is responsible for the partners providing products and services, as well as warranty service and maintenance for equipment the partner provides. Participating Entities have the option of utilizing partners. Contractor must provide a Participating Entity a copy of its plan for partner utilization upon request. Contractor must make available a list of approved partners for each Participating Entity. Participating Entities must approve specific

Partners as outlined within the relevant Participating Addendum, and only partners approved by the Participating Entity may be deployed. The Participating Entity will define the process to add and remove partners in their Participating Addendum.

8. 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 889(f)(3).

Under the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 889(f)(3), the US military is prohibited from purchasing video surveillance and telecommunications equipment from certain Chinese-owned technology firms. While US state are not subject to this act, there is increasing concern for the security of state data. Contractor certifies for the term of this Master Agreement that it is not subject to laws, rules, or policies potentially requiring disclosure of, or provision of access to, customer data to foreign governments or entities controlled by foreign governments, and that Contractor's Products do not contain, include, or utilize components or services supplied by any entity subject to the same. Contractor also certifies that its Products do not contain, include, or utilize any covered technology prohibited under Section 889 of the National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

Exhibit D: Pricing Schedule

Attached and incorporated into this Master Agreement as Exhibit D is the Price Schedule.

Exhibit D: Price Schedule

NASPO ValuePoint Computer Equipment (2023-2028)

CONTROL SET**Master Agreement:** 23008**Contractor Name:** Hewlett Packard Enterprise**Awarded Bands:**

	Band 1: Personal Computing Devices (Windows)
	Band 2: Personal Computing Devices (Non-Windows)
x	Band 3: Servers and Storage

Band	Category Code	Category Description	Discount off Baseline List
3	3B	Band 3 - Minimum Discount	14.0%
3	3B-1	Entry Level Tower Servers	14.0%
3	3B-2	Scaleable Datacenter Infrastructure	27.0%
3	3B-3	x86 Premium and Scale-Up Rack Servers	27.0%
3	3B-4	x86 Blades & Synergy	27.0%
3	3B-5	Entry Level Servers & Server Options	20.0%
3	3B-6	Converged Systems	27.0%
3	3B-7	Integrity Solutions	20.0%
3	3B-8	Superdome Servers	30.0%
3	3B-9	Blade Storage	20.0%
3	3B-10	Nimble Storage Arrays	35.0%
3	3B-11	3PAR Storage	35.0%
3	3B-12	Primera Storage	35.0%
3	3B-13	Rack & Power- Related Products	20.0%
3	3B-14	MSA Products	20.0%
3	3B-15	ProLiant SL45X & Apollo Options	20.0%
3	3B-16	MSL & VSL Tape Libraries, Autoloaders and Accessories	20.0%
3	3B-17	D2D StoreOnce, NAS, StoreVirtual and MSAs	20.0%
3	3B-18	Other Datacenter HW & SW	5.0%
3	3B-19	Operating Systems & HW Related Software	0.0%
3	3B-20	Renew/Refurbished Equipment & Spare Parts	0.0%
3	3B-21	Specials/Promotions	1.0%
3	3T	Band 3 - Third Party Product Minimum Discount	5.0%
3	3T-1	Third Party Hardware & Services	10.0%
3	3T-2	Third Party Software & Services	5.0%
	S-1	General Consulting & Custom SOW	7.0%
	S-2	Education & Training Services	16.0%
	S-3	Installation & Startup Services	20.0%
	S-4	Hardware Maintenance & Services (Excludes Nimble)	20.0%
	S-5	Software Maintenance & Services (Excludes Nimble)	20.0%
	S-6	Non-discountable Services	0.0%
	S-7	Nimble Hardware/Software Maintenance & Services	5.0%

Exhibit D: Price Schedule**Discount Structure**

Master Agreement: 23008
Contractor Name: Hewlett Packard Enterprise
Baseline Price List: Posted on Contractor's dedicated NASPO ValuePoint website

