



Master Grant Agreement and Agency Specific Terms and Conditions

This Contract is hereby made by and between the State of New York acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS or State Agency) and the public or private entity (Contractor) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services, design or the execution and performance of construction projects, as applicable and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such program services or the execution and performance of construction projects and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to the terms of the Contract;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

STATE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Executory Clause: In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this Contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for the Contract.

B. Required Approvals: In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if the Contract is with the State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY), Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if the Contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by the contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$25,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law

including, but not limited to, changes in amount, consideration, scope or contract term identified on the Face Page (Contract Term), it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and OSC. If, by the Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the AG and OSC.

Budget Changes: An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment may be subject to prior approval by the applicable State Agency as detailed in Section V(C).

C. Order of Precedence:

In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Contract (including any and all Appendices and amendments) or (ii) between the terms of the Contract and the original request for proposal, the program application or other Appendix that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Contract, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. Appendix A-1
2. Modifications to the Face Page
3. Modifications to Appendix B, Appendix C and Appendix D
4. The Face Page
5. Appendix B, Appendix C and Appendix D
6. Modification to Appendix A-1
7. Other appendices, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

D. Funding: Funding for the term of the Contract shall not exceed the amount specified as “Funding Amount for Initial Period” on the Face Page or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Appendix B (Budget).

E. Contract Performance: The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

F. Modifications: To modify the Contract, the parties shall revise or complete the appropriate appendix form(s). In addition, to the extent that such modification meets the criteria set forth in Section I.B herein, it shall be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC before it shall become valid, effective and binding upon the State. Modifications that are not

subject to the AG and OSC approval shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines stated in this Appendix in Section V(C) herein.

G. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.

H. Severability: Any provision of the Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

I. Interpretation: The headings in the Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

J. Notice:

1. All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
 - a) by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
 - b) by facsimile transmission;
 - c) by personal delivery;
 - d) by expedited delivery service; or
 - e) by e-mail.
2. Notices to the State shall be addressed to the Program Office designated in this Appendix in Section V(A)(1).
3. Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the Contractor's designee.
4. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or e-mail, upon receipt.
5. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different e-mail address, facsimile number or address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under the Contract by giving fifteen (15) calendar days prior written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually

designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under the Contract. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation, administration, billing and resolving issues and/or disputes.

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

L. Set-Off Rights: The State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold, for the purposes of set-off, any moneys due to the Contractor under the Contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to the Contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of the Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies, or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State Agency, its representatives, or OSC.

M. Indemnification: The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Contract.

N. Non-Assignment Clause: In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless the Contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

O. Legal Action: No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or

requesting any relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term “regulatory action” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding, or requesting any regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

P. No Arbitration: Disputes involving the Contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

Q. Secular Purpose: Services performed pursuant to the Contract are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

R. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying: Funds provided pursuant to the Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

S. Reciprocity and Sanctions Provisions: The Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state, or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers shall be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that it be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain¹.

T. Reporting Fraud and Abuse: Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the Federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act and whistleblower protections.

U. Non-Collusive Bidding: By submission of this bid, the Contractor and each person signing on behalf of the Contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Contractor further affirms that, at the time the Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive binding certification on the Contractor’s behalf.

V. Federally Funded Grants: All of the Specific Federal requirements that are applicable to the Contract are identified in Appendix D (Workplan and Special Conditions) hereto. To the extent that the Contract is funded, in whole or part, with Federal funds or mandated by Federal laws, (i) the provisions of the Contract that conflict with Federal rules, Federal regulations, or Federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Appendix D (Workplan and Special Conditions) hereto.

¹ As of October 9, 2012, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for the most current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

A. Term: The term of the Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

B. Renewal:

1. **General Renewal:** The Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Contract (a "Simplified Renewal Contract"). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Contract.

2. **Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:**

a) Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Contract is with a not-for-profit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State ("Unusual Circumstances"), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, "Unusual Circumstances" shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.

b) Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State's intent to not renew the Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Contract.

C. Termination:

1. **Grounds:**

a) Mutual Consent: The Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.

b) Cause: The State may terminate the Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Contract and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to the Contract.

c) Non-Responsibility: In accordance with the provisions of Sections IV(N)(6) and (7) herein, the State may make a final determination that the Contractor is non-responsible (Determination of Non-Responsibility). In such event, the State may terminate the Contract at the Contractor's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

d) Convenience: The State may terminate the Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.

e) Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Contract, the Contract may be terminated or reduced at the State Agency's discretion, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

f) Force Majeure: The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Contract immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

2. **Notice of Termination:**

a) Service of notice: Written notice of termination shall be sent by:

(i) personal messenger service; or

(ii) certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

b) Effective date of termination: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Contractor, and shall be established as follows:

(i) if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Contractor or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or

(ii) if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or if no receipt is returned, five (5) business days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

3. Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:

a) Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.

b) The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Contract. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements of the Contract after its termination date.

4. Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:

Where the Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

a) the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or

b) the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Contract; or

c) an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(4) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

D. Suspension: The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

III. PAYMENT AND REPORTING

A. Terms and Conditions:

1. In full consideration of contract services to be performed, the State Agency agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page.

2. The State has no obligation to make payment until all required approvals, including the approval of the AG and OSC, if required, have been obtained. Contractor obligations or expenditures that precede the start date of the Contract shall not be reimbursed.

3. The Contractor must provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the State in order to receive payment. Provided, however, the State may, at its discretion, automatically generate a voucher in accordance with an approved contract payment schedule. Billing invoices submitted to the State must contain all information and supporting documentation required by Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein. The State may require the Contractor to submit billing invoices electronically.

4. Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payments.

5. If travel expenses are an approved expenditure under this Contract, travel expenses shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the rates set forth in the written standard travel policy of the Contractor, the OSC guidelines, or United States General Services Administration rates. No out-of-state travel costs shall be permitted unless specifically detailed and pre-approved by the State.

6. Timeliness of advance payments or other claims for reimbursement, and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

7. Article 11-B of the State Finance Law sets forth certain time frames for the Full Execution of contracts or renewal contracts with not-for-profit organizations and the implementation of any program plan associated with such contract. For purposes of this section, "Full Execution" shall mean that the contract has been signed by all parties thereto and has obtained the approval of the AG and OSC. Any interest to be paid on a missed payment to the Contractor based on a delay in the Full Execution of the Contract shall be governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law.

B. Advance Payment and Recoupment:

1. Advance payments, which the State in its sole discretion may make to not-for-profit grant recipients, shall be made and recouped in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179(u), this Section and the provisions of Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Appendix D (Workplan and Special Conditions).

