

# The City of New York

Department of Finance

Request for Proposals

For

Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal

Procurement Identification Number (E-PIN): 83620P0006

## Authorized Agency Contact Person

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## SECTION I – ESTIMATED TIMETABLE

- A. **Release Date of this Request for Proposals: September 8, 2020**
- B. All questions shall be addressed to the Authorized Agency Contact Person:  
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**The deadline for submitting questions is September 23, 2020 at 5:00PM EST**

Pre-Proposal Conference:

A pre-proposal conference will be held on **September 15, 2020 at 10:00am-11:30am**. The conference bridge for the pre-proposal conference is (888) 278-0254, participant code is 9767693. The virtual attendance at the conference is voluntary but strongly recommended.

- C. Site visit: there shall be no site visits.
- D. Proposal Due Date, Time and Location:

**Date: October 13, 2020**

**Time: 3:00 PM EST**

**E-mailed proposals will be accepted by the Agency.**

**Proposals to be emailed to the following: Bids (DOF) [Bids@finance.nyc.gov](mailto:Bids@finance.nyc.gov)**

**Cc: [BlaiseP@finance.nyc.gov](mailto:BlaiseP@finance.nyc.gov)**

**Proposers may submit hard copy proposals for this RFP. Vendors who intend to submit proposals by mail or in-person must contact the Authorized Agency Contact Person by email at least seven (7) days before the Proposal Due Date. Proposals received after the Proposal Due Date and Time are late and shall not be accepted by the agency, except as provided under New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules. The agency will consider requests made to the Authorized Agency Contact Person to extend the Proposal due Date and Time prescribed above. However, unless the agency issues a written addendum to this RFP which extends the Proposal Due Date and Time for all proposers, the Proposal Due Date and Time prescribed above shall remain in effect.**

## **SECTION II - SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Purpose of RFP**

The New York City Department of Finance (“Agency” or “DOF”) is seeking a qualified contractor (“Contractor”) to develop, host, maintain, routinely test, enhance (when necessary or requested), and update a web-based platform requiring back-end processing of payments. This platform will allow real estate (property) taxpayers to create a secure<sup>1</sup> password protected account to submit ACH (Automated Clearing House) Debit payments or create payment records for ACH Credit and Fed wire payments. The web-based platform currently used by the Agency is known as NYCePay and is accessible via personal computers, tablets, and mobile devices (cell phones) using a common, secure web-browsers. The Agency is seeking a Contractor to develop a comparable web-based platform to replace our current one.

### **Anticipated Contract Term**

It is anticipated that the term of the contract awarded from this RFP will be for five (5) years. The contract may include two (2) one-year options to renew, at the same terms, conditions and rates paid in Year 5. The Agency reserves the right, prior to contract award, to determine the length of the initial contract term and each option to renew, if any.

### **Anticipated Payment Structure**

The payment structure of the contract awarded from this RFP will be based on line-item budget reimbursement. However, the Agency will consider proposals to structure payments in a different manner and reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City’s best interest.

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<sup>1</sup> The secure account will be established and accessed via an HTTPS (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure) industry standard SSL (Secure Sockets Layer)/TLS (Transport Layer Security) encryption protocols utilizing a CSR (Certificate Signing Request)

### **SECTION III - SCOPE OF SERVICES AND M/WBE REQUIREMENTS**

NYCePay is a web-based platform currently available to the public that was developed and currently hosted, maintained, and is proprietary to a third party. DOF is looking for a vendor that can develop, host, maintain, routinely test, enhance when necessary, and update a replacement for NYCePay. This new web-based platform must be able to complete the tasks listed in Section III of this RFP. Including: allows real estate taxpayers to create a secure password protected account to submit Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments for property taxes. Once a property account ("BBL" – Borough, Block, Lot or "parcel") is confirmed, online users can:

- 1) pay for existing property tax bills;
- 2) pay amounts other than what is currently due;
- 3) pay for multiple properties by uploading a spreadsheet listing the properties;
- 4) schedule recurring or future payments.

Taxpayers paying property taxes by EFT through the web-based platform must select one of two electronic payment methods:

- Automatic – Taxpayers give Finance the right to automatically deduct the amounts due via ACH Debits from their bank accounts.
- Manual – Taxpayers make their own payments by ACH Debit, Fed wire or ACH Credit, notifying DOF via electronic payment instructions.

Presently, payments can be made using any type of United States bank account for ACH Debits. During the registration process, the payer specifies the appropriate bank account(s) for making tax payments. Payers can add, delete, or edit bank accounts. The Agency requires that the vendor create a payment file that will go to our designated bank.

When submitting payment data for an ACH Credit, the payer must provide the ACH Credit confirmation number, amount, date, and the name on the ACH Credit. To submit a payment record for a using a Fed Wire, the payer must have the Fed Wire confirmation number, amount, date, and the name on the Fed Wire.

#### **A. Agency Goals and Objectives for this RFP**

The Agency expects the vendor to develop a web-based platform that can handle the volume of transactions which occur in New York City. The Agency expects to collect approximately \$6.8 billion in ACH Debits and \$5.35 billion in ACH Credits and Fed wires combined annually for payments of real estate tax and related charges. More than 113,000 individual payments paying for over 370,000 properties are expected to be collected per year. The approximated distribution of transactions and dollars during City's fiscal year is in Exhibit I.

## EXHIBIT I

	ACH Debit			ACH Credit			Fed wire		
	Payments	Properties Paid	Amount	Payments	Properties Paid	Amount	Payments	Properties Paid	Amount
July	10,230	25,660	\$ 431,090,000	31	410	\$ 74,520,000	770	12,350	\$ 1,645,600,000
August	1,890	4,670	\$ 37,150,000	5	40	\$ 2,440,000	140	1,740	\$ 114,260,000
September	12,340	28,280	\$ 117,520,000	13	80	\$ 6,270,000	190	2,950	\$ 38,710,000
October	8,410	21,680	\$ 224,700,000	13	90	\$ 2,330,000	230	10,060	\$ 28,540,000
November	3,930	9,370	\$ 25,900,000	10	10	\$ 1,250,000	80	2,030	\$ 4,650,000
December	17,830	44,480	\$ 1,917,030,000	9	30	\$ 1,470,000	580	5,850	\$ 714,700,000
January	8,280	17,860	\$ 345,810,000	22	110	\$ 31,870,000	880	5,550	\$ 1,694,950,000
February	3,300	6,940	\$ 15,970,000	14	20	\$ 1,460,000	240	8,550	\$ 50,210,000
March	10,340	34,830	\$ 159,850,000	3	190	\$ 6,890,000	140	2,200	\$ 4,870,000
April	7,830	25,830	\$ 335,940,000	22	100	\$ 4,430,000	310	10,210	\$ 50,470,000
May	1,410	4,480	\$ 14,580,000	5	20	\$ 720,000	100	1,120	\$ 4,420,000
June	23,460	79,840	\$ 3,176,750,000	11	130	\$ 18,300,000	590	5,720	\$ 844,690,000
Total	109,250	303,920	\$ 6,802,290,000	158	1,230	\$ 151,950,000	4,250	68,330	\$ 5,196,070,000

Payments are collected everyday but volumes are cyclical reflecting the City's quarterly Real Estate Billing cycles on the first of July, October, January, and April.

The City's objectives in issuing this RFP are to:

- Identify a highly competent technology company that can develop, host, maintain, routinely test, and update a web-based payment platform accessible across multiple web-browsing devices;
- Identify an experienced firm that can develop and host a web-based platform which can be used to expertly record and process the City's cyclical Real Estate Tax web-based payments made via ACH Debit and accurately create receivable entries for ACH Credit and Fed wire payment entries;
- Identify a vendor who can develop a web-based platform which can accelerate cash receipts by sending an ACH Debit payment file to the City's bank account;
- Identify a vendor that can develop a web-based platform which will be able to maximize the efficient application of cash receipts to the City's Real Estate Tax recordkeeping system;
- Identify a vendor that can develop a web-based platform which will be able to reduce the number of payments that require manual research or result in unapplied cash to the recordkeeping system;
- Identify a vendor that can develop a web-based platform which will be able to provide ready access to payment and transaction history;
- Identify a vendor that can and will minimize costs to the City by the greatest amount possible without sacrificing excellent, timely and accurate operations and service.

## **B. Assumptions Regarding Contractor Approach**

### **Experience**

- The Proposer, and any of the proposers sub-contractors used to provide any part of the services required in this RFP, must have a minimum of three (3) years relevant experience developing, hosting or maintaining a web-based payment platform.
- The Proposer must have a minimum of three (3) years experience processing payment volumes identified in Exhibit I and associated electronic file transmissions accurately and on time every day without interruption for municipalities.
- Key Staff assigned to support the City's operating requirements must have a minimum of three (3) years relevant experience servicing, supporting, and addressing customer inquiries and needs as they pertain to requested services in Sub-Sections C and D of Section III.

### **Organizational Capability**

- Demonstrate the Proposer's technical, managerial and financial capability to provide the services described in the Scope of Services (i.e. Sub-Section C and D) of this RFP;
- Demonstrate that the Proposer has the capacity to integrate the RFP services into its organization;
- Supply three (3) years' Annual Reports to Shareholders and financial statements certified by a public accountant for your company.
- The Proposer must demonstrate that it has the technical capability to process the City's payment and receivable volumes accurately and on time every day without interruption.
- The Proposer must guarantee that the key persons, or similarly qualified persons, assigned to the Contract have the relevant experience and qualifications required and that the identified key staff, or similarly qualified persons, will be available for the duration of the Contract.

## **C. Proposed Approach**

These are the features DOF needs included in the web-based payment portal solution.

### **Account Creation and Maintenance**

The Agency will require the Contractor to import existing user ID's and taxpayer information into the new web-based platform the Contractor develops. In addition, all existing information as specified in bullets 1 through 9 below will need to be imported by the Contractor into the web-based platform it develops as a result of this contract. For each imported user ID, the vendor will be required to issue a notice to the user requiring a password reset.

For account creation and vendor maintenance, the Agency requires the Contractor's web-based platform to:

1. Allow a taxpayer to register for a safe and secure account using limited basic user information to reduce the amount of time they spend on the site in future visits.

2. Allow users to log in to a safe and secure site to retrieve saved information and reduce the amount of time spent entering information captured in previous visits.
3. Allow users to add multiple properties to the users profile, with no specified limit to the number of properties allowed per user.
4. Ensure users are provided with the correct user account, based on their User ID and password used at login.
5. Provide field-level validation on user account information to ensure account information is accurate when users are registering for an account.
6. Provide a self-serve methodology allowing a user to retrieve their user ID and/or reset their password if they have forgotten one or both.
  - a. The Agency will require a solution for those users who are unable to retrieve user IDs and reset passwords via the self-serve methodology. The Agency will require that entitlements to access user information be provided to Agency staff to assist taxpayers who call requesting assistance.
7. Directs a user to the username and password recovery process when attempting to create a new account if that information already exists so they can maintain a single account.
8. Allows a payer to add profile information so they can further customize their payer experience and easily retrieve their saved information.
  - a. Profile information is separate from account information, and profile information could include borough/block/lot (BBL) or property information as well as payment information such as bank account(s), ACH debits, ACH credits, and Fed wires. This would allow for a differentiated payer experience based on their needs.
9. Allows a user to edit or delete saved profile information so they can easily update their account.
10. Allows a user to find additional information, such as links or definitions, about their applicable bills/taxes, so that they can better understand the requirements and applicability of each bill / tax.

## **Bill Presentment and Payment**

For property tax bill presentment and payment, the Agency requires the Contractor's web-based payment portal solution to:

1. Allow the Agency to offer discounts based on certain parameters, including payment amount and due date so that the Agency can offer payers an incentive to pay on time.
  - a. At present, a 0.50% discount is offered for real estate taxes paid in full prior to the first quarter's due date.
2. Allow a user to select which bill (s) they would like to pay from their list of completed estimates so that they can pay for one or multiple bills / taxes at the same time.
3. Allow a user to see the total of the selected bills and/or tax estimates so they can know the total amount that they are planning to pay before they decide to pay.
4. Allow a user to save the selected bills / taxes to be paid so that the user can return later and not have to reselect the same bills/taxes.
5. Allow a user to choose the amount for each selected bill that they would like to pay so that they can pay a different amount than what is due if payment rules (as prescribed by DOF) allow them to do so. The Contractor will be required to build the rules into the new web-based payment portal. The rules will be defined at implementation.
6. Allow a user to select their payment method of choice each time they make a payment so they can pay for a bill using any of the available payment methods.