Band 3: Servers and Storage			
Band	Category Code	Category Description	Discount off Baseline List
3	3B	Minimum Discount for Band	14.0%
3	3B-1	Entry Level Tower Servers	14.0%
3	3B-2	Scaleable Datacenter Infrastructure	27.0%
3	3B-3	x86 Premium and Scale-Up Rack Servers	27.0%
3	3B-4	x86 Blades & Synergy	27.0%
3	3B-5	Entry Level Servers & Server Options	20.0%
3	3B-6	Converged Systems	27.0%
3	3B-7	Integrity Solutions	20.0%
3	3B-8	Superdome Servers	30.0%
3	3B-9	Blade Storage	20.0%
3	3B-10	Nimble Storage Arrays	35.0%
3	3B-11	3PAR Storage	35.0%
3	3B-12	Primera Storage	35.0%
3	3B-13	Rack & Power- Related Products	20.0%
3	3B-14	MSA Products	20.0%
3	3B-15	ProLiant SL45X & Apollo Options	20.0%
3	3B-16	MSL & VSL Tape Libraries, Autoloaders and Accessories	20.0%
3	3B-17	D2D StoreOnce, NAS, StoreVirtual and MSAs	20.0%
3	3B-18	Other Datacenter HW & SW	5.0%
3	3B-19	Operating Systems & HW Related Software	0.0%
3	3B-20	Renew/Refurbished Equipment & Spare Parts	0.0%
3	3B-21	Specials/Promotions	1.0%
3	3T	Third Party Minimum Discount for Band	5.0%
3	3T-1	Third Party Hardware & Services	10.0%
3	3T-2	Third Party Software & Services	5.0%

Exhibit D: Price Schedule**Volume-Based Discounts****Master Agreement:**

23008

Contractor Name:

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

All Awarded Bands**1. Per Transaction Multiple Unit Discount(s)**

Contractor provides a contractual volume discount program as follows based on dollars in a single purchase order or combination of purchase orders submitted at one time by a Purchasing Entity, or multiple entities conducting a cooperative purchase.

HPE may offer multiple unit discounts on a project by project basis. Additional discount percentages to be calculated at time of purchase.

2. Cumulative Discount(s)

Contractor provides a cumulative volume discount as follows based on dollars resulting from the cumulative purchases by all purchases made by Purchasing Entities for the duration of the Master Agreement.

HPE will work directly with Purchasing Entities to offer cumulative discounts. These discounts may vary.

3. Other Discount(s)

Additional discount(s) available.

HPE offers additional discounts upon request for large project based purchases or bulk orders.

Exhibit D: Price Schedule**Services****Master Agreement:** 23008**Contractor Name:** Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Each Purchasing Entity will determine if and how services will be offered in the Participating Addendum.

Travel for Services will be negotiated with each Participating Entity in the Participating Addendum.

All Awarded Bands		
Category Code	Description of Service	Percent Discount
S-1	General Consulting & Custom SOW	7.0%
S-2	Education & Training Services	16.0%
S-3	Installation & Startup Services	20.0%
S-4	Hardware Maintenance & Services (Excludes Nimble)	20.0%
S-5	Software Maintenance & Services (Excludes Nimble)	20.0%
S-6	Non-discountable Services	0.0%
S-7	Nimble Hardware/Software Maintenance & Services	5.0%

Exhibit D: Price Schedule

Lease Rates

Master Agreement: 23008
Contractor Name: Hewlett Packard Enterprise

All Awarded Bands
Optional: Lease Rates
N/A

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Prompt Payment Discount

Master Agreement: 23008
Contractor Name: Hewlett Packard Enterprise

All Awarded Bands

		in 30
		in 15, Net 30
		in 10, Net 30
		Net 30
X		Other (specify):

Customers are eligible for prepayment discounts on maintenance renewal services, excluding maintenance for Nimble products

Exhibit E: Contractor Terms and Conditions

Attached as Exhibit E is [are] the following Contractor document(s):

- State and Local Government and Education Customer Return Policy; and
- Those policies at the following URLs:
 - <https://www.hpe.com/us/en/about/end-user-agreement-terms.html>
 - <https://www.hpe.com/us/en/software/licensing.html>

These Contractor terms and conditions are being provided for **informational purposes only**. They are intended to be negotiated by Contractor and a Participating Entity as part of a Participating Addendum, or by Contractor and a Purchasing Entity as part of an Order, and shall apply only as agreed to in writing by the parties. Unless such terms are expressly accepted in writing, terms in the following document(s) that derogate the application to a Purchasing Entity of a corresponding term in this Master Agreement or applicable Participating Addendum shall be deemed void.



State and Local Government and Education Customer Return Policy

Coverage: These guidelines apply only to returns initiated by State and Local Government or Education customers purchasing HPE/Aruba branded product direct from Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company ("HPE") or a customer purchase under one of HPE's State and Local Government or Education direct contracts. A direct contract is defined as a contract by and between HPE and a State, Local or Education end user. This return policy does not apply to purchases by end user through HPE resellers under separate contract; loaners; early marketing units or employee purchases administered as internal HPE orders.