2. Initial advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be

due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the first day of the Contract Term or, if renewed, in the period identified on the Face Page. Subsequent advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the dates specified in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

3. For subsequent contract years in multi-year contracts, Contractor will be notified of the scheduled advance payments for the upcoming contract year no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the contract year. For simplified renewals, the payment schedule (Appendix C) will be modified as part of the renewal process.

4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting the percentage of subsequent claims listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein and such claims shall be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the Contract Term. Any unexpended advance balance at the end of the Contract Term shall be refunded by the Contractor to the State.

5. If for any reason the amount of any claim is not sufficient to cover the proportionate advance amount to be recovered, then subsequent claims may be reduced until the advance is fully recovered.

C. Claims for Reimbursement:

1. The Contractor shall submit claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the State under the Contract in accordance with this Section and the applicable claiming schedule in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

Vouchers submitted for payment shall be deemed to be a certification that the payments requested are for project expenditures made in accordance with the items as contained in the applicable Appendix B (Budget) and during the Contract Term. When submitting a voucher, such voucher shall also be deemed to certify that: (i) the payments requested do not duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding; and (ii) the funds provided herein do not replace funds that, in the absence of this grant, would have been made available by the Contractor for this program. Requirement (ii) does not apply to grants funded pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation.

2. Consistent with the selected reimbursement claiming schedule in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the appropriate following provisions:

a) Quarterly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency quarterly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

b) Monthly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for

work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency monthly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

c) Biannual Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency biannually voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

d) Milestone/Performance Reimbursement:² Requests for payment based upon an event or milestone may be either severable or cumulative. A severable event/milestone is independent of accomplishment of any other event. If the event is cumulative, the successful completion of an event or milestone is dependent on the previous completion of another event.

Milestone payments shall be made to the Contractor when requested in a form approved by the State, and at frequencies and in amounts stated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall make milestone payments subject to the Contractor's satisfactory performance.

e) Fee for Service Reimbursement:³ Payment shall be limited to only those fees specifically agreed upon in the Contract and shall be payable no more frequently than monthly upon submission of a voucher by the contractor.

f) Rate Based Reimbursement:⁴ Payment shall be limited to rate(s) established in the Contract. Payment may be requested no more frequently than monthly.

g) Scheduled Reimbursement:⁵ The State Agency shall generate vouchers at the frequencies and amounts as set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and service reports shall be used to determine funding levels appropriate to the next annual contract period.

² A milestone/performance payment schedule identifies mutually agreed-to payment amounts based on meeting contract events or milestones. Events or milestones must represent integral and meaningful aspects of contract performance and should signify true progress in completing the Contract effort.

³ Fee for Service is a rate established by the Contractor for a service or services rendered.

⁴ Rate based agreements are those agreements in which payment is premised upon a specific established rate per unit.

⁵ Scheduled Reimbursement agreements provide for payments that occur at defined and regular intervals that provide for a specified dollar amount to be paid to the Contractor at the beginning of each payment period (i.e. quarterly, monthly or bi-annually). While these payments are related to the particular services and outcomes defined in the Contract, they are not dependent upon particular services or expenses in any one payment period and provide the Contractor with a defined and regular payment over the life of the contract.

- h) Interim Reimbursement: The State Agency shall generate vouchers on an interim basis and at the amounts requested by the Contract as set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
- i) Fifth Quarter Payments:⁶ Fifth quarter payment shall be paid to the Contractor at the conclusion of the final scheduled payment period of the preceding contract period. The State Agency shall use a written directive for fifth quarter financing. The State Agency shall generate a voucher in the fourth quarter of the current contract year to pay the scheduled payment for the next contract year.
3. The Contractor shall also submit supporting fiscal documentation for the expenses claimed.
4. The State reserves the right to withhold up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the Contract as security for the faithful completion of services or work, as applicable, under the Contract. This amount may be withheld in whole or in part from any single payment or combination of payments otherwise due under the Contract. In the event that such withheld funds are insufficient to satisfy Contractor's obligations to the State, the State may pursue all available remedies, including the right of setoff and recoupment.
5. The State shall not be liable for payments on the Contract if it is made pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation if insufficient monies are available pursuant to Section 99-d of the State Finance Law.
6. All vouchers submitted by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract shall be submitted to the State Agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the period for which reimbursement is claimed. In no event shall the amount received by the Contractor exceed the budget amount approved by the State Agency, and, if actual expenditures by the Contractor are less than such sum, the amount payable by the State Agency to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount of actual expenditures.
7. All obligations must be incurred prior to the end date of the contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(6) above, with respect to the final period for which reimbursement is claimed, so long as the obligations were incurred prior to the end date of the contract, the Contractor shall have up to ninety (90) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures; provided, however, that if the Contract is funded in whole or in part with Federal funds, the Contractor shall have up to sixty (60) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures.

D. Identifying Information and Privacy Notification:

1. Every voucher or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a State Agency by the Contractor, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property, must include the Contractor's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System,

⁶ Fifth Quarter Payments occurs where there are scheduled payments and where there is an expectation that services will be continued through renewals or subsequent contracts. Fifth Quarter Payments allow for the continuation of scheduled payments to a Contractor for the first payment period quarter of an anticipated renewal or new contract.

and any or all of the following identification numbers: (i) the Contractor's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the Contractor's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) DUNS number. Failure to include such identification number or numbers may delay payment by the State to the Contractor. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor, on its voucher or Claim for Payment, must provide the reason or reasons for why the Contractor does not have such number or numbers.

2. The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principle purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the State Agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by the Contract. This information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York, 12236.

E. Refunds:

1. In the event that the Contractor must make a refund to the State for Contract-related activities, including repayment of an advance or an audit disallowance, payment must be made payable as set forth in this Appendix. The Contractor must reference the contract number with its payment and include a brief explanation of why the refund is being made. Refund payments must be submitted to the Office address listed in Section V(A)(2).

2. If at the end or termination of the Contract, there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under the Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end or termination of the Contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to refund such balance the State may pursue all available remedies.

F. Outstanding Amounts Owed to the State: Prior period overpayments (including, but not limited to, contract advances in excess of actual expenditures) and/or audit recoveries associated with the Contractor may be recouped against future payments made under this Contract to Contractor. The recoupment generally begins with the first payment made to the Contractor following identification of the overpayment and/or audit recovery amount. In the event that there are no payments to apply recoveries against, the Contractor shall make payment as provided in Section III(E) (Refunds) herein.