7. Allow a user to enter payment details required for the selected payment method so that they can complete the payment.
8. Allow the Agency to offer a variety of payment methods to include: ACH Debit, ACH Credit and Fed Wire.
9. Allow a user to save bank account information (i.e. routing and account number) used for ACH Debits. The user is to be allowed to save multiple bank accounts, name each account, set one account as primary account, and edit bank account numbers as needed.
10. Allow a user to select the frequency of payment so that they can set up a one-time payment, multiple installments of payments or payments on a recurring basis if payment rules as prescribed by DOF allow them to do so. The Agency allows taxpayers of qualifying properties to schedule reoccurring payments on a monthly or quarterly basis. The Contractor will be required to issue an email notification to the user prior to the due date (monthly or quarterly) for the payment.
11. Allow a user to schedule the effective date for a payment so they can have control over when funds will be drawn from their bank account via an ACH Debit.
12. Allow a user to confirm payment details for each bill before submitting for payment so that they can ensure that their payment details are correct.
13. Allow a user to receive real-time (or near real-time) confirmation for each completed transaction so that the user can see that the payment was completed.
14. Allow a user to receive an email confirmation for each completed transaction so that the user is provided with a record of completed payment.
  - a. The email is to clearly identify a payment confirmation number that the user can provide to Agency staff to quickly access payment history on the web portal.
15. Allow a user to read the Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions in order to understand the policies and terms of using the website. Allow a user to find additional information, such as help options, glossaries and site map so that the user can easily navigate the website and understand the language and purpose of the website.
16. Allow a user to use a standard internet browser so that the user can use their browser of choice without encountering any compatibility issues accessing the site. Standard browsers include:
  - a. Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher
  - b. Mozilla Firefox 4.0 or higher
  - c. Safari 5.0 or higher
  - d. Chrome 11.0 or higher
  - e. Opera 11.0 or higher
  - f. The vendors system should operate on any device that supports the browsers; including Apple and Android tablets and cell phones. Refer to Mobile Payments section.
17. Provide a web-based platform design for users of tablets and cell phones allowing for clear visibility on the small screens. Cell phone and tablet users must have the same accessibility as PC users allowing for logging into the vendor's system, searching for Borough, Block, and Lots (BBLs), be provided with a full suite of payment capabilities, and request an email receipt.
18. Allow a user to view their payment history so that they can have a record of all completed transactions.
19. Provide periodic reports (see below in "Reports" section for expected frequency) to the Agency as part of the web-based payment portal application (see below section "Reports" for the types of reports the Agency expects the vendor to provide).
20. Identifies to the user those fields that are either required or optional for entry. The fields specified as required must be entered before the user can move on to any subsequent process steps.
21. Perform field-level validation on forms so that the Agency can ensure information is accurate when calculating tax estimates.

22. Allow the Agency to send the vendor business rules to implement in the system to reflect payment rules by bill/tax so that the Agency can allow and disallow partial payments, minimal thresholds, overpayments, payment methods, payment frequency, available payment dates, etc.
23. Provide the user with the ability to find a list of all available bill types so that they can select which bills they would like to pay.
  - a. This feature applies to users that have established a user ID.
  - b. The Agency is to specify if this could apply to a taxpayer who only wants to make a one-time payment, using an ID and password.
24. Allow a search by key account and profile information so that they can find related bills that are outstanding.
25. Allow the ability to upload a list of properties for which they would like to pay so that they can pay multiple property tax bills and related charges at the same time without having to select each item individually.
  - a. At the point when the user uploads the list of properties the solution must be able to present the total owed before the user pays.

### **Web-Based Payment Portal Notifications and Banners**

The Contractor is required to provide functionality to add notifications and banner headers on any page of the web-based payment portal so that the Agency, and Contractor, is able to notify users of upcoming portal outages (e.g. for routine maintenance or upgrades) or programs the Agency wishes to promote to users. The Agency prefers to have the capability to add notifications and banners but is open to this function being a Contractor controlled service.

### **Web-Based Payment Portal – Mobile Design**

Contractors will be required to provide a mobile solution for the web-based payment portal that will allow for complete site visibility via the smaller cell phone and tablet screens. Users accessing the portal from a mobile device are to be able to:

1. Log in or create an account
2. Search for a property by BBL
3. Have full payment initiation capabilities
4. Request an email receipt

### **Notification of No-Good Payments**

For no-good ACH Debit payments, the Contractor must be able to notify the taxpayer via email that their payment was no-good. The notification must include the reason (e.g. insufficient funds, unable to locate account, etc.) and date that the payment was not honored. Details on how no-good payment information will be provided to the Contractor are outlined the section on File Transmissions.

### **Agency Payment Inquiry**

The Contractor must be able to provide to Agency staff the capability to search for payments made via a secure web portal. The Agency requires the ability to search for payments using:

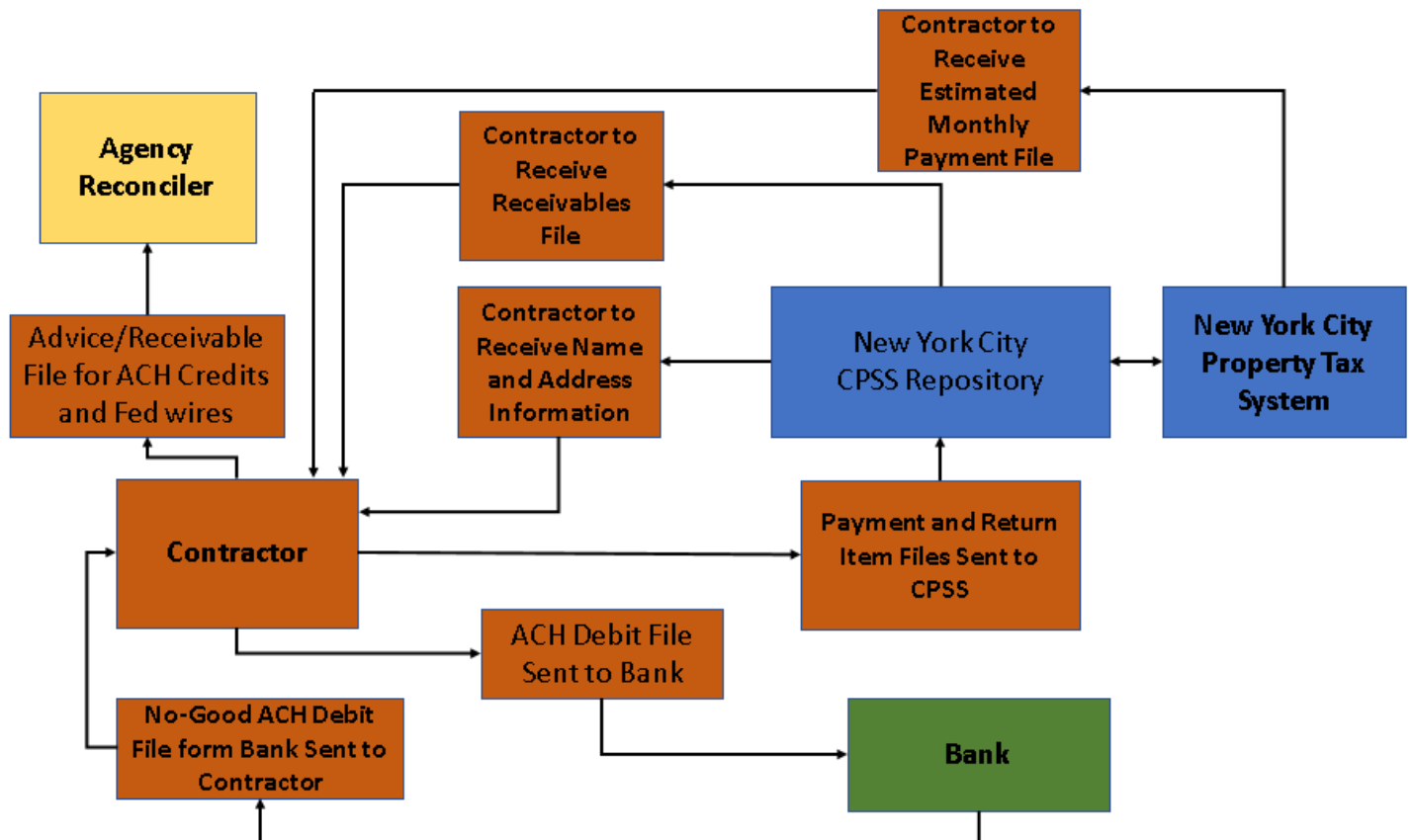
1. Date range.
2. Payment Type – ACH Debit, ACH Credit, Fed wire.

3. Confirmation number (issued at time of payment submission).
4. Bank account number.
5. Payment amount.
6. User ID.
7. Borough, Block, Lot (BBL).
8. Taxpayer name.

## File Transmissions

The Contractor will be required to electronically receive from and transmit data, payment, and receivable files to the Agency, the Agency's depository bank, and payment reconciler. Files received from the Contractor will be used to update the Agency's property tax billing system, PTS (Property Tax System). Exhibit II diagrams the lockbox file flow. The Contractor must use FTP Secure (FTPS) with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryptions over a secured link, like a frame relay, for file transmissions directly to the City; alternatively, the Contractor may upload the files to a secure website where authorized City users can log on and retrieve the information. Contractor's hosting environment must comply with the City's DoITT Citywide Information Security Standard (See <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doitt/business/technical-vendor-resources.page>).

Exhibit II



## Inbound Files

The files the Contractor will receive are as follows:

1. Receivables File
  - a. This file contains the receivables for property taxes and related charges, along with projected amounts that should be paid for the next eight days. This is a customized file layout which includes combined all the PTS receivables along with the name and address information from the Agency to the Contractor.
2. Name and Address File
  - a. This file contains the name and address of property owners and the property address; including the Borough, Block and Lot (BBL). This file will be sent weekly.
3. No-good ACH Debit File
  - a. The Contractor will be required to receive a reversal (no-good check) file in standard BAI format from the Agency's depository bank and convert the file into a reversal file in a format acceptable to update PTS.
4. Annual Estimated Monthly Payment File

Annual file that goes from the Agency's Property Tax System to the Contractor directly in November. The file contains estimated June payments for the next tax year and is used to estimate monthly payments for semi-annual payers from February through June and for quarterly payers for May through June.

## Outbound Files

The files the Contractor is required to generate and send are as follows:

1. Payment File to Agency
  - a. This is the daily remittance file of ACH Debit payments.
2. No-Good ACH Debit File to Agency
  - a. This is the daily file of no-good ACH Debits reported to the Contractor by the Agency's depository bank.
3. Payment File to Reconciler
  - a. This is the daily remittance file of ACH Credits and Fed wires.
4. ACH Debit File to Bank
  - a. This is the daily file of ACH Debit requested by taxpayers. The file is to be sent in standard NACHA format.

All files and their formats and an overview of the Agency's Citywide Payment Services & Standards Division and their role in file transmissions and receipts are detailed in Appendix 1 and Attachments 1 through 3.

## **Reports**

The Contractor must prepare and deliver to the City daily and monthly online reports showing:

- Number of ACH Debits processed/deposited
- Total Dollars of ACH Debits processed/deposited
- The number of ACH Credit and Fed wire remittances

- Total Dollars of ACH Credit and Fed wire remittances
- Total dollars returned due to no-good checks
- BBLs (i.e. Properties) paid and how much applied to each property and tender type (ACH Debit, ACH Credit, Fed wire) used to make the payment.

Daily and monthly reports are to be provided and be available for length of contract.

#### **D. Additional Requirements and Services**

##### **1. Designate a Customer Service Manager and Technical Helpdesk**

The Contractor must designate a primary customer service manager (CSM) that will serve as the City's primary point of contact for all service-related issues. The CSM is expected to have availability from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST on Monday through Friday excluding holidays (Exhibit III). The Agency expects that staff supporting the primary CSM have knowledge of the services required in this RFP in order that issues and questions can be timely addressed in the primary CSM's absence. Additionally, the Proposer is to have a 24/7 helpdesk that can readily address website functionality issues as they relate to access, connectivity, and user experience. Should the Contractor utilize the services of a third party (e.g. joint venture, subcontractor, etc.) in satisfying the requirements of this RFP, the Agency requires a primary contact at the third-party vendor for all questions and inquiries. All third-party relationships in connection to this project must be provided in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor will, in responding, provide the name and location of the primary contact and the contact for any third-party contractor involved.