Products Not Eligible:

Customized Products: Products that are customized and not otherwise marketable by HPE (e.g., products specifically designed for a particular customer that cannot be sold to another customer).

Refurbished products: HPE branded product

Consumable products: Separately packaged HPE branded software cannot be returned to Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

Third Party Options: Where returns are otherwise governed by the original manufacturer - Note: The original manufacturer may provide their own warranties. The return guidelines should be confirmed with the customer support representative when requesting a Return Material Authorization ("RMA").

Product not purchased direct from HPE: Which means product purchased from another source, such as a reseller, distributor, etc., under a separate contract between end user and reseller.

RETURN OF PRODUCTS

Defective Product:

For product that is defective on arrival, it is recommended that customers call Technical Support at 1-844-806-3425 to determine if the product can be corrected. Or, the customer may utilize the 30 day goodwill return policy. Also the customer may contact the HPE North America Customer Care Team via email: VALOM-US-SLED@HPE.COM, to report product that was defective on arrival and obtain warranty service for HPE Product, or obtain contact information for warranty services provided by other manufacturers.

Carrier Related Loss or Damaged Shipments:

Customers should note damages or shortages on the Bill Of Lading at the time of delivery. Within a reasonable time or not later than 30 days from delivery, notify the HPE Customer Care Team and provide a copy of the Bill of Lading/Packing Slip.

Concealed damage(s) or shortage(s), where the box is in good condition but product is missing or damaged, is an exception and should be reported as soon as practicable after delivery in order for HPE to establish the claim with the carrier.

HPE is committed to customer satisfaction and values our relationship with State and Local Government and Education Customer. To show our commitment, HPE is providing a goodwill right to return, or exchange unused products within 30 days from receipt of the product. HPE does not charge a restocking or handling fee for product returned within 30 days. It's at HPE's sole discretion to accept return products after 30-days. If a product return is accepted after 30-days a restocking fee may apply.

Procedures for Returns:

The State or Local Government and Education Customer should contact the assigned Customer Service Representative (CSR) via email: VALAM-US-SLED@HPE.COM, to coordinate returns or replacements within 30 days from delivery of product. At that time a case number will be assigned to the request while HPE validates it and proceeds (24 -48 hours). Once a Return Material Authorization is approved, the Care Agent will submit an e-claim and an RMA number is assigned to it. This e-claim triggers a return label with HPE selected carrier (usually CEVA) and CEVA sends out a questionnaire to the customer that needs to be responded no later than 7 calendar days. Once the carrier receives the questionnaire, pick up should be scheduled for the returning material no later than 30 calendar days from the date of the request. The Customer Care Team Representative will assist the Customer on any other details or specifics regarding returns, credits and refunds.



Hewlett Packard Enterprise reserves the right to refuse any return that does not meet the requirements stated below:

Package - Product must be returned in the original shipping packaging. In the event the packaging is not available or unusable, it must be noted when requesting an RMA.

If possible, remove all mailing labels on the outside of the box that references the customer address or simply mark out the mailing labels address with a marker. The customer will either receive a mailing label via email that should be attached to the return products and/or will be provided a label by the carrier. Be sure to mark your RMA number on the box.

If product for more than one RMA is being returned in the same box, make sure that all RMA numbers are listed on both the mailing label and packing list. If products are received at the Returns Center without valid RMA numbers on the mailing label, your credit may be delayed and proof of delivery or other supporting documentation may be required.

The RMA number(s) must appear clearly on the box, as returns will not be accepted without an RMA number.

Returns must be 100% complete, unused, in original and re-salable condition, with all original packaging, manuals, registration card(s), software, cabling and accessories. If, after the product has been returned and inspected, it is discovered that components are missing from the return, HPE reserves the right not to issue a credit for the return of the missing components. If it is determined that there are missing components when the product is returned, and the customer has received a credit, the customer may be issued an invoice for the missing component. Missing components may include but are not limited to keyboard, mouse, software, speakers, accessories, drives, memory, microprocessors, and processor boards.

RMA numbers that have been open for greater than thirty (30) days may be cancelled and the customer subsequently invoiced for the unreturned product. Another RMA can be requested as long as it is within the 30 days of receipt of the product. Please note that all returned products must be credited against the account and order from which the product was originally invoiced.

All products must be returned to the address provided by the HPE Customer Service Representative via email or by the carrier:

Hewlett Packard Enterprise Returns
c/o Alorica
423 New Sanford Road
Dock door 29
LaVergne, TN 37086
RMA XXXXXXXX