G. Program and Fiscal Reporting Requirements:

1. The Contractor shall submit required periodic reports in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). All required reports or other work products developed pursuant to the Contract must be

completed as provided by the agreed upon work schedule in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the State Agency in order for the Contractor to be eligible for payment.

2. Consistent with the selected reporting options in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the following applicable provisions:

a) If the Expenditure Based Reports option is indicated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with one or more of the following reports as required by the following provisions and Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

(i) *Narrative/Qualitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a report, in narrative form, summarizing the services rendered during the quarter. This report shall detail how the Contractor has progressed toward attaining the qualitative goals enumerated in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). This report should address all goals and objectives of the project and include a discussion of problems encountered and steps taken to solve them.

(ii) *Statistical/Quantitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed report analyzing the quantitative aspects of the program plan, as appropriate (e.g., number of meals served, clients transported, patient/client encounters, procedures performed, training sessions conducted, etc.)

(iii) *Expenditure Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed expenditure report, by object of expense. This report shall accompany the voucher submitted for such period.

(iv) *Final Report*: The Contractor shall submit a final report as required by the Contract, not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) which reports on all aspects of the program and detailing how the use of funds were utilized in achieving the goals set forth in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions).

(v) *Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)*: The Contractor shall submit a CFR, which includes a year-end cost report and final claim not later than the time period listed in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

b) If the Contract is Performance-Based, the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with the following reports as required by the following provisions and Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) as applicable:

(i) *Progress Report*: The Contractor shall provide the State Agency with a written progress report using the forms and formats as provided by the State

Agency, summarizing the work performed during the period. These reports shall detail the Contractor's progress toward attaining the specific goals enumerated in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions). Progress reports shall be submitted in a format prescribed in the Contract.

- (ii) *Final Progress Report*: Final scheduled payment is due during the time period set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The deadline for submission of the final report shall be the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall complete its audit and notify the Contractor of the results no later than the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Payment shall be adjusted by the State Agency to reflect only those services/expenditures that were made in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor shall submit a detailed comprehensive final progress report not later than the date set forth in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule), summarizing the work performed during the entire Contract Term (i.e., a cumulative report), in the forms and formats required.

3. In addition to the periodic reports stated above, the Contractor may be required (a) to submit such other reports as are required in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Appendix D (Workplan and Special Conditions) as applicable, and (b) prior to receipt of final payment under the Contract, to submit one or more final reports in accordance with the form, content, and schedule stated in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) as applicable.

H. Notification of Significant Occurrences:

1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Contractor agrees to submit to the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.

2. The Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Contract of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Contractor, any subcontractor or program participant funded through the Contract, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

IV. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:

1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of the State and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee, or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand, or application to or for any right based upon any different status. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State and the Contractor agree that if the contractor is a New York State municipality, the Contractor shall be permitted to hold itself out, and claim, to be a subdivision of the State.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

B. Subcontractors:

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.

2. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the Contract, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State. In addition,

subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.

3. If requested by the State, prior to executing a subcontract, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.

4. If requested by the State, when a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

5. If requested by the State, upon the execution of a subcontract, the Contractor shall provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.

6. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to the State Agency, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Appendix C (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III. Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

C. Use Of Material, Equipment, Or Personnel:

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.

2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Contract.

D. Property:

1. Property is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.

a) If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property.

b) If the State consents in writing, the Contractor may retain possession of Property owned by the State, as provided herein, after the termination of the Contract to use for similar purposes. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such Property to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Contract.

c) In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.

d) The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to the State Agency naming the State Agency as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment.

e) A rental charge to the Contract for a piece of Property owned by the Contractor shall not be allowed.

f) The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.

g) No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.

2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Contract:

a) For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the State.

b) For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.

3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the most recent version of the *DOJ Grants Financial Guide*.
4. Upon written direction by the State, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State as provided herein.
5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

E. Records and Audits:

1. General:

- a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Contract (collectively, Records).
- b) The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Contract and (ii) the most recent renewal of the Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:
 - (i) personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
 - (ii) payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
 - (iii) non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, and cost allocation plans, if applicable.
 - (iv) receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.
- c) The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an

examination, as well as the State Agency or State Agencies involved in the Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.

d) The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.

e) Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.

2. Cost Allocation:

a) For non-performance based contracts, the proper allocation of the Contractor's costs must be made according to a cost allocation plan that meets the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200. Methods used to determine and assign costs shall conform to generally accepted accounting practices and shall be consistent with the method(s) used by the Contractor to determine costs for other operations or programs. Such accounting standards and practices shall be subject to approval of the State.

b) For performance based milestone contracts, or for the portion of the contract amount paid on a performance basis, the Contractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating that milestones were attained.

3. Federal Funds: For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Appendix D (Workplan and Special Conditions).

F. Confidentiality: The Contractor agrees that it shall use and maintain personally identifiable information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Contract, or any other information, data or records marked as, or reasonably deemed, confidential by the State (Confidential Information) only for the limited purposes of the Contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Contractor (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa and State Technology Law Section 208) and commencing March 21, 2020 shall also comply with General Business Law Section 899-bb.

G. Publicity:

1. Publicity includes, but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public

announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.

2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:

a) Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and

b) State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.

3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Contractor is an educational research institution, the Contractor may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Contract and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Contractor's performance under this Contract, or if requested by the State, the Contractor shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements; or (ii) if the Contractor is not an educational research institution, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Contract (but are not deliverable under the Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the

same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section IV(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

- H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility:** Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the Contract or procurement shall comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08- 005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that State Agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing shall be conducted by the State Agency and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to the State Agency before web content shall be considered a qualified deliverable under the Contract or procurement.
- I. Non-Discrimination Requirements:** Pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex (including gender identity or expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that the Contract shall be performed within the State of New York, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Contract. The Contractor shall be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 of the Labor Law.
- J. Equal Opportunities for Minorities and Women; Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises:** In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if the Contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State Agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written

agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the Contractor certifies and affirms that (i) it is subject to Article 15-A of the Executive Law which includes, but is not limited to, those provisions concerning the maximizing of opportunities for the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises and (ii) the following provisions shall apply and it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status;
2. The Contractor shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts;
3. The Contractor shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;
4. At the request of the State, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative shall affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and
5. The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants shall be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subclauses 1 – 5 of this Section (IV)(J), in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (Work) except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 of the Executive Law does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to the Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by the Contractor or a subcontractor with the requirements of any Federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The State shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such Federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the State shall waive the applicability of Section 312 of the Executive Law to the extent of such duplication or conflict. The Contractor shall comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

K. Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992: It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

1. If the total dollar amount of the Contract is greater than \$1 million, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies the following:

a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92- 261), as amended;

c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of the Contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

M. Unemployment Insurance Compliance: The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to the State Agency staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;
2. any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
3. the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
4. copies of wage reporting information.

Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Contract.

N. Vendor Responsibility:

1. If a Contractor is required to complete a Questionnaire, the Contractor covenants and represents that it has, to the best of its knowledge, truthfully, accurately and thoroughly completed such Questionnaire. Although electronic filing is preferred, the Contractor may obtain a paper form from the OSC prior to execution of the Contract. The Contractor further covenants and represents that as of the date of execution of the Contract, there are no material events, omissions, changes or corrections to such document requiring an amendment to the Questionnaire.
2. The Contractor shall provide to the State updates to the Questionnaire if any material event(s) occurs requiring an amendment or as new information material to such Questionnaire becomes available.
3. The Contractor shall, in addition, promptly report to the State the initiation of any investigation or audit by a governmental entity with enforcement authority with respect to any alleged violation of Federal or state law by the Contractor, its employees, its officers and/or directors in connection with matters involving, relating to or arising out of the Contractor's business. Such report shall be made within five (5) business days following the Contractor becoming aware of such event, investigation, or audit. Such report may be considered by the State in making a Determination of Vendor Non-Responsibility pursuant to this section.

4. The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the Contract:

- a) to require updates or clarifications to the Questionnaire upon written request;
- b) to inquire about information included in or required information omitted from the Questionnaire;
- c) to require the Contractor to provide such information to the State within a reasonable timeframe; and
- d) to require as a condition precedent to entering into the Contract that the Contractor agree to such additional conditions as shall be necessary to satisfy the State that the Contractor is, and shall remain, a responsible vendor; and
- e) to require the Contractor to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity. By signing the Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of the Contract.

5. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

6. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final Determination of Non-Responsibility at any time during the term of the Contract based on:

- a) any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or in any updates, clarifications or amendments thereof; or
- b) the State's discovery of any material information which pertains to the Contractor's responsibility.

7. Prior to making a final Determination of Non-Responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non-responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination, and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

O. Charities Registration: If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) obtain not-for-profit status, a Federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish the State Agency with this information as soon as it is available, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements at the time of the awarding of this Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Contract.

P. Consultant Disclosure Law:⁷ If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

Q. Wage and Hours Provisions: If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

R. Admissibility of Reproduction of Contract: Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, in the form approved by the State Comptroller, if such approval was required, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.

⁷ Not applicable to not-for-profit entities.

V. AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Designees

1. The designated Program Office, for the purpose of notice as referenced in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Section I(J)(2), shall be:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Office of Program Development and Funding
80 S. Swan St.
Albany, NY 12210

2. For the purpose of refunds as referenced in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Section III(E)(1), refunds shall be submitted to:

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
Office of Financial Services, Grants Unit
80 S. Swan St.
Albany, NY 12210

3. The Contractor's Designee, for the purpose of notice as referenced in the Standard Terms and Conditions, Section I(J)(3), shall be the same as indicated on the Face Page of the Contract.

B. Contractual Obligations

The failure of a party to enforce a contractual obligation shall not eliminate the other party's obligation to perform such contractual obligation, unless otherwise approved in writing by both parties' signatories or their designees.

C. Budget Amendments

Budget amendments for expenditure based contracts are governed in accordance with Section I(B) of this Appendix and also as follows:

Requests for any budget modifications shall be made in writing by an authorized representative of the Contractor and must be approved in writing by DCJS.

1. For contracts with a total value of \$200,000 or less, no budget amendment is required for a budget modification that would result in a transfer of funds between budget cost categories where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or less than ten percent.
2. For contracts with a total value greater than \$200,000, no budget amendment is required for a budget modification that would result in a transfer of funds between budget cost categories where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or less than five percent.

For budget modifications involving amounts above the thresholds established in preceding paragraphs a. and b., including multiple budget modifications that cumulatively exceed the thresholds provided, a budget amendment setting forth the proposed new budget will be

required to be submitted and approved within the applicable state grants management system before the next payment will be approved.

Any other budget changes not covered in paragraphs a. or b., such as modifications within budget cost categories or changes in the number, title, job duties or rate of remuneration of project staff or changes under the thresholds for a formal amendment, shall be requested by the Contractor and approved via email by DCJS. Such approval shall be retained by the Contractor. DCJS reserves the right to require a formal budget amendment to be submitted and approved within the applicable state grants management system when deemed to be in the best interest of the State.

3. Grant Amendment Requests (GAR) for Performance-Based Contracts

For performance-based contracts, the Contractor shall request reallocations of milestones from the state DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding (OPDF) within 30 days of the close of each contract quarter, or no later than 45 calendar days after the end of the last quarter of a contract budget term, to adjust any milestones and/or outcomes to reflect actual achievements. If the reallocation request is approved, the reimbursement will be at the agreed upon cost for the milestones and/or outcomes, and shall not exceed the total maximum award amount delineated in the Contract for such contract budget term. The reallocation request must also include the completed Grant Amendment Request (GAR) form. The Contractor may request from OPDF within the aforementioned 45 day period an extension of the GAR submission period due to extenuating circumstances. DCJS reserves the right to deny all or part of a GAR reallocation and/or extension request.

D. Time and Effort Reporting

The Contractor shall maintain specific documentation as support for project related personal service costs. For all Contractor's staff whose salaries are paid in whole or in part from grant funds provided under this Contract, the Contractor shall maintain a time recording system which shows the time devoted to the grant project. The system shall consist of time sheets, computerized workload distribution reports, or equivalent systems. The time devoted to grant activities must be determinable and verifiable by DCJS. If time sheets are used, each must be signed by the individual and certified by the individual's supervisor in a higher-level position at the end of each time reporting period.

E. Space Rental

Space rental provided by this Contract shall be supported by a written lease or other related, DCJS-approved documentation, maintained on file, and made available by the Contractor upon request.

F. Employment of a Consultant

The Contractor's employment of a consultant shall be supported by a written agreement executed by the Contractor and the consultant. A consultant is defined as an individual or organization hired by the Contractor for the stated purpose of accomplishing a specific task relative to the funded project. A copy of the agreement shall be submitted to DCJS and uploaded into the applicable state grants management system no later than the due date of the second quarterly progress report unless otherwise approved by DCJS. All consultant

services shall be obtained in a manner that provides for fair and open competition. The Contractor shall retain copies of all solicitations seeking a consultant, written agreements, and documentation justifying the cost and selection of the consultant. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor shall guarantee the work of the consultant as if it were its own.