#### **Exhibit III**

<b>City of New York Holiday Schedule</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
January 1	New Years Day
Third Monday of January	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Third Monday in February	Presidents Day
Last Monday of May	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
First Monday of September	Labor Day
Second Monday of October	Columbus Day
The First Tuesday After November 1	Election Day
The Fourth Thursday of November	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

##### **2. Invoices**

The Contractor must submit monthly invoices to the Agency no later than thirty (30) days after the close of the reporting month. Service charge items should be clearly and uniquely identified and should conform to the Contractor's pricing proposal. The Contractor must provide definitions of service charge items at the request of the Agency.

### 3. Change Orders

The following requirements shall be applicable to change orders for program and process modifications. A pricing proposal for the enhancement will be submitted to the City for approval.

- a. The Contractor will list any new price points for contracted services affected by the enhancement work.
- b. The Contractor shall provide adequate staff and resources to complete the specified services by the scheduled implementation date;
- c. The Contractor shall provide programming hours and the rates it charges for each type of programmer/analyst to accomplish a change or work order submitted by the City.
- d. The Contractor shall provide the rates it charges for re-training the various types of staff proposed.
- e. The Contractor shall submit a detailed progress report to the City every month until the work is completed;
- f. The acceptance criteria for each deliverable shall be jointly developed by the parties and mutually agreed to in writing before commencement of the work, if possible, but in no event later than thirty days before the scheduled implementation date;
- g. Acceptance shall not occur until an enhancement has functioned correctly in the production environment for a minimum of 30 consecutive days;
- h. If the deliverable does not conform to the acceptance criteria within a reasonable time after the scheduled implementation date (not to exceed two months after the scheduled implementation date), the Department may (i) terminate the enhancement without any liability therefore, and the Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Department for any payments made there under, or (ii) permit the Contractor to continue to attempt to correct the deficiencies, reserving the right to terminate as aforesaid.

### 4. Alternate Solutions and Future Enhancements

Contractors are encouraged to suggest alternate product solutions to satisfy the Agency's requirements and to illustrate the Contractor's advanced technological, product design, and service capabilities. In addition, Contractors should recommend different solutions that will result in lower costs, improved cash management, greater efficiency, and enhanced controls and protections for the Agency. The Department will evaluate all recommendations and may select alternate solutions that, in the Agency's judgment, will prove to be beneficial to the Agency's banking and cash management requirements.

### 5. Liquidated Damages

The Contractor shall pay the City liquidated damages for the following actions or failures to act on the Contractor's part, in the specified amounts. Where a cure period is specified, the cure period shall apply only once for a given type of error within a one-year period. The cure period shall commence from the date the Contractor is notified in writing (email) by the City of the error. The total amount of liquidated damages payable by the Contractor with respect to incidents occurring in any given month shall not exceed the lesser of \$7,500 or 10% of total service charges for that month.

- a. Failure to maintain site connectivity to web after a 2-day cure period at a rate of \$2,000 per day.
- b. Failure to send ACH Debit payment and return item files to CPSS Repository after a cure period of 5 business days at a rate of \$750 per day.

- c. Failure to send ACH Credit and Fed wire payment remittances to Agency Reconciler after a 5-business day cure period at a rate of \$500 per day.
- d. Failure to provide connectivity to payment research site after a 7-business day cure period at a rate of \$500 per day
- e. Failure to provide disaster recovery processing services to the City in accordance with the Contractor's disaster recovery plan, at a rate of \$4,000 per business day after a 5 business days.

The Contractor will not be subject to the specified liquidated damages if the Contractor cures the service level failure within the specified cure period. The Contractor will not be held liable for any failure to meet the required service levels listed below that is the result of or caused by any act of God, act of governmental authority, de jure or de facto, legal constraint, war, terrorism, catastrophe, fire, flood, natural disaster; electrical, computer, mechanical or telecommunications failure; failure of any agent or correspondent, unavailability of a payment system or other circumstance that is beyond the Contractor's reasonable control; or any failure due to or caused from the City's acts, omission, negligence or fault.

Liquidated damages received hereunder are not intended to be nor shall they be treated as a partial or full waiver or discharge of any other remedy provided for by contract or by law.

#### 6. Planned Downtime

The Agency understands that there may be planned and reoccurring periods throughout the year that a Contractor would need to bring its systems down for maintenance, upgrades, or end of fiscal year practices. In these instances, the Contractor will notify the Agency a minimum of 90-days in advance of any planned downtime which impacts services provided pursuant to this proposal. The notification is to identify the length of time down and all potential impacts to operations. If the downtime is greater than one day (24 hours), the Contractor will be required to outline contingency plans so that Agency operations are not interrupted.

#### 7. Transition Services

If prior to the expiration or termination of this Agreement, including any extension periods, the City has entered into a new contract with another vendor for the provision of the services required hereunder, the Contractor agrees to assist the City and such new vendor in facilitating the transition of disbursement, check printing, and banking services. Such assistance shall include the turning over to the new vendor, upon the City's request, any and all documents, work plans and records, provided by the City and/or specifically developed by the Contractor for the performance of the services under this Agreement, provided the Contractor's proprietary interest in such items is not exclusive. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable costs incurred in performing these transition services, provided such costs are approved by the City. The Contractor shall not be liable for damages caused by the Contractor's successor during transition.

### E. **Optional Service**

#### 1. Confirmation Number Matching to Payment

The Agency is interested in a solution that will automatically match a receivable (i.e. payment confirmation number) to an ACH Credit or Fed wire payment record sent from the Agency's depository bank. The bank

payment records will be sent via a daily file in standard BAI format and will contain all ACH Debit batches, ACH Credits, and Fed wires. The bank file will contain the Fed wire number (also call Fed Ref #) for each Fed wire payment and the ACH Credit number for each ACH Credit payment.

For Fed wires, the taxpayer will be entering the name on the wire (generally the owner or managing agent of the property), the Fed wire date and the Fed wire number on the web portal provided by the Contractor. For ACH Credits, the taxpayer will be entering their name (generally the owner or managing agent of the property), ACH Credit date, and ACH Credit number. The solution the Agency is looking for is to have automated matching of information entered on the web portal to information contained on the bank BAI file. A successful match will result in the Contractor sending to the Agency a payment file of matched payments in the format provided in Appendix 1.

### **Agency Assumptions Regarding Payment Structure**

The Contractor shall charge a flat-rate, calculated on a monthly basis, for each price point listed in Appendix B.

It is understood that the monthly service charges set forth in the Pricing Schedule (Appendix 2) cover all charges for work required by these specifications and elsewhere in this RFP, and that there shall be no other charges by the Contractor for performance of its responsibilities under the Contract resulting from this RFP.

### **Participation by Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises in City Procurement**

If the contract resulting from this Request for Proposals will be subject to M/WBE participation requirements under Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, as indicated by the inclusion of Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan (Attachment K) and the Participation Goals indicated in Part I thereof, proposers must complete the Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan and submit it with their proposal. Please refer to the Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan and the Notice to All Prospective Contractors (Attachment H) for information on the M/WBE requirements established for this solicitation and instructions on how to complete the required forms. If the proposer intends to seek a full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals on the grounds described in Section 10 of the Notice to All Prospective Contractors, including but not limited to, proposer's intention to use its own forces to perform any or all of the required contract work would result in a failure to attain the Participation Goals, the proposer must request and obtain from the Agency a full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals (M/WBE Utilization Plan, Part III) in advance of proposal submission and submit the waiver determination with the proposal. Please note that if a partial waiver is obtained, the proposer is required to submit a completed Schedule B-M/WBE Utilization Plan based on the revised Participation Goals in order to be found responsive.

### **Compliance with Local Law 34 of 2007**

Pursuant to Local Law 34 of 2007, amending the City's Campaign Finance Law, the City established a computerized database containing the names of any "person" that has "business dealings with the city" as such terms are defined in the Local Law. For the purposes of the database, proposers are required to complete the attached Doing Business Data Form and return it with this *-[proposal] [submission]*, and should do so in a separate envelope. (If the proposer is a proposed joint venture, the entities that comprise the proposed joint venture must each complete a Data Form.) If the City determines that a proposer has failed to submit a Data Form or has submitted a Data Form that is not complete, the proposer will be notified by the Agency and will be given four (4) calendar days from receipt of notification to cure the specified deficiencies and return a complete Data Form to the Agency. Failure to do so will result in a determination that the *[proposal]*



[submission] is non-responsive. Receipt of notification is defined as the day notice is e-mailed or faxed (if the proposer has provided an e-mail address or fax number), or no later than five (5) days from the date of mailing or upon delivery, if delivered.

### **Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider**

Local Law Nos. 30 and 33 of 2012, codified at sections 6-132 and 12-113 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act, protect employees of certain City contractors from adverse personnel action based on whistleblower activity relating to a City contract and require contractors to post a notice informing employees of their rights. Please read Appendix A, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider, carefully.

### **Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act**

Pursuant to State Finance Law Section 165-a and General Municipal Law Section 103-g, the City is prohibited from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Each proposer is required to complete the attached Bidders Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act, certifying that it is not on a list of entities engaged in investments activities in Iran created by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services. If a proposer appears on that list, the Agency will be able to award a contract to such proposer only in situations where the proposer is taking steps to cease its investments in Iran or where the proposer is a necessary sole source. Please refer to Attachment\_ for information on the Iran Divestment Act required for this solicitation and instructions on how to complete the required form and to <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/About/regs/ida.asp> for additional information concerning the list of entities.

### **Subcontractor Compliance Notice**

The selected vendor will be required to utilize the City's web based system to identify all subcontractors in order to obtain subcontractor approval pursuant to PPB Rule section 4-13, and will also be required to enter all subcontractor payment information and other related information in such system during the contract term. Please read Attachment J, the subcontractor compliance notice as it relates to competitive solicitations. The City's new web based subcontractor reporting system will be located on line at the Payee Information Portal at: <https://a127-pip.nyc.gov/webapp/PRDPCW/SelfService>.

### **HIRENYC and Reporting Requirements**

The Hiring and Employment Rider shall apply to contracts valued at \$1 million or more for all goods, services and construction except human services contracts that are subject to the Public Assistance Hiring Commitment Rider. The Rider describes the Hire NYC process and obligations, including reporting requirements throughout the life of the contract. The Hire NYC process requires contractors to enroll with the Hire NYC system within thirty days after the registration of the contract subject to this solicitation, to provide information regarding all entry to mid-level job opportunities arising from this contract and located in New York City, and to agree to interview qualified candidates from HireNYC for those opportunities. The Rider also includes reporting requirements unrelated to HireNYC. (See Attachment N)

### **Paid Sick Leave Law Contract Rider**

The Earned Sick Time Act, also known as the Paid Sick Leave Law (“PSLL”), requires covered employees who annually perform more than 80 hours of work in New York City to be provided with paid sick time. Contractors of the City of New York [or of other governmental entities] may be required to provide sick time pursuant to the PSLL. Appendix A, the Paid Sick Leave Law Rider, will be included in any contract awarded from this RFP and will incorporate the PSLL as a material term of such a contract. Please read Appendix A carefully.

#### **SECTION IV - FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL**

**Instructions:** Proposers should provide all information required in the format below. Pages should be paginated. The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of its content, not length. In addition, proposers should submit a CD-ROM containing an electronic copy of all hardcopy documents submitted in response to this RFP. Failure to comply with any of these instructions will not make the proposal non-responsive. In order to facilitate distribution of the Proposals to the Selection Committee members, Proposers shall include a PDF/A-compliant soft copy of the entire Proposal on a CD-/R or on a flash drive.

All responses to this RFP are to be prepared and submitted at the proposer's expense. The City will not pay any costs incurred by proposers in connection with site visits, printing of proposals, oral presentations, proof of concept demonstrations or any other activities associated with the preparation, submission, or evaluation of proposals solicited by this RFP.

A vendor may submit more than one proposal, but each should satisfy the mandatory requirements of this RFP as applicable. Alternate proposals may be used to present different products, different configurations of a given product, or functional enhancements not presented in a vendor's initial proposal. All alternative proposals should be presented as separate files and clearly identified and must be submitted together with the mandatory proposal.

The City will base its evaluation entirely on information presented in each vendor's written proposal and in any additional written or oral presentations and proof of concept demonstrations that may be requested from a given proposer. When preparing proposals, vendors should assume that the City has no previous knowledge of their products or capabilities. Proposers' descriptions of products and services should be clearly written and presented in sufficient detail to permit accurate evaluation by the City. Emphasis should be placed on clear, complete presentation of factual information.

All sections of a vendor's proposal should be prepared and submitted in a straightforward, economical manner. The first page of each proposal should be clearly labeled with the proposer's name, the name of a contact person within the proposer's organization, and the proposer's mailing address, telephone number, and email address.

While the City does not impose a limit on the length of proposals, brevity is encouraged. Informative content and clarity of presentation are more important than quantity of pages.

Embellishments that improve a proposal's appearance without affecting its content are strongly discouraged.

Proposers' responses should be prepared specifically for this RFP and address the points raised herein. Prewritten product descriptions and promotional materials, presented without reference to this RFP, are not acceptable. Technical specification sheets, product brochures, and similar materials, where provided, should be included in an appendix. Such materials should be included only to the extent that they directly pertain to information presented in the vendor's proposal.

## **A. Proposal Format**

### **1. Proposal Cover Letter**

The Proposal Cover Letter form (Attachment A) transmits the proposer's Proposal Package to the Agency. It should be completed, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the proposer.

### **2. Technical Proposal**

The Technical Proposal is a clear, concise narrative which addresses the following:

#### **a. Experience**

Describe the successful relevant experience of the proposer, each proposed sub-contractor if any, and the proposed key staff in providing the work described in Section III of this RFP. A minimum of 3 years' experience is required. Specifically address the following:

- Experience in developing, hosting, and maintaining a web-based platform with payment services. Provide a brief explanation of the website services provided and the number of payments that are/were processed daily/monthly/annually?
- The Proposer must provide a minimum of three (3) relevant references (preferably from a substantial City government), including the name of the reference, a brief statement describing the relationship between the Proposer and the reference, and the name, title and telephone number of a contact person at the reference. Please obtain prior approval for the City to contact the references.

In addition:

- Attach a listing of at least three relevant references, including the name of the reference entity, a brief statement describing the relationship between the proposer or proposed sub-contractor, as applicable, and the reference entity, and the name, title and telephone number of a contact person at the reference entity, for the proposer and each proposed sub-contractor if any.
- Attach for each key staff position a resume and/or description of the qualifications that will be required. (In addition, provide a statement certifying that the proposed key staff will be available for the duration of the project.)

#### **b. Organizational Capability**

Demonstrate the proposer's organizational technical, managerial and financial capability to provide the work described in Section III. Specifically address the following:

- Demonstrate your organization's technical expertise and capability to process the Real Estate Tax payments accurately and on time every day without interruption.

In addition:

- Attach a chart showing where, or an explanation of how, the proposed services will fit into the proposer's organization.
- Attach copies of the proposer's last three (3) years' audit reports or certified financial statements, or a statement as to why no report or statement is available.

### **c. Proposed Approach**

Describe in detail how the proposer will provide the work described in Section III of this RFP and demonstrate that the proposed approach will fulfill the Agency's goals and objectives. Specifically address the following:

1. Describe the capability in providing required account creation and maintenance services.
2. Demonstrate how the account creation will appear to the taxpayer.
3. Describe the capability bill present and payment services.
4. Demonstrate how the bill presentment and payment services will appear to the taxpayer.
5. Describe the capability of supporting multiple web-browsers.
6. Describe the functionality of adding notifications and banner headers to web-based payment portal pages and if Agency will be provided with the capability to add the notifications and banners.
7. Describe the capability of providing a mobile design of the web-based payment portal.
8. Demonstrate how the mobile solution will appear to the taxpayer.
9. Describe the capability to notify taxpayers of no-good ACH Debit payments.
10. Detail the web-based solution allowing Agency personnel to search for and review payments entered on the web portal.
11. Describe the capability to take in and process inbound files from the Agency.
12. Describe the capability to take in and process inbound files from the Agency's depository bank.
13. Describe how the agency will be able to retrieve images of vouchers, checks, tax forms, and correspondence.
14. Describe the capability to generate and send payment and return item files to the Agency.
15. Describe the capability to generate and send payment files to the Agency's payment reconciler.
16. Describe the capability to generate and send ACH Debit files to the Agency's depository bank.
17. Describe the report that will be made available.
18. Detail the online services available viewing reports.
19. Describe the steps taken to ensure the accuracy of all data contained in any file transmission sent to the Agency, the payment reconciler, and the bank.
20. Detail the continuity of business should the proposer lose access to its primary site.
21. Designate a customer service manager fully versed on the Agency's operations.
22. Provide the Agency with access to any third-party vendor involved with the services requested in this proposal.
23. Describe how the Agency will be invoiced for services rendered.
24. Describe the change request process.
25. Explain how, during the term of the anticipated contract, any alternate solutions or future enhancements the proposers make to improve processing will be communicated to the Agency and how all cost reductions will be incorporated into the proposer's pricing to the Agency.
26. Detail any reoccurring/periodic downtime for the proposer's operations that could affect the Agency's continuity of business.
27. Explain how transition services will be provided to the Agency at the contract's end.

The Agency's assumptions regarding contractor approach represent what the Agency believes to be most likely to achieve its goals and objectives. However, proposers are encouraged to propose an approach that they believe will most likely achieve the Agency's goals and objectives. Proposers may also propose more than one approach. However, if an alternative approach affects other areas of the proposal such as experience, organizational capability or price, that alternative approach should be submitted as a complete and separate proposal in addition to the mandatory proposal, providing all the information specified in Section III of this RFP.

### **3. Price Proposal**

Proposers are encouraged to propose innovative payment structures. The Agency reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City's best interest. For the purposes of comparison, proposers should submit a Price Proposal that meets the standards and format in Appendix B.

### **4. Acknowledgment of Addenda**

The Acknowledgment of Addenda form (Attachment B) serves as the proposer's acknowledgment of the receipt of addenda to this RFP which may have been issued by the Agency prior to the Proposal Due Date and Time, as set forth in Section I (D), above. The proposer should complete this form as instructed on the form.

## **B. Proposal Package Contents ("Checklist")**

The Proposal Package should contain the following materials. Proposers should utilize this section as a "checklist" to assure completeness prior to submitting their proposal to the Agency. If Proposers are submitting hard copy proposals by mail or in-person, proposers are reminded to include a PDF/A-compliant soft copy of the entire Proposal on a Recordable CD (CD-R or CD+R), or on a flash drive. Proposers submitting their proposals by email should also follow the following naming format for file submissions.

1. A sealed inner envelope labeled "Program Proposal," containing one original set and five (5) copies of duplicate sets of the documents listed below in the following order:

- Proposal Cover Letter and Form (Attachment A)
- Technical Proposal
  - Narrative
  - References for the Proposer and, if applicable, each Sub-Contractor
  - Minimum Qualification Requirement of this RFP. If proposer is a bank, it must be a:
    - Commercial bank designated as a depository bank in good standing by the New York City Banking Commission.
  - Resumes and/or Description of Qualifications for Key Staff Positions
  - Organizational Chart
  - Audit Report or Certified Financial Statement or a statement as to why no report or statement is available

2. A separate sealed inner envelope labeled "Price Proposal" containing one original set and five (5) duplicate sets of the Price Proposal.

- Price Proposal Form (Attachment C)

3. A third sealed inner envelope containing:
  - “Subcontractor Utilization Plan” (Attachment   K  , Schedule B, Part II) or;
  - Approved Waiver of Target Subcontracting Percentage (Attachment   K  , Schedule B, Part III) or;
  - “Subcontractor Utilization Plan” (Attachment   K  , Schedule B, Part II) and Approved **Partial** Waiver of Target Subcontracting Percentage (Attachment   K  , Schedule B, Part III)
4. A fourth sealed inner envelope labeled “Doing Business Data Form” containing an original, completed Doing Business Data Form (see Attachment E).
5. A fifth sealed inner envelope labeled “Forms” containing an original, completed set of the following documents listed below in the following order:
  - a. Acknowledgement of Addenda (Attachment B)
  - b. Affirmation (Attachment D)
  - c. Electronic Funds Transfer (Attachment F)
  - d. Iran Divestment Act Rider (Attachment I)
6. A sealed outer envelope, enclosing the five (5) sealed inner envelopes. The sealed outer envelope should have two labels containing:
  - The proposer’s name and address, the Title and PIN # of this RFP and the name and telephone number of the Proposer’s Contact Person.
  - The name, title and address of the Authorized Agency Contact Person.

Other forms required to be completed

Following identification of the apparent winner, other forms are required to be completed and shall be submitted within ten (10) business days of the City’s request for their submission. These forms include:

- i. An “Acknowledgement by Individual / Corporation / Partnership”
- ii. VENDEX Questionnaires (the “Vendor Questionnaire” and the “Principal Questionnaire”), or a “Certification of No Change”. Pursuant to Administrative Code §6-116.2 and the New York City Procurement Policy Board Rules (9RCNY §2-08), bidders may be obligated to submit completed VENDEX questionnaires. Generally if this bid is \$100,000 or more, or if this bid when added to the sum total of all contracts, concessions and franchises the bidder has received from the City, and any subcontracts received from City contractors over the past twelve months, equals or exceeds \$100,000, VENDEX questionnaires should be completed and submitted. If completed VENDEX questionnaires have been filed with the City within the previous 36 months, and there are no changes to any response contained in the VENDEX questionnaires in the current submission, the bidder may submit an Affidavit of No Change in lieu of completing additional VENDEX questionnaires. If changes have occurred, the bidder is required to submit a changed questionnaire. Any questions concerning this requirement should be submitted to the contact person for this Contract. For additional information, see also [www.NYC.gov/vendex](http://www.NYC.gov/vendex).
- iii. Division of Labor Services “Employment Report”. In accordance with Executive Order No. 50 (1980), as modified by Executive Order No. 108 (1986), the filing of a completed Employment Report is a requirement of doing business with the City of New York if the Contractor meets all of the following conditions:
  - a) The Contractor has been identified as the apparent winner;
  - b) The Contract value exceeds \$100,000;
  - c) The Contractor employs 50 or more people;

Suppliers, subcontractors, and vendors performing work on the Contract who meet conditions b) and c) should file an Employment Report. For additional information, see also <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/procurement/dls.shtml>

Contractors who have fewer than 50 employees need only submit a “Less Than 50 Employees Certificate”. Any subcontractor, supplier or vendor having fewer than 50 employees need only submit a “Less Than 50 Employees Certificate”.

iv. Proof of insurance (insurance certificates, policies, and endorsements).

#### Ownership of Proposals

All Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals become the property of the City of New York. Proposals shall not be returned.



## **SECTION V - PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD PROCEDURES**

### **A. Evaluation Procedures**

All proposals accepted by the Department will be reviewed to determine whether they are responsive or non-responsive to the requisites of this RFP. Proposals that are determined by the Department to be non-responsive will be rejected. The Department's Evaluation Committee will evaluate and rate all remaining proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria prescribed below. The proposals will be ranked in order of highest to lowest technical score and the agency will establish a shortlist through a natural break in scores after applying a 10% quantitative preference of total technical points earned to proposals submitted by New York State or City certified M/WBEs. The quantitative preference will be applied to the 90% scale for the technical evaluation as stated in Section B below. Then, only short-listed vendors will have their price proposals opened and reviewed by the evaluation committee. The Department reserves the right to conduct interviews and/or to request that proposers make presentations and/or demonstrations, as the Department deems applicable and appropriate. Although discussions may be conducted with proposers submitting acceptable proposals, the Department reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of initial proposals received, without discussions; therefore, the proposer's initial proposal should contain its best technical and price terms.