1. The rate for a consultant should not exceed \$650 for an eight-hour day or \$81.25 per hour (not including travel and subsistence costs). A rate exceeding \$650 per eight-hour day or \$81.25 per hour requires prior written approval from DCJS and may be approved on a case-by-case basis where adequate justification is provided and expenses are reasonable and allowable.
2. Procurement of a consultant shall be undertaken consistent with the procedures outlined in Section V(G) (Procurement) presented below.
3. A Contractor who proposes to obtain consultant services from a vendor without competitive bidding, shall obtain the prior written approval of DCJS. The request for approval shall be in writing and set forth, at a minimum, a detailed justification for selection and basis upon which the price was determined to be reasonable. Further, such consultant services shall be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and the U.S. Department of Justice and/or any applicable state or federal agency. DCJS' approval shall be retained by the Contractor and submitted upon request.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Parties agree that DCJS' prior written approval is not required for the employment of a consultant when such employment is secured in relationship to a criminal matter as an expert witness, consultant or investigator. The Parties agree that the employment shall be supported by a written agreement and that all supporting documentation identifying the criminal matter involved, services provided, time commitment and schedule shall be retained by the Contractor and submitted upon request.

G. Procurement

All procurements shall be conducted in the following manner. Written justification and documentation for all procurements must be maintained on file and made available upon request. Detailed itemization forms for non-personal service expenditures, in a format determined by DCJS, shall accompany each voucher and Fiscal Cost Report requesting payment. All procurements must be made in a fair and open manner and in accordance with the pre-determined methodology established for evaluating bids (e.g., lowest responsive bidder or best value).

1. A Contractor that is a local government must make procurements in accordance with General Municipal Law Article 5-A and any other applicable regulations.
2. A Contractor that is a not-for-profit organization shall make all procurements as noted below:

- a) If the Contractor is eligible to purchase an item or service from a government contract or is able to purchase such item or service elsewhere at a lower than or equal price, then such purchase may be made immediately.
 - b) A Contractor may purchase any single piece of equipment, single service or multiples of each that cost up to \$999 at its discretion.
 - c) Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost between \$1,000 and \$4,999, a Contractor must secure at least three telephone quotes and create a record for audit of such quotes.
 - d) Before purchasing any piece of equipment, service or multiples of each that have an aggregate cost between \$5,000 and \$9,999, the Contractor must secure at least three written quotes on a vendor's stationery and maintain a record of the competitive procurement process for audit purposes.
3. A Contractor that is a state entity shall make all procurements in accordance with State Finance Law Article 11, and any other applicable laws and/or regulations.
 4. A Contractor spending in aggregate of \$10,000 and above must use a competitive bidding process. At a minimum, the competitive bidding process must incorporate the following: open, fair advertisement of the opportunity to provide services; equal provision of information to all interested parties; reasonable deadlines; sealed bids opened at one time before a committee who will certify the process; establishment of the methodology for evaluating bids before the bids are opened; and maintenance of a record of competitive procurement process. Further guidance may be obtained from DCJS.
 5. Any Contractor who proposes to purchase from a vendor without competitive bidding must obtain the prior written approval of DCJS. The request for approval must be in writing and set forth, at a minimum, a detailed justification for selection and the basis upon which the price was determined to be reasonable. Further, such procurement must be in accordance with the guidelines, bulletins and regulations of the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, State Procurement Council, and the U.S. Department of Justice. A copy of DCJS' approval shall be retained by the Contractor and submitted upon request.

H. Participation By Minority Group Members And Women With Respect To Grant Contracts: Requirements And Procedures (state-funded grants only)

1. General Provisions

- a) The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 (MWBE Regulations) for all state contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- b) The Contractor to the subject contract (the Contractor and the Contract, respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the DCJS, to fully comply and cooperate with the DCJS in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (EEO) and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs). Contractor's demonstration of good faith efforts pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the Human Rights Law) or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- c) Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section V(H)(7) of this Appendix or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

2. Contract Goals

- a) For purposes of this contract, DCJS has established an overall goal of 30% for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) participation which are specified as part of the contract on the Local Assistance MWBE Sub-Contractor Supplier Utilization Form 3301.
- b) For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in the contract workplan hereof, the Contractor shall reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/> Additionally, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200 to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- c) Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the DCJS for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- a) Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economics Development (the Division). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- b) Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
 - i. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 - ii. The Contractor agrees to the EEO Policy Statement as provided below, or if the Contractor or Subcontractor has its own EEO Policy Statement, it should include the following or similar language:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
 - c. The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
 - d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a.) through (c.) above and Paragraph (e) of this Section 3, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.
- c) Staffing Plan

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan Form is required for contracts with a total expenditure in excess of \$250,000. The Contractor shall submit the staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan form and submit it as part of their bid or proposal or within a reasonable time, but no later than the time of award of the Contract.

d) Workforce Employment Utilization Report

- i. If the Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan form is required, once a Contract has been awarded and during the term of the Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to the DCJS of any changes to the previously submitted Local Assistance MWBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted annually or as otherwise required by the DCJS during the term of the Contract, for the purpose of reporting the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report form must be used to report this information.
- ii. Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
- iii. In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.

- e) Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

4. MWBE Utilization Plan

- a) The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted a Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the Contract.
- b) Contractor agrees to use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier

Utilization Proposal Form for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in the Contract workplan.

- c) Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, DCJS shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

5. Waivers

- a) If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, DCJS shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- b) If DCJS, upon review of the Local Assistance MWBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Plan, the Detailed Itemization Forms or the Local Assistance MWBE Workforce Employment Utilization Report determines that a Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, DCJS may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

6. MWBE Subcontractor Utilization Quarterly Report

Contractor is required to report MWBE Subcontractor utilization, as part of the quarterly claim process, to DCJS over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

7. Liquidated Damages – MWBE Participation

- a) Where DCJS determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, such finding constitutes a breach of contract and DCJS may withhold payment from the Contractor as liquidated damages and/or provide for other appropriate remedies.
- b) Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - i. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - ii. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- c) In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the DCJS, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the DCJS within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the DCJS unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the DCJS.

8. M/WBE AND EEO Policy Statement

The Contractor agrees to adopt the following policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered in this Contract with the Division of Criminal Justice Services:

a) M/WBE

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participation goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- i. Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- ii. Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development and solicit bids from them directly.