### **B. Evaluation Criteria**

The Agency's evaluation committee will review and rate the responsive proposals based on the Proposal Evaluation Criteria described below:

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| • Demonstrated quantity and quality of successful relevant experience | <b>35%</b> |
| • Demonstrated level of organizational capability                     | <b>20%</b> |
| • Quality of proposed approach  | <b>35%</b> |
| • Proposed Price  | <b>10%</b> |

Points will be awarded for cost proposals for this RFP according to the rating scale below:

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| 1. Proposal with Lowest Price           | 10 points |
| 2. Proposals within 5% of low proposal  | 8 points  |
| 3. Proposals within 10% of low proposal | 6 points  |
| 4. Proposals within 15% of low proposal | 4 points  |
| 5. Others                               | 2 points  |

### **C. Basis for Contract Award**

A contract will be awarded to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration the price and the criteria set forth in this RFP above, specifically, the proposer's quantity and quality of successful relevant experience; level of organizational capacity; and quality of proposed approach as these factors pertain to the services outlined and described by the City in Sections II and III. The Agency shall award to the responsible proposer whose proposal achieves the highest technical rating and whose prices are deemed to be fair and reasonable. The Agency will proceed to negotiate with the next highest ranked Proposer should negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer fail. Contract award shall be subject to the timely completion of contract negotiations between the Department and the selected proposer.

## **SECTION VI - GENERAL INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS**

**A. Complaints.** The New York City Comptroller is charged with the audit of contracts in New York City. Any proposer who believes that there has been unfairness, favoritism or impropriety in the proposal process should inform the Comptroller, Office of Contract Administration, 1 Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, NY 10007; [contract@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:contract@comptroller.nyc.gov), or at (212) 669-2323. In addition, the New York City Department of Investigation should be informed of such complaints at its Investigations Division, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038; the telephone number is (212) 825-5959.

**B. Applicable Laws.** This Request for Proposals and the resulting contract award(s), if any, unless otherwise stated, are subject to all applicable provisions of New York State Law, the New York City Administrative Code, New York City Charter and New York City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. A copy of the PPB Rules may be obtained by contacting the PPB at (212) 788-0010 or at:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mocs/ppb/html/home/home.shtml>.

**C. General Contract Provisions.** Contracts shall be subject to New York City's general contract provisions, in substantially the form that they appear in "Appendix A—General Provisions Governing Contracts for Consultants, Professional and Technical Services" or, if the Agency utilizes other than the formal Appendix A, in substantially the form that they appear in the Agency's general contract provisions. A copy of the applicable document is available through the Authorized Agency Contact Person.

**D. Contract Award.** Contract award is subject to each of the following applicable conditions and any others that may apply: New York City Fair Share Criteria; New York City MacBride Principles Law; submission by the proposer of the requisite New York City Department of Business Services/Division of Labor Services Employment Report and certification by that office; submission by the proposer of the requisite VENDEX Questionnaires/Affidavits of No Change and review of the information contained therein by the New York City Department of Investigation; all other required oversight approvals; applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws and executive orders requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity; and Section 6-108.1 of the New York City Administrative Code relating to the Local Based Enterprises program and its implementation rules.

**E. Proposer Appeal Rights.** Pursuant to New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, proposers have the right to appeal Agency non-responsiveness determinations and Agency non-responsibility determinations and to protest an Agency's determination regarding the solicitation or award of a contract.

**F. Multi-Year Contracts.** Multi-year contracts are subject to modification or cancellation if adequate funds are not appropriated to the Agency to support continuation of performance in any City fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year and/or if the contractor's performance is not satisfactory. The Agency will notify the contractor as soon as is practicable that the funds are, or are not, available for the continuation of the multi-year contract for each succeeding City fiscal year. In the event of cancellation, the contractor will be reimbursed for those costs, if any, which are so provided for in the contract.

**G. Prompt Payment Policy.** Pursuant to the New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, it is the policy of the City to process contract payments efficiently and expeditiously.

**H. Prices Irrevocable.** Prices proposed by the proposer shall be irrevocable until contract award, unless the proposal is withdrawn. Proposals may only be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the Agency prior to contract award but after the expiration of 90 days after the opening of proposals. This shall not limit the

discretion of the Agency to request proposers to revise proposed prices through the submission of best and final offers and/or the conduct of negotiations.

**I. Confidential, Proprietary Information or Trade Secrets.** Proposers should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification of why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the City. Such information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal. All information not so identified may be disclosed by the City.

**J. RFP Postponement/Cancellation.** The Agency reserves the right to postpone or cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, and to reject all proposals.

**K. Proposer Costs.** Proposers will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred to prepare proposals.

**L. Vendex Fees.** Pursuant to PPB Rule 2-08(f)(2), the contractor will be charged a fee for the administration of the Vendex system, including the Vendor Name Check Process, if a Vendor Name Check review is required to be conducted by the Department of Investigation. The contractor shall also be required to pay the applicable fees for any of its subcontractors for which Vendor Name Check reviews are required. The fee(s) will be deducted from payments made to the contractor under the contract. For contracts with an estimated value of less than or equal to \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$175. For contracts with an estimated value of greater than \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$350. The estimated value for each contract resulting from this RFP is estimated to be (less than or equal to \$1million) (above \$1million).

**M. Charter Section 312(a) Certification**

  X   The Agency has determined that the contract(s) to be awarded through this Request for Proposals will not result in the displacement of any New York City employee within this Agency. See attached Displacement Determination Form.

       The contract to be awarded through this Request for Proposals is a task order contract that does not simultaneously result in the award of a first task order; a displacement determination will be made in conjunction with the issuance of each task order pursuant to such task order contract. Determinations for any subsequent task orders will be made in conjunction with such subsequent task orders.

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(Agency Chief Contracting Officer)

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Date

## **SECTION VI - GENERAL INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS**

**A. Complaints.** The New York City Comptroller is charged with the audit of contracts in New York City. Any proposer who believes that there has been unfairness, favoritism or impropriety in the proposal process should inform the Comptroller, Office of Contract Administration, 1 Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, NY 10007; [contract@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:contract@comptroller.nyc.gov), or at (212) 669-2323. In addition, the New York City Department of Investigation should be informed of such complaints at its Investigations Division, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038; the telephone number is (212) 825-5959.

**B. Applicable Laws.** This Request for Proposals and the resulting contract award(s), if any, unless otherwise stated, are subject to all applicable provisions of New York State Law, the New York City Administrative Code, New York City Charter and New York City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. A copy of the PPB Rules may be obtained by contacting the PPB at (212) 788-0010 or at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mocs/ppb/html/home/home.shtml>.

**C. General Contract Provisions.** Contracts shall be subject to New York City's general contract provisions, in substantially the form that they appear in "Appendix A—General Provisions Governing Contracts for Consultants, Professional and Technical Services" or, if the Agency utilizes other than the formal Appendix A, in substantially the form that they appear in the Agency's general contract provisions. A copy of the applicable document is available through the Authorized Agency Contact Person.

**D. Contract Award.** Contract award is subject to each of the following applicable conditions and any others that may apply: New York City Fair Share Criteria; New York City MacBride Principles Law; submission by the proposer of the requisite New York City Department of Business Services/Division of Labor Services Employment Report and certification by that office; submission by the proposer of the requisite VENDEX Questionnaires/Affidavits of No Change and review of the information contained therein by the New York City Department of Investigation; all other required oversight approvals; applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws and executive orders requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity; and Section 6-108.1 of the New York City Administrative Code relating to the Local Based Enterprises program and its implementation rules.

**E. Proposer Appeal Rights.** Pursuant to New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, proposers have the right to appeal Agency non-responsiveness determinations and Agency non-responsibility determinations and to protest an Agency's determination regarding the solicitation or award of a contract.

**F. Multi-Year Contracts.** Multi-year contracts are subject to modification or cancellation if adequate funds are not appropriated to the Agency to support continuation of performance in any City fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year and/or if the contractor's performance is not satisfactory. The Agency will notify the contractor as soon as is practicable that the funds are, or are not, available for the continuation of the multi-year contract for each succeeding City fiscal year. In the event of cancellation, the contractor will be reimbursed for those costs, if any, which are so provided for in the contract.

**G. Prompt Payment Policy.** Pursuant to the New York City's Procurement Policy Board Rules, it is the policy of the City to process contract payments efficiently and expeditiously.

**H. Prices Irrevocable.** Prices proposed by the proposer shall be irrevocable until contract award, unless the proposal is withdrawn. Proposals may only be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the Agency prior to contract award but after the expiration of 90 days after the opening of proposals. This shall not limit the

discretion of the Agency to request proposers to revise proposed prices through the submission of best and final offers and/or the conduct of negotiations.

**I. Confidential, Proprietary Information or Trade Secrets.** Proposers should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification of why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the City. Such information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal. All information not so identified may be disclosed by the City.

**J. RFP Postponement/Cancellation.** The Agency reserves the right to postpone or cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, and to reject all proposals.

**K. Proposer Costs.** Proposers will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred to prepare proposals.

**L. Vendex Fees.** Pursuant to PPB Rule 2-08(f)(2), the contractor will be charged a fee for the administration of the Vendex system, including the Vendor Name Check Process, if a Vendor Name Check review is required to be conducted by the Department of Investigation. The contractor shall also be required to pay the applicable fees for any of its subcontractors for which Vendor Name Check reviews are required. The fee(s) will be deducted from payments made to the contractor under the contract. For contracts with an estimated value of less than or equal to \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$175. For contracts with an estimated value of greater than \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$350. The estimated value for each contract resulting from this RFP is estimated to be (less than or equal to \$1million) (above \$1million).

**M. Charter Section 312(a) Certification**

  X   The Agency has determined that the contract(s) to be awarded through this Request for Proposals will not result in the displacement of any New York City employee within this Agency. See attached Displacement Determination Form.

       The contract to be awarded through this Request for Proposals is a task order contract that does not simultaneously result in the award of a first task order; a displacement determination will be made in conjunction with the issuance of each task order pursuant to such task order contract. Determinations for any subsequent task orders will be made in conjunction with such subsequent task orders.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Agency Chief Contracting Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Message from the New York City Vendor Enrollment Center**  
**Get on mailing lists for New York City contract opportunities!**

**Message from New York City's Department of Small Business Services**

The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) offers One-on-One Technical Assistance to businesses that are interested in bidding on City contracts for the following goods and services: construction, construction related, standardized and architectural and engineering. If you plan on bidding on this or any other City contract, contact SBS to schedule an appointment. The Department of Small Business Services will meet with you to review your particular proposal or submission, and provide feedback and guidance to help you submit the best proposal possible.

To schedule One-on-One Technical Assistance, email [techassist@sbs.nyc.gov](mailto:techassist@sbs.nyc.gov) and an SBS representative will contact you.

- PTAC offers individualized assistance and training to help M/WBEs contract with New York City, New York State and the Federal Government.

Services include:

- Introduction to Government Contracting
- Small Business Certifications
- Doing Business with General Services Administration (GSA)
- Navigating System for Award Management (SAM)
- Contract Accounting
- Response to RFPs/Proposal Writing
- Teaming Arrangements and Subcontracting

**NYC Online Directory of Certified Businesses**

If you are a prime contractor and require assistance in finding NYC Certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program companies, please visit the NYC Online Directory of Certified Businesses at [www.nyc.gov/buycertified](http://www.nyc.gov/buycertified). The NYC Online Directory of Certified Businesses is a searchable list of M/WBE certified businesses across the New York City area. You can find details and contact information about these firms, as well as what these companies sell or provide.

**Contract Financing Loan Fund:**

- M/WBEs and small businesses can access low-interest loans to help them win, take on, and perform on NYC contracts, including purchasing equipment and hiring employees.
- Sizes and Terms of Loans:
  - Loans are up to \$500,000
  - Interest is capped at 3% annual interest rate; closing fees apply
  - Repayment terms will be timed to align with NYC contract payment schedules to help businesses with cash flow. In some cases, the contract payments will be assigned directly to the lender from the NYC agency or prime contractor.

For more information go to [www.nyc.gov/contractfinancing](http://www.nyc.gov/contractfinancing)

***Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PASSPort) Disclosure Filing (formerly known as Vendor Information Exchange System (VENDEX) Forms or Certificate of No Change)***

All organizations intending to do business with the City of New York should complete an online disclosure process to be considered for a contract. This disclosure process was formerly completed using Vendor Information Exchange System (VENDEX) paper-based forms. In anticipation of awards, proposers to the Replacement of the Digital Tax Map RFP must create online accounts in the new Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PASSPort) and file all disclosure information. **Paper submissions, including certifications of no changes to existing VENDEX packages will not be accepted in lieu of complete online filings.**

For more information about PASSPort, please visit [nyc.gov/passport](https://nyc.gov/passport)

**ATTACHMENT A  
PROPOSAL COVER LETTER**

**RFP TITLE:** Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal

**E-PIN:** 83620P0006

**Proposer:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tax Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposer's Contact  
Person:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposer's Authorized  
Representative:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the response printed on both sides, on recycled paper containing the minimum percentage of recovered fiber content as requested by the City in the instructions to this solicitation?

☐

**Yes**

☐

**No**



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

**Proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-PIN: 83620P0006**

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**COMPLETE PART I OR PART II, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE.**

PART I: List below the dates of issuance for **each addendum received** in connection with this RFP:

ADDENDUM #1 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #2 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #3 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #4 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #5 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #6 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #7 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADDENDUM #8 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

PART II: Check, if applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RFP.

DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER (NAME): \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER (SIGNATURE): \_\_\_\_\_

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **Format for Price Proposal**

Please reference Excel file named *Appendix B – RFP\_Pricing Worksheet Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal (NYCePay)* for required pricing sheet. Proposers are required to provide all pricing relevant to this type of project. Price proposals must use the RFP provided format for submitting their pricing details.

**ATTACHMENT D**

***AFFIRMATION***

The undersigned contractor affirms and declares that said proposer or bidder is not in arrears to the City of New York upon debt, contract or taxes and is not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon obligation to the City of New York, and has not been declared not responsible, or disqualified, by any agency of the City of New York, nor is there any proceeding pending relating to the responsibility or qualification of the contractor to receive public contracts except \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE BOX AND INCLUDE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

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A - Individual or Sole Proprietorship\*

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

— — — — —

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B - Partnership, Joint Venture or other unincorporated organization

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

— — — — —

☐

C - Corporation

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

— — — — —

By \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

If a corporation, place seal here

Must be signed by an officer or duly authorized representative.

\_\_\_\_\_

\* Under the Federal Privacy Act, the furnishing of Social Security Numbers by bidders on City contracts is voluntary. Failure to provide a Social Security Number will not result in a bidder's disqualification. Social Security Numbers will be used to identify bidders, proposers or vendors to ensure their compliance with laws, to assist the City in enforcement of laws, as well as to provide the City a means of identifying businesses which seek City contracts.

## ATTACHMENT E

# Doing Business Data Form

To be completed by the City agency prior to distribution

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction ID \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One**

**Transaction Type (check one)**

☐ Proposal ☐ Award ☐ Concession ☐ Economic Development Agreement ☐ Franchise ☐ Grant ☐ Pension Investment Contract ☐ Contract

Any entity receiving, applying for or proposing on an award or agreement must complete a Doing Business Data Form (see Q&A sheet for more information). Please either type responses directly into this fillable form or print answers by hand in black ink, and be sure to fill out the certification box on the last page. **Submission of a complete and accurate form is required for a proposal to be considered responsive or for any entity to receive an award or enter into an agreement.**

This Data Form requires information to be provided on principal officers, owners and senior managers. The name, employer and title of each person identified on the Data Form will be included in a public database of people who do business with the City of New York, as will the organizations that own 10% or more of the entity. No other information reported on this form will be disclosed to the public. **This Data Form is not related to the City's PASSPort registration or VENDEX requirements.**

**Please return the completed Data Form to the City office that supplied it.** Please contact the Doing Business Accountability Project at [DoingBusiness@mocs.nyc.gov](mailto:DoingBusiness@mocs.nyc.gov) or 212-788-8104 with any questions regarding this Data Form. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Entity Information

*If you are completing this form by hand, please print clearly.*

Entity EIN/TIN \_\_\_\_\_ Entity Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Filing Status**

**NEW:** Data Forms submitted now must include the listing of **organizations**, as well as individuals, with 10% or more ownership of the entity. Until such certification of ownership is submitted through a change, new or update form, a no change form will not be accepted.

**(Select One)**

- ☐ Entity has never completed a Doing Business Data Form. Fill out the entire form.
- ☐ Change from previous Data Form dated \_\_\_\_\_. Fill out only those sections that have changed, and indicate the name of the persons who no longer hold positions with the entity.
- ☐ No Change from previous Data Form dated \_\_\_\_\_. Skip to the bottom of the last page.

Entity is a Non-Profit ☐ Yes ☐ No

Entity Type ☐ Corporation (any type) ☐ Joint Venture ☐ LLC ☐ Partnership (any type) ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Provide your e-mail address in order to receive notices regarding this form by e-mail.*

## Principal Officers

Please fill in the required identification information for each officer listed below. If the entity has no such officer or its equivalent, please check "This position does not exist." If the entity is filing a Change Form and the person listed is replacing someone who was previously disclosed, please check "This person replaced..." and fill in the name of the person being replaced so his/her name can be removed from the *Doing Business Database*, and indicate the date that the change became effective.

### Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or equivalent officer

☐ This position does not exist

*The highest ranking officer or manager, such as the President, Executive Director, Sole Proprietor or Chairperson of the Board.*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This person replaced former CEO \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or equivalent officer

☐ This position does not exist

*The highest ranking financial officer, such as the Treasurer, Comptroller, Financial Director or VP for Finance.*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This person replaced former CFO \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

### Chief Operating Officer (COO) or equivalent officer

☐ This position does not exist

*The highest ranking operational officer, such as the Chief Planning Officer, Director of Operations or VP for Operations.*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This person replaced former COO \_\_\_\_\_ on date \_\_\_\_\_

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*For information or assistance, please contact the Doing Business Accountability Project at [DoingBusiness@mocs.nyc.gov](mailto:DoingBusiness@mocs.nyc.gov) or 212-788-8104.*

## Principal Owners

Please fill in the required identification information for all individuals or organizations that, through stock shares, partnership agreements or other means, **own or control 10% or more of the entity**. If no individual or organization owners exist, please check the appropriate box to indicate why and skip to the **Senior Managers** section. If the entity is owned by other companies that control 10% or more of the entity, those companies must be listed. If an owner was identified on the previous page, fill in his/her name and write "See above." If the entity is filing a Change Form, list any individuals or organizations that are no longer owners at the bottom of this section. If more space is needed, attach additional pages labeled "Additional Owners."

### There are no owners listed because (select one):

☐ The entity is not-for-profit ☐ The entity is an individual ☐ No individual or organization owns 10% or more of the entity

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Owners (who own or control 10% or more of the entity)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Organization Owners (that own or control 10% or more of the entity)

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Remove the following previously-reported Principal Owners

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Removal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Removal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Removal Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Managers

Please fill in the required identification information for all senior managers who oversee any of the entity's relevant transactions with the City (e.g., contract managers if this form is for a contract award/proposal, grant managers if for a grant, etc.). Senior managers include anyone who, either by title or duties, has substantial discretion and high-level oversight regarding the solicitation, letting or administration of any transaction with the City. At least one senior manager must be listed, or the Data Form will be considered incomplete. If a senior manager has been identified on a previous page, fill in his/her name and write "See above." If the entity is filing a Change Form, list individuals who are no longer senior managers at the bottom of this section. If more space is needed, attach additional pages labeled "Additional Senior Managers."

### Senior Managers

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Title \_\_\_\_\_ Employer (if not employed by entity) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Remove the following previously-reported Senior Managers

Name \_\_\_\_\_ removal date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ removal date \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification

I certify that the information submitted on these two pages and \_\_\_\_\_ additional pages is accurate and complete. I understand that willful or fraudulent submission of a materially false statement may result in the entity being found non-responsible and therefore denied future City awards.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Entity Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the City agency that supplied it to you, not to the Doing Business Accountability Project.

Standard Form



**What is the purpose of the Doing Business Data Form (DBDF)?**

To collect accurate, up-to-date identification information about organizations that have business dealings with the City of New York in order to comply with Local Law 34 of 2007 (LL 34), a campaign finance reform law. LL 34 limits municipal campaign contributions from principal officers, owners and senior managers of entities doing business with the City and mandates the creation of a Doing Business Database to allow the City to enforce the law. The information requested in this DBDF must be provided, regardless of whether the organization or the people associated with it make or intend to make campaign contributions. No sensitive personal information collected will be disclosed to the public.

**Why have I received this DBDF?**

The contract, franchise, concession, grant or economic development agreement you are proposing on, applying for or have already been awarded is considered a business dealing with the City under LL 34. No proposal or application will be considered and no award will be made unless this DBDF is completed. Most transactions valued at more than \$5,000 are considered business dealings and require completion of the Doing Business Data Form. Exceptions include transactions awarded on an emergency basis or by "conventional" competitive sealed bid (i.e. bids that do not use a prequalified list or "Best Value" selection criteria.) Other types of transactions that are considered business dealings include real property and land use actions with the City.

**What individuals will be included in the Doing Business Database?**

The principal officers, owners and certain senior managers of organizations listed in the Doing Business Database are themselves considered to be doing business with the City and will be included in the Database.

- **Principal Officers** are the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Operating Officer, or their functional equivalents. See the DBDF for examples of titles that apply.
- **Principal Owners** are individuals who own or control 10% or more of the organization. This includes stockholders, partners and anyone else with an ownership or controlling interest in the entity.
- **Senior Managers** include anyone who, either by job title or actual duties, has substantial discretion and high-level oversight regarding the solicitation, letting or administration of any contract, concession, franchise, grant or economic development agreement with the City. At least one Senior Manager must be listed or the Data Form will be considered incomplete.

**NEW FOR 2018:** As of January 2018, the DBDF must report organizations, as well as individuals, that own 10% or more of the entity. A DBDF with such a certification, filed as a full (never filed before) or as a change form, must be submitted before an entity can then file a DBDF that indicates no changes since the previous form. Contact DBA at 212-788-8104 or at [doingbusiness@mocs.nyc.gov](mailto:doingbusiness@mocs.nyc.gov) to inquire if DBA has received such a form.

**I have already completed a Doing Business Data Form, do I have to submit another one?**

Yes. An organization is required to submit a DBDF each time it enters into a transaction considered a business dealing with the City, including contract, concession and franchise proposals. However, the DBDF has both a Change option, which requires only information that has changed since the last DBDF was filed, and a No Change option. No organization should have to fill out the entire DBDF more than once.

If you have already submitted a DBDF for one transaction type (such as a contract), and this is the first time you are completing a DBDF for a different transaction type (such as a grant), please select the Change option and complete Section 4 (Senior Managers) for the new transaction type.

**Will the personal information on the DBDF be available to the public?**

No. The names and titles of the officers, owners and senior managers reported on the DBDF will be made available to the public, as will information about the organization itself. However, personal identifying information, such as home address and date of birth, will not be disclosed to the public, and home address will not be used for communication purposes.



**I provided some of this information in PASSPort; do I have to provide it again?**

Yes. Although a Doing Business Data Form and PASSPort request some of the same information, they serve entirely different purposes. In addition, the DBDF requests information concerning senior managers, which is not in PASSPort.

**What organizations will be included in the Doing Business Database?**

Organizations that hold \$100,000 or more in grants, contracts for goods or services, franchises or concessions (\$500,000 for construction contracts), or that hold any economic development agreement or pension fund investment contract, are considered to be doing business with the City for the purposes of LL 34. Because all of the business that an organization does or proposes to do with the City will be added together, the DBDF must be completed for all transactions valued at more than \$5,000 even if the organization doesn't currently do enough business with the City to be listed in the Database.

**No one in my organization plans to contribute to a candidate; do I have to fill out this DBDF?**

Yes. All organizations are required to return this DBDF with complete and accurate information, regardless of the history or intention of the entity or its officers, owners or senior managers to make campaign contributions. The Doing Business Data Form must be complete so that the Campaign Finance Board can verify whether future contributions are in compliance with the law.

**My organization is proposing on a contract with another firm as a Joint Venture that does not exist yet; how should the Data Form be completed?**

A joint venture that does not yet exist must submit a DBDF for each of its component firms. If the joint venture receives the award, it must then complete a form in the name of the joint venture.

**How long will an organization and its officers, owners and senior managers remain listed on the Doing Business Database?**

- **Contract, Concession and Economic Development Agreement holders:** generally for the term of the transaction, plus one year.
- **Franchise and Grant holders:** from the commencement or renewal of the transaction, plus one year.
- **Pension investment contracts:** from the time of presentation on an investment opportunity or the submission of a proposal, whichever is earlier, until the end of the contract, plus one year.
- **Line item and discretionary appropriations:** from the date of budget adoption until the end of the contract, plus one year.
- **Contract proposers:** for one year from the proposal date or date of public advertisement of the solicitation, whichever is later.
- **Franchise and Concession proposers:** for one year from the proposal submission date.