- iii. Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- iv. Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhance participation by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- v. Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- vi. Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

b) EEO

- i. This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.
- ii. This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability or marital state.
- iii. At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein.
- iv. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.
- v. This organization will include the provisions of sections (i) through (iv) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

Contractor agrees to comply with all MWBE and EEO contract goals reflected on the MWBE Utilization Plan and Staffing Plan respectively, that have been submitted with the application for this Contract.

I. Equipment Inventory

Applicable equipment purchased with funds provided by this Contract as listed in Appendix B, shall be assigned a unique inventory number. The Contractor shall list all equipment purchased with such funds on the Equipment Inventory Form and attach it in the applicable state grants management system at the time the last program progress report is filed or sooner. Items of equipment costing less than \$500 do not need to be listed on the Equipment Inventory Form although the Contractor is encouraged to maintain an internal inventory for audit purposes. Upon completion of all contractual requirements by the Contractor, DCJS will permit continued use and possession of the equipment purchased with grant funds provided the equipment continues to be used in conducting a public safety program, unless otherwise notified by DCJS.

J. Accounting and Audits

1. Grant funds may be expended only for purposes and activities set forth in this Contract. Accordingly, the most important single requirement of accounting for this grant is the complete and accurate documentation of grant expenditures.
2. In addition to all other contract terms and conditions contained herein, performance-based Contractors must be able to document that they expended at least 90% of their program operating budget on program expenses specific to the contracted program. Any short-fall in documented expenditures below the 90% threshold will be subject to recoupment by DCJS.
3. If the Contractor receives funding from two or more sources, all necessary steps shall be taken to ensure that grant funds are not co-mingled with any other grantee funds, and that grant-related transactions are not commingled. This includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of unique budget codes, a separate cost center, or a separate chart of accounts.
4. Expenditures must be cross-referenced to supporting source documents (purchase orders, contracts, real estate leases, invoices, vouchers, timesheets, mileage logs, etc.).
5. Contractor agrees it shall maintain adequate internal controls and adhere to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Government or Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for Not-for-Profit Organizations.
6. This Contract may be subject to a fiscal audit by DCJS to ascertain financial compliance with Federal and/or State laws, regulations, and guidelines applicable to this Contract. Such audits may include review of the Contractor's accounting, financial, and reporting practices to determine compliance with the Contract and reporting requirements; maintenance of accurate and reliable original accounting records in accordance with governmental accounting standards as well as generally accepted accounting principles; and specific compliance with allowable cost and expenditure documentation standards prescribed by any applicable Federal, State, and DCJS guidelines.

K. Non-Compliance

DCJS reserves the right to suspend program funds if the Contractor is found to be in noncompliance with the provisions of this Contract or other grant contracts between the Contractor and DCJS or, if the Contractor or principals of the Contractor are under investigation by a New York State or local law enforcement agency for noncompliance with State or Federal laws or regulatory provisions or, if in DCJS' judgment, the services provided by the Contractor under the Contract are unsatisfactory or untimely. DCJS shall provide the Contractor with written notice of noncompliance. Upon the Contractor's failure to correct or comply with the written notice by DCJS, DCJS reserves the right to terminate this Contract, recoup funds and recover any assets purchased with the proceeds of this Contract. DCJS reserves the right to use approved grant related expenditures to offset disallowed expenditures from any grant funded through its offices upon issuance of a final audit report and appropriate notification to the Contractor, or upon reasonable assurance that the Contractor is not in compliance with the terms of the Contract.

L. Program Income

Program income is gross income earned by the Contractor that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the grant award during the period of performance. Program income earned by the Contractor during the funding period as a direct result of the grant award shall be reported in writing to DCJS in a manner or format prescribed by DCJS, in addition to any other applicable reporting requirements. This includes income received from seized and forfeited assets, cash, the sale of grant purchased property, royalties, fees for services, and registration/tuition fees. Interest earned on grant funds is not program income unless specified in Appendix D. The Contractor shall report the receipt and expenditures of grant program income to DCJS. All income, including interest, generated using these grant funds shall be used to enhance the grant project.

M. Lapsing Appropriations

Unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the State Finance Law, the availability of all State funds for liabilities already incurred thereunder shall cease on September 15th of the year following the fiscal year in which the funds were appropriated, unless such funds are reappropriated by the New York State Legislature. To ensure payment, vouchers must be received by DCJS by August 1st of the year following the fiscal year in which the funds were appropriated.

N. Refunds

If at the end of this Contract there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under this Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall submit a certified check or money order for the unexpended balance payable to the order of the **State of New York** and return it to the DCJS Office of Financial Services at the address in Section V(A)(2) of this Appendix with its final fiscal cost report by the last day of the month following the end of the Contract period.

O. Limit on Overtime Earnings

If Appendix B, makes provisions for overtime payment, the Contractor shall limit overtime

earnings to no more than 25 percent (25%) of the employee's annual personnel cost (salary plus fringe benefits) during the term of this Contract. Prior written approval from DCJS is required for overtime charges in excess of the 25 percent (25%) limit. A copy of DCJS' written approval shall be retained by the Contractor and submitted upon request.

P. Subawards/Subcontractor

None of the goals, objectives or tasks set forth in Appendix D shall be subawarded to another organization without specific prior written approval by DCJS. Where the intention to make subawards is clearly indicated in the application in the applicable grants management system, DCJS' approval is deemed given, if these activities are funded as proposed.

If this Contract makes provisions for the Contractor to subaward funds to other recipients, the Contractor agrees that all Subcontractors shall be held accountable by the Contractor for all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract. The Contractor further agrees that it shall assume sole and complete responsibility for fulfilling all the obligations set forth in the Contract and the Contractor shall guarantee the work of any Subcontractor.

The Contractor agrees that all Subcontractor arrangements shall be formalized in writing between the parties involved; and shall include at a minimum:

- Activities to be performed;
- Time schedule;
- Project policies;
- Other policies and procedures to be followed;
- Dollar limitation of the agreement;
- Appendix A-1, Appendix C, Certified Assurances for Federally Supported Projects, Certification Regarding Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension, and any special conditions set forth in Appendix D (Work Plan and Special Conditions) of the Contract; and
- Applicable Federal and/or State cost principles to be used in determining allowable costs.

The Contractor will not be reimbursed for subawarded funds unless all expenditures by a Subcontractor are listed on applicable forms. Backup documentation for such expenditures shall be made available upon request. All expenditures shall be programmatically consistent with the goals and objectives of this Contract and with the financial plan set forth in Appendix B.