For information on other transaction types, contact the Doing Business Accountability Project.

**How does a person remove him/herself from the Doing Business Database?**

When an organization stops doing business with the City, the people associated with it are removed from the Database automatically. However, any person who believes that s/he should not be listed may apply for removal. Reasons that a person would be removed include his/her no longer being the principal officer, owner or senior manager of the organization. Organizations may also update their database information by submitting an update form. Removal Request and Update forms are available online <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mocs/resources/forms.page> or by calling 212-788-8104.

**What are the campaign contribution limits for people doing business with the City?**

Contributions to City Council candidates are limited to \$250 per election cycle; \$320 to Borough President candidates; and \$400 to candidates for citywide office. Please contact the NYC Campaign Finance Board for more information at [www.nyccfb.info](http://www.nyccfb.info), or 212-306-7100.

**The DBDF is to be returned to the City office that issued it.**

If you have any questions about the Doing Business Data Form please contact the Doing Business Accountability Project at 212-788-8104 or [doingbusiness@mocs.nyc.gov](mailto:doingbusiness@mocs.nyc.gov).



**ATTACHMENT F**  
**Notice to Vendors**  
**New York City EFT/Direct Deposit Program**

The City is required by law to pay its vendors electronically if they have contracts to provide goods and services valued over \$25,000. Effective immediately all vendors doing business with the City of New York who are not enrolled in the EFT/Direct Deposit program must enroll **ONLINE** via the Payee Information Portal (PIP) at [www.nyc.gov/PIP](http://www.nyc.gov/PIP). Existing EFT enabled vendors with a PIP user ID and password can update their bank account information in PIP. New vendors doing business with the City of New York must create a new PIP account and vendor code, and then add a single bank account information for EFT/Direct Deposit. The Activation Quick Start Guide, EFT/Direct Deposit enrollment Guide and online EFT Enrollment eLearning tutorials are available at [www.nyc.gov/PIP](http://www.nyc.gov/PIP).

In accordance with Section 6-107.1 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Contractor agrees to accept payments under this Agreement from the City by electronic funds transfer. An electronic funds transfer is any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephonic instrument or computer or magnetic tape so as to order, instruct or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account. Prior to first payment made under this Agreement, Contractor shall designate one financial institution or other authorized payment agent and shall enroll online via the Payee Information Portal (PIP) to provide the City of New York with information necessary for Contractor to receive electronic funds transfer payments through the designated financial institution or authorized payment agent. The crediting of the amount of a payment to the appropriate account on the books of a financial institution or other authorized payment agent designated by the Contractor shall constitute full satisfaction by the City for the amount of the payment under this agreement. The account information supplied by the Contractor to facilitate the electronic funds transfer shall remain confidential to the fullest extent provided by law.

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- ☐ I agree to accept EFT and have enrolled online via the Payee Information Portal (PIP).
- ☐ I agree to accept EFT and will enroll online via the Payee Information Portal (PIP).
- ☐ I already receive payments via EFT.

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendors should contact the New York City Department of Finance at [EFT@Finance.nyc.gov](mailto:EFT@Finance.nyc.gov) if:**

- Multiple bank accounts to be enrolled
- You want to delete the EFT bank account currently enrolled in PIP
- Your business is a non-US business entity (foreign vendor)

***For assistance with the PIP System, please contact the PIP Help Desk at 212-857-1777 or [PIP@fisa-opa.nyc.gov](mailto:PIP@fisa-opa.nyc.gov).***

## **ATTACHMENT G**

### **CITY OF NEW YORK – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

Agreement to Adhere to the Secrecy and Confidentiality Provisions of the New York City Administrative Code, New York State Tax Law and the Internal Revenue Code.

##### City Tax Information

The Administrative Code of the City of New York (“Administrative Code”) imposes secrecy restrictions on:

- All officers, employees and agents of the Department of Finance (“DOF”).
- Any person engaged or retained by DOF on an independent contract basis.
- Any depository, its officers, and its employees, to which a return may be delivered.
- Any person who is permitted to inspect any report or return.
- Any person who in any manner may acquire knowledge of the contents of any report or return including:
- Contractors and workmen hired by DOF to work on its equipment, buildings or premises or to process returns or other papers.
- Visitors to DOF buildings or premises.

Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as otherwise provided by law, it is unlawful for anyone to divulge or make known in any manner the contents or any particulars set forth or disclosed in any report or return required under the Administrative Code.

Any unlawful disclosure of information by any of the above-mentioned persons is a criminal offense. City officers and employees making unlawful disclosures may be dismissed from office and barred from holding public office for a period of five years.

Social Security and Federal Employer Identification Numbers supplied by taxpayers pursuant to Administrative Code §11-102.1 and contained in information returns including but not limited to Owners Identification Forms are subject to tax secrecy and personal privacy laws and may not be disclosed.

Income and Expense Statements filed by property owners pursuant to Administrative Code §11-208.1 may not be disclosed to persons not authorized by §11-208.1(f) to receive such information.

##### Federal and State Tax Information

Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code contains secrecy provisions which apply to federal tax reports and returns. The New York State Tax Law contains secrecy provisions which apply to New York State tax returns and reports. Criminal and civil penalties are imposed on any person who makes an unauthorized disclosure of any information contained in a federal or state tax return or report.

##### Computer Files

Computer files and their contents are covered by the same standards and secrecy provisions of the Administrative Code, New York State Tax Law, and the Internal Revenue Code that apply to physical documents.

### Audit Selection

Unauthorized disclosure of confidential audit selection methods developed by DOF is strictly prohibited.

The undersigned has read and understands all of the secrecy and confidentiality provisions provided in this document and in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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I certify that I have read this document AND EXHIBIT A attached hereto and agree to adhere to the secrecy and confidentiality requirements contained in this document AND EXHIBIT A even after my relationship with DOF is terminated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXHIBIT A

#### CONFIDENTIALITY

#### A. Definitions

(1) City tax information shall mean any tax report or return or any other official filing with the Department.

(2) Confidential Information shall mean "Confidential administration information," "Confidential tax administration information," "Federal tax information," "City tax information and "State tax information".

(3) Confidential administration information shall mean information relating to the past, present or future research, development or business affairs of the Department and any proprietary products, materials, systems, procedures or methodologies.

(4) Confidential tax administration information shall mean any information in the possession of the Department not covered in the preceding paragraphs to the extent such information is known only to employees of the Department and is not of a type made available to others including but not limited to: audit selection tolerances, communications from taxpayers, information on how audits are done, tax compliance, enforcement and audit procedures, settlement criteria or guidelines, internal deliberations of the officers and employees of the Department, and systems documentation for the electronic data processing security operations of the Department including codes, logs and other details relating to the security of those operations.

(5) State tax information shall mean any tax report or return or any other official filing with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (State) furnished to the Department by the State.

(6) Federal tax information shall mean any tax return and/or return information furnished to the Department by the Internal Revenue Service.

B. Adherence to Secrecy Provisions and Security Procedures

(1) Contractor acknowledges that in the course of this Agreement it will have access to and/or be in possession of Confidential Information of the Department, City tax information, State tax information, Federal tax information, confidential administration information, and confidential tax administration information. Access to all such information shall be restricted to those personnel with a need to know, who are engaged in a permitted use and who have been advised of the terms of this Article. All work will be done under the supervision of the Contractor or the contractor's employees. Any confidential information, made available in any format, shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

(2) Tax Secrecy

(a) Notice of Secrecy Provisions of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (Administrative Code) and the State Tax Law. Contractor, its employees and all subcontractors and their employees shall be notified in writing of the secrecy provisions of the Administrative Code and the State Tax Law, including, but not limited to, Tax Law Sections 697(e) and 1825, which prohibit independent contractors from disclosing tax information in any manner, and understand that the existence and the contents of all tax reports and tax returns, or other information covered by such secrecy provisions may not be divulged or made known in any manner to any unauthorized person. Contractor hereby states that it is aware that violation of these secrecy provisions is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

(b) Notice of Secrecy Provisions of Internal Revenue Code (26 USC Section 6103). Contractor, its employees and all subcontractors and their employees shall be notified in writing of the secrecy provisions under the Internal Revenue Code. All employees shall also be notified in writing that such unauthorized divulgence of federal tax information by Contractor and its employees or subcontractors and their employees is punishable as a felony with a fine in an amount not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both together, plus the cost of prosecution. In addition, unauthorized disclosures may result in an award of civil damages in an amount not less than \$1,000.00 with respect to each instance of unauthorized disclosure.

Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision are intended to give notice to Contractor and its personnel and shall not be deemed to affect or expand the meaning, application or scope of the secrecy provisions therein referred to.

(c) When this project is over, and from time to time before its completion, as the Department may determine, the officers and employees of Contractor who view or otherwise have access to the Confidential Information defined herein shall turn over to the Department all written or computerized records of it in any form whatsoever, including computer tapes and/or disks. All spoilage and/or intermediate hard copy printouts that may result during the processing of confidential information will be given to the Department. When this is not possible, the Contractor will be responsible for the destruction of the spoilage and/or intermediate hard copy printouts, and must provide the Department with a statement containing the date of destruction, a description of material destroyed, and the method used.

(d) Employees of Contractor may not re-release or re-disclose confidential administration information, federal tax information, City tax information, State tax information, and confidential tax administration information to other employees of Contractor or Subcontractor(s) not personally and directly engaged in rendering service on

this project. Contractor, its employees or Subcontractor(s) and its employees will make no other disclosure except with the prior written approval of the Department.

e) Contractor will require each of its employees assigned to perform maintenance services hereunder to sign a Secrecy Agreement in the form attached hereto as Attachment G, acknowledging his/her understanding of the secrecy provisions of the Administrative Code of New York City, the State Tax Law, and the Internal Revenue Code and the penalties for improper disclosure. The agreements are to be forwarded to the Department with photostatic copies maintained at the premises of Contractor/Subcontractor prior to commencement of this Agreement. Secrecy agreements are to be updated as employees are assigned to Contractor for a period of three years following the expiration of this Agreement.

(f) Contractor shall be liable for the wrongful disclosure of any information attributable to it or its officers, employees, its subcontractors and its subcontractor's employees. Contractor shall fully cooperate with the Department in defense of any claims brought against the Department by reason of such wrongful disclosure.

### (3) Survival

This section shall survive termination of this Agreement for any reason.

## C. Security Procedures

In order to ensure that all confidential administration information, confidential tax administration information, federal, State or City tax information ("Confidential Information") received by Contractor from the Department is secured and that maximum control over the data is maintained, the following security procedures must be maintained at all times during which Contractor is in possession of such information.

(1) When not in use all Confidential Information must be stored in a separate, restricted area enclosed by slab-to-slab walls within the Contractor processing center, with control and access limited to the minimum number of persons necessary to perform the tasks assigned. A list containing the names and titles of persons with keys to the storage area, must be provided to the Department.

(2) Contractor agrees that only authorized personnel will be permitted to access confidential administration information, confidential tax administration information, federal, State and City tax information. A list of such personnel shall be provided to the Department and to the IRS. All Federal, State and City tax information must be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during and after processing. All related or derivative output must be given the same level of protection that is required for the source material. An audit trail of accesses to the information must be maintained and, at minimum, record log-in attempts, password changes, and files creations, changes and/or deletions. Audit trails must be reviewed regularly by authorized supervisory or security personnel who are not regular program users.

(3) While such Confidential Information is resident in computer memory, access to such Confidential Information must be limited to only authorized persons and used only for authorized applications.

(4) Authorized access codes/passwords are required to be employed (and safeguarded) to ensure that access is limited to authorized persons. Access codes/passwords must, at a minimum, be constructed, protected and administered in accordance with federal standards. The current standard is Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) 112, "Password Usage." The system may use any method which uniquely identifies users and requires proof of identify before accessing the system. Identification/authentication must be

an auditable function. All computer systems processing, storing, or transmitting confidential information must meet or exceed "C2" computer access protection controls.

(5) Whenever maintenance is to be performed on the computer system, all City and tax data files must be removed to the storage area. If that is not possible, an authorized employee must monitor the activities of the maintenance personnel in order to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of federal, State, or City tax information, confidential administration information or confidential tax administration information.