Q. Work Product Ownership and Distribution/DCJS Logo

Any work products developed under this Contract by the Contractor shall be the exclusive property of DCJS and Contractor may not assert a copyright to any work products developed. Any work products shall not be disseminated by any means, in whole or in part, unless express

written permission in advance is granted by the DCJS Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Program Development and Funding (OPDF) and Contractor adheres to any conditions or limitations with respect to usage. Where Contractor uses their pre-existing materials in connection with this Contract, DCJS may use any said material, in whole or in part, with proper attribution to the Contractor.

No materials or presentations resulting from Contract activities nor any Contractor's website or social platform may use the DCJS logo in any form without the prior written approval from the Executive Deputy Commissioner of DCJS or his/her designee. Requests for such approval shall be submitted in writing to the DCJS Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Program Development and Funding (OPDF) and/or DCJS General Counsel at least thirty (30) calendar days before requested use. DCJS' determination of any requests shall be made on a case-by-case basis.

R. Delayed Implementation

Contractor agrees that if the project is not operational within 60 days of the original starting date of the grant period, it will report in writing to the DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding (OPDF) the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for delay, and the expected starting date. If the project is not operational within 90 days of the original starting date of the grant period, the Contractor will submit a second written report to OPDF explaining the delay. The State may either cancel the project and redistribute the funds or extend the implementation date of the project beyond the 90-day period when warranted by extenuating circumstances.

S. Changes at the Discretion of DCJS

This Contract may be extended, increased, decreased, terminated, renewed, amended or renegotiated at the discretion of the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

T. Non-Supplanting

The Contractor shall not deliberately reduce funds available for a stated purpose because of the availability of funds under this grant. Funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be available for grant activities. Additionally, a grantee may not reduce State, local, or other non-Federal funds that have been allocated for such permissible activity because Federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity. State and Federal funds must be used to supplement existing State, local or other funds for program activities. Non-supplanting does not apply to grants made with State funds where DCJS receives a Legislative Initiative Form (LIF) from the State Legislature.

U. SAFETNet

The following special conditions apply to contracts with county or municipal governments as appropriate: Participating law enforcement agencies that are funded by DCJS to conduct drug, firearms or vehicle theft or vehicle related insurance fraud investigations shall register with SAFETNet. Participation in SAFETNet obligates the registered county or municipal government agency to submit information regarding persons or addresses under active investigation in accordance with SAFETNet standard operating procedures. In addition, the county or municipal government agency agrees to participate in the Upstate New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) or the New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Regional Intelligence Center (NY/NJ HIDTA RIC) as appropriate.

V. Compliance with New York State Policies and Standards

All information management software which a Contractor may purchase, utilize or develop with funds provided under the terms of this Contract shall comply with all applicable New York State Office of Information Technology Services security policies and related standards located at:

<http://www.its.ny.gov/tables/technologypolicyindex.htm/security>

In addition, all such information management software and/or hardware which a Contractor may purchase, utilize or develop with funds provided under the terms of this Contract shall comply with established DCJS standards as outlined in the following documents:

1. New York State Criminal Justice Electronic Biometric Transmission Standard
2. New York State Standard Practices for the Processing of Fingerprintable Criminal Cases

3. New York State Standard Practices for Fingerprinting Juveniles

The latest versions of these documents referenced above can be accessed on the DCJS website at:

<http://criminaljustice.ny.gov/advtech/ebts.pdf>

http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/stdpractices/main_menu.htm

<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/stdpractices/jj/nys-standard-practices-for-processing-fingerprinting-juveniles.pdf>

or obtained by calling the DCJS Customer Contact Center at (800) 262-3257.

W. IJPortal

Contractors who are law enforcement agencies shall enroll as a user of the Integrated Justice Portal (IJPortal) and make use of the IJPortal services as applicable.

X. DCJSContact Directory

Contractor shall enroll as applicable in the DCJSContact Directory established and administered by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. DCJSContact is a free-of-charge statewide email directory used to alert the law enforcement community to the availability of free law enforcement training courses and materials, legal updates, and officer safety bulletins, among others. Information regarding enrollment in the DCJSContact Directory can be obtained by accessing the enrollment form at

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3351854/DCJS-Contact-Enrollment-Form>.

Y. Incident-Based Reporting (IBR)/UCR Data Entry Interface

Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) agencies are required to use the IJPortal IBR Submission interface to upload their monthly NYSIBR extract file, and the IJPortal UCR Data Entry Interface to submit their monthly Hate Crime and Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA) reports.

Summary (UCR) reporting agencies are required to use the IJPortal UCR Data Entry Interface to submit all monthly UCR reports including the Return A (Monthly Offenses known to Police), Arrests of Persons 18 and Over, Arrests of Persons Under 18, Supplemental Homicide Report (SHR), Arson, Hate Crime, and the Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted (LEOKA).

Law enforcement agencies are required to submit all monthly crime reports to DCJS through the Integrated Justice Portal (IJPortal) IBR/USR Reporting Interface within 30 calendar days

after the close of the reporting period. Failure to submit this information may result in grant funds being withheld.

Instructions for accessing and submitting crime reports through the IJPortal can be found at:

http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ucr_refman/IJPortal-UCR-Data-Entry-Manual.pdf

All law enforcement agencies shall stay current with their monthly submissions. When the police department is unable to submit the data within 30 days, the Chief shall submit the reasoning to DCJS, while ensuring the data is submitted as soon as possible. If it is deemed that the reasoning for the late submission was out of the control of the police department, a waiver will be granted to avoid the fiscal penalty.

Law enforcement agencies shall submit full UCR Part 1 crime reports, including supplemental homicide reports, to DCJS by 30 days following the end of the month. These monthly reports may be submitted either under the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) or under the Incident Based Reporting System (IBR). Quick Reports will not be accepted. Failure to submit this information may result in grant funds being withheld.

UCR agencies shall fill out the Domestic Violence Victim Data table found on the last page of the Return A in accordance with the new domestic violence reporting requirements. These requirements can be found on-line at:

http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/domestic_violence_reporting_alert_5-08-08.pdf

Failure to submit this information may result in grant funds being withheld. Agencies reporting through IBR do not submit a supplemental report for domestic violence. The required data is automatically collected through the monthly submission of the IBR file.

Z. Publications

The Contractor will submit to DCJS for review all proposed publications (written, visual or audio) prior to their public release. Any such publications shall contain the following statement: "This project is supported by a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the Division of Criminal Justice Services."

AA. Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Certification

As of January 1, 2019, bidders on procurements subject to competitive bidding in New York State, are required to submit a certification with every bid that states they have a policy addressing sexual harassment prevention and that they provide sexual harassment training to all employees on an annual basis.

Pursuant to State Finance Law §139-l, bidders responding to a competitively bid Request for Proposal (RFP), must certify that by submission of their bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy shall, at a minimum, meet the requirements of section two hundred one-g of the labor law.

Bidders that do not certify will not be considered for award; provided however, that if the bidder cannot make the certification, the bidder provides a signed statement with their bid detailing the reasons why the certification cannot be made.

In addition, requiring this certification for competitively bid RFPs, DCJS has included this requirement for all grantees receiving funds from DCJS. Grantees must provide certification that they have implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and that they provide annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees.

The certification form described above is available at <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ofpa/applcngntfrms.html> and is required from grantees as part of the submission in the applicable state grants management system.

VI. PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The following terms and conditions apply only to the Contractors receiving funds under the identified program:

Aid to Crime Labs Program

The Contractor consents to and acknowledges the New York State Inspector General's jurisdiction to investigate allegations of serious negligence or misconduct regarding its Forensic Laboratory, and agrees that the Laboratory and its staff are required to cooperate with the New York State Inspector General in its investigation of what it deems to be allegations of serious negligence or misconduct substantially effecting the integrity of the forensic results committed by employees or subcontractors of the Laboratory. Nothing in the agreement shall affect or impair the Inspector General's jurisdiction under Article 4-A of the New York State Executive Law.

Contractor agrees to require as part of the agreement with a subcontractor that the subcontractor consent to and acknowledge the NYS Inspector General's jurisdiction to investigate allegations of serious negligence or misconduct regarding the subcontractor and to agree that all of the subcontractor's staff are required to cooperate with the NYS Inspector General in any investigation of the subject of allegations that may substantially affect the integrity of forensic results committed by employees of the subcontractor. The contractor further agrees to require as a part of any agreement with a subcontractor that the subcontractor designate the Contractor as an agent to accept service for purposes of any investigation conducted by the Inspector General.

County Re-entry Task Forces (CRTFs)

The Contractor agrees that, as part of DCJS' crime reduction strategy initiatives, each County Re-entry Task Force will develop a formal interactive relationship with other crime reduction strategies in their county.

The Contractor must work towards the development of a comprehensive array of reentry services within the county to ensure that the individual needs of all returning individuals can be appropriately addressed. The Contractor shall review all services proposed by subcontractors for compliance with evidence-based practices.

In addition to services designed to meet the basic needs of returning persons, the Contractor will ensure that the county's network of services include those that address criminogenic needs, have been evaluated for effectiveness in achieving their desired outcomes, and comport with evidence-based interventions for people who have offended. Examples include, but are not limited to, the provision of Thinking for a Change (T4C) and Offender Workforce Development Specialist (OWDS) Programming which may be evaluated as part of the Contract with the Contractor.

Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP)

The Contractor, in cooperation with DCJS, the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) and/or any other state agencies where applicable, will publicize noteworthy prosecutions to promote deterrence.

The Contractor shall enter into a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DTF and other agencies if appropriate, to set forth roles, responsibilities and coordination between the parties, with respect to the investigation and prosecution of tax crimes and other fraud that can adversely affect governmental revenues.

Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative

The Contractor agrees that if funding is being provided for the implementation of any other DCJS crime reduction strategies within the same jurisdiction, the implementing agency will coordinate their GIVE strategy with those other initiatives.

Participating agencies receiving funding through the GIVE Initiative will be required to participate in a GIVE program evaluation. This may require agencies to provide DCJS or its contractors with data and information relating to jurisdictional GIVE operations, initiatives, and enforcement efforts.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all program requirements including those outlined within the GIVE Initiative Request for Applications (RFA).

Participating law enforcement agencies receiving GIVE funds shall enforce the provisions of Orders of Protection, particularly with respect to those provisions prohibiting the ownership or possession of firearms, when so ordered in family or criminal court and served upon the defendant and will enforce the firearms prohibition of the federal Violence Against Women Act.

Participating police departments will attend monthly meetings, at a minimum, with the Operation SNUG (also known as Neighborhood Violence Prevention Project) program manager or his/her designee and regional crime analysts to discuss firearms related crime, gang activity, and violence. Meeting frequency may be increased at the discretion of DCJS based on shootings, homicides, and the incidence of violence crime within a jurisdiction.

Participating police departments will develop written protocols detailing established procedures to notify the Operation SNUG program manager or his/her designee of all shootings and/or homicides within 24 hours of each incident. The written procedures must be submitted to DCJS with the first Quarterly Progress Report.

Participating police departments will provide DCJS an annual report detailing a year to year comparison of shootings and homicides for the current GIVE Contract period and the two preceding GIVE Contract periods for the target area(s) and the entire city. This annual comprehensive report will be due on the last day of the month following the expiration date of the Contract.

Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud (MVTIF) Program

The Contractor shall expend funds in a manner that is consistent with the MVT/MVIF Plans of Operation.

New York State Defenders' Association (NYSDA)

Any income, including interest, arising from state funds paid to the NYSDA shall be used to pay for the cost or expansion of tasks to be performed as part of the NYSDA's programs or projects, provided that all such income shall first be used to reimburse the NYSDA for monies expended from its general fund to support the Backup Center services.

Whenever possible, the NYSDA and its employees shall seek state rates for travel, meals, and lodging. Where such rates are not obtainable, NYSDA employees must provide three quotes demonstrating reasonableness of price for alternate travel, meals, and lodging, except when seeking lodging at the venue of a conference essential to the NYSDA program, in which case the NYSDA shall document the conference arrangements and rates for travel, meals, and lodging.

Upon DCJS request, the NYSDA will arrange for DCJS personnel to attend the NYSDA trainings and conferences offered for the purposes of program and contract monitoring.

The parties to this Contract, understand that nothing in this Contract shall be construed to preclude or impair the right of the NYSDA attorneys to act in the best interest of their clients. In providing access to records and submitting reports required pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the NYSDA shall, in accordance with its professional responsibility under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct (see 22 NYCRR Pt.1200), protect the confidences and secrets of its clients, including the clients of the attorneys to whom the NYSDA provided assistance or services. No record or report shall be deemed deficient because of the omission of information, the provision of which would result in the disclosure of any such confidences or secrets, or would otherwise compromise the interest of any client.

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