(6) Contractor must maintain sign in/sign out registers at each entrance to the file and storage areas. Each person entering the restricted file area who is not assigned to the area should sign in ink in the register, his/her name, signature, assigned work area, date and time of entry, and purpose of entry. The person controlling the entrance point should verify the name and signature by checking a valid form of personal identification and enter the time of departure from the area.

(7) Contractor shall not make or permit the making of copies of any written or computerized record of Confidential Information, including computer tapes and/or disks, for any purpose unless authorized by the Department of Finance, the State and the IRS.

(8) Upon completion of this project, Contractor agrees to return to the Department, the State and to the IRS all computer tapes, or at the Department's or at the IRS's option, destroy all such tapes. Within ten (10) days of completion of the work required hereunder, Contractor shall deliver to the Department and to the IRS a written statement certifying that all such tapes have been returned or destroyed, identifying each such returned or destroyed tape by tape reel number. Contractor must further certify that all confidential information processed during the performance of this Agreement will be completely purged from all data storage components of its computer facility, and that no output will be retained by Contractor at the time the work is completed. Contractor must also certify that any confidential information in any storage component will be safeguarded to prevent unauthorized disclosures if immediate purging of all data storage components is not possible.

(9) No work involving information furnished under this Agreement may be subcontracted without the specific prior written approval of the Department of Finance.

(10) In addition to any rights of termination the Department may have under the law or this Agreement, the Department shall terminate this Agreement if the Contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.

The Department reserves the right to inspect Contractor's premises from time to time to verify Contractor's compliance with the foregoing security requirements. On the basis of such inspection(s), specific measures may be required in specific cases where Contractor is found to be noncompliant with contractual safeguards.

#### D. Employee Awareness

The Contractor, all Contractor employees, subcontractors and all subcontractor employees must be notified in writing of the foregoing tax secrecy provisions and security procedures.

Said individuals must be notified in writing that there are civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosures that apply even if an unauthorized disclosure is made after their employment with Contractor terminates.

The Contractor, all Contractor employees, subcontractors and all subcontractor employees must subscribe in writing to Section 74 of the Public Officers Law and to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, which prohibits an officer or employee of a State agency from disclosing confidential information acquired during the course of carrying out official duties.

#### E. CONTRACT LANGUAGE FOR GENERAL SERVICES - IRS Publication 1075 (Rev 1-2014)

##### A. *PERFORMANCE*

In performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by his or her employees with the following requirements:

(1) All work will be performed under the supervision of the contractor or the contractor's responsible employees.

(2) Any Federal tax returns or return information (hereafter referred to as returns or return information) made available shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone other than an officer or employee of the contractor is prohibited.

(3) All returns and return information will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, all related output and products will be given the same level of protection as required for the source material.

(4) No work involving returns and return information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without prior written approval of the IRS.

(5) The contractor will maintain a list of employees authorized access. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS reviewing office.

(6) The agency will have the right to void the contract if the contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.

#### II. *CRIMINAL/CIVIL SANCTIONS*

(1) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that returns or return information disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any such returns or return information for a purpose or to an extent unauthorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as five years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized future disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount not less than \$1,000 with respect to each instance of unauthorized disclosure. These penalties are prescribed by IRC Sections 7213 and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(2) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that any return or return information made available in any format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone without an official need to know constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized inspection or disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee [United States for Federal employees] in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000.00 for each act of unauthorized inspection or disclosure with respect to which such defendant is found liable or the sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized inspection or disclosure plus in the case of a willful inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the costs of the action. The penalties are prescribed by IRC Sections 7213A and 7431.

(3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552 a (i) (1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m) (1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established there under, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

(4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each individual understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding IRS information. Contractors must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification. The initial certification and recertification must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, contractors should be advised of the provisions of IRC Sections 7431, 7213, and 7213A (see IRS Publication 1075, Exhibit 6; *IRC Sec. 7431 Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure of Returns and Return Information* and IRS Publication 1075, Exhibit 5; *IRC Sec. 7213 Unauthorized Disclosure of Information*). The training provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See IRS Publication 1075, Section 10) For both the initial certification and the annual certification, the contractor should sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

### *III. INSPECTION*

The IRS and the Agency shall have the right to send its officers and employees into the offices and plants of the contractor for inspection of the facilities and operations provided for the performance of any work under this contract. On the basis of such inspection, specific measures may be required in cases where the contractor is found to be noncompliant with contract safeguards.

## **F. TITLE 26--INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, Subtitle F--Procedure and Administration**

### *Sec. 7213. Unauthorized disclosure of information*



(a) Returns and return information

(1) Federal employees and other persons:

It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the United States or any person described in section 6103(n) (or an officer or employee of any such person), or any former officer or employee, willfully to disclose to any person, except as authorized in this title, any return or return information (as defined in section 6103(b)). Any violation of this paragraph shall be a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine in any amount not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution, and if such offense is committed by any officer or employee of the United States, he shall, in addition to any other punishment, be dismissed from office or discharged from employment upon conviction for such offense.

(2) State and other employees:

It shall be unlawful for any person (not described in paragraph (1)) willfully to disclose to any person, except as authorized in this title, any return or return information (as defined in section 6103(b)) acquired by him or another person under subsection (d), (i)(3)(B)(i) or (7)(A)(ii), (l)(6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (15), (16), (19), or (20) or (m)(2), (4), (5), (6), or (7) of section 6103. Any violation of this paragraph shall be a felony punishable by a fine in any amount not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(3) Other persons:

It shall be unlawful for any person to whom any return or return information (as defined in section 6103(b)) is disclosed in a manner unauthorized by this title thereafter willfully to print or publish in any manner not provided by law any such return or return information. Any violation of this paragraph shall be a felony punishable by a fine in any amount not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(4) Solicitation:

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to offer any item of material value in exchange for any return or return information (as defined in section 6103(b)) and to receive as a result of such solicitation any such return or return information. Any violation of this paragraph shall be a felony punishable by a fine in any amount not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(5) Shareholders:

It shall be unlawful for any person to whom a return or return information (as defined in section 6103(b)) is disclosed pursuant to the provisions of section 6103(e)(1)(D)(iii) willfully to disclose such return or return information in any manner not provided by law. Any violation of this paragraph shall be a felony punishable by a fine in any amount not to exceed \$5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

Sec. 7213A. Unauthorized inspection of returns or return information

(a) Prohibitions

(1) Federal employees and other persons

It shall be unlawful for--

- (A) any officer or employee of the United States, or
- (B) any person described in subsection (l)(18) or (n) of

section 6103 or an officer or employee of any such person, willfully to inspect, except as authorized in this title, any return or return information.

(2) State and other employees

It shall be unlawful for any person (not described in paragraph (1)) willfully to inspect, except as authorized in this title, any return or return information acquired by such person or another person under a provision of section 6103 referred to in section 7213(a)(2).

(b) Penalty

(1) In general

Any violation of subsection (a) shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine in any amount not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.

(2) Federal officers or employees

An officer or employee of the United States who is convicted of any violation of subsection (a) shall, in addition to any other punishment, be dismissed from office or discharged from employment.

(c) Definitions

For purposes of this section, the terms "inspect", "return", and "return information" have the respective meanings given such terms by section 6103(b).

IRC § 7431. Civil damages for unauthorized inspection or disclosure of returns and return information

(a) In general

(1) Inspection or disclosure by employee of United States

If any officer or employee of the United States knowingly, or by reason of negligence, inspects or discloses any return or return information with respect to a taxpayer in violation of any provision of section 6103, such taxpayer may bring a civil action for damages against the United States in a district court of the United States.

(2) Inspection or disclosure by a person who is not an employee of United States

If any person who is not an officer or employee of the United States knowingly, or by reason of negligence, inspects or discloses any return or return information with respect to a taxpayer in violation of any provision of section 6103, such taxpayer may bring a civil action for damages against such person in a district court of the United States.

(b) Exceptions

No liability shall arise under this section with respect to any inspection or disclosure—

- (1) which results from a good faith, but erroneous, interpretation of section 6103, or
- (2) which is requested by the taxpayer.

(c) Damages

In any action brought under subsection (a), upon a finding of liability on the part of the defendant, the defendant shall be liable to the plaintiff in an amount equal to the sum of—

- (1) the greater of—

(A) \$1,000 for each act of unauthorized inspection or disclosure of a return or return information with respect to which such defendant is found liable, or

(B) the sum of—

(i) the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized inspection or disclosure, plus

(ii) in the case of a willful inspection or disclosure or an inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus

(2) the costs of the action, plus

(3) in the case of a plaintiff which is described in section 7430 (c)(4)(A)(ii), reasonable attorneys fees, except that if the defendant is the United States, reasonable attorneys fees may be awarded only if the plaintiff is the prevailing party (as determined under section 7430 (c)(4)).

(d) Period for bringing action

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an action to enforce any liability created under this section may be brought, without regard to the amount in controversy, at any time within 2 years after the date of discovery by the plaintiff of the unauthorized inspection or disclosure.

(e) Notification of unlawful inspection and disclosure

If any person is criminally charged by indictment or information with inspection or disclosure of a taxpayer's return or return information in violation of—

(1) paragraph (1) or (2) of section 7213 (a),

(2) section 7213A (a), or

(3) subparagraph (B) of section 1030 (a)(2) of title 18, United States Code,  
the Secretary shall notify such taxpayer as soon as practicable of such inspection or disclosure.

(f) Definitions

For purposes of this section, the terms “inspect”, “inspection”, “return”, and “return information” have the respective meanings given such terms by section 6103 (b).

(g) Extension to information obtained under section 3406

For purposes of this section—

(1) any information obtained under section 3406 (including information with respect to any payee certification failure under subsection (d) thereof) shall be treated as return information, and

(2) any inspection or use of such information other than for purposes of meeting any requirement under section 3406 or (subject to the safeguards set forth in section 6103) for purposes permitted under section 6103 shall be treated as a violation of section 6103. For purposes of subsection (b), the reference to section 6103 shall be treated as including a reference to section 3406.

## **ATTACHMENT H**

### **NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS**

#### **PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY-OWNED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN CITY PROCUREMENT**

##### **ARTICLE I. M/WBE PROGRAM**

Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (“Section 6-129”) establishes the program for participation in City procurement (“M/WBE Program”) by minority- owned business enterprises (“MBEs”) and women-owned business enterprises (“WBEs”), certified in accordance with Section 1304 of the New York City Charter. As stated in Section 6- 129, the intent of the program is to address the impact of discrimination on the City’s procurement process, and to promote the public interest in avoiding fraud and favoritism in the procurement process, increasing competition for City business, and lowering contract costs. The contract provisions contained herein are pursuant to Section 6-129, and the rules of the Department of Small Business Services (“DSBS”) promulgated thereunder.

**If this Contract is subject to the M/WBE Program established by Section 6-129, the specific requirements of MBE and/or WBE participation for this Contract are set forth in Schedule B of the Contract (entitled the “M/WBE Utilization Plan”) and are detailed below.**

**The Contractor must comply with all applicable MBE and WBE requirements for this Contract.**

All provisions of Section 6-129 are hereby incorporated in the Contract by reference and all terms used herein that are not defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in Section 6-129.

References to MBEs or WBEs shall also include such businesses certified pursuant to the executive law where credit is required by section 311 of the New York City Charter or other provision of law.

Article I, Part A, below, sets forth provisions related to the participation goals for construction, standard and professional services contracts.

Article I, Part B, below, sets forth miscellaneous provisions related to the M/WBE Program.

##### **PART A**

#### **PARTICIPATION GOALS FOR CONSTRUCTION, STANDARD AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS OR TASK ORDERS**

1. The **MBE and/or WBE Participation Goals** established for this Contract or Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, ("**Participation Goals**"), as applicable, are set forth on Schedule B, Part 1 to this Contract (see Page 1, Line 1 Total Participation Goals) or will be set forth on Schedule B, Part 1 to Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, as applicable.

The **Participation Goals** represent a percentage of the total dollar value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, that may be achieved by awarding subcontracts to firms certified with DSBS as MBEs and/or WBEs, and/or by crediting the participation of prime contractors and/or qualified joint ventures as provided in Section 3 below, unless the goals have been waived or modified by Agency in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Sections 10 and 11 below, respectively.

2. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, Contractor agrees or shall agree as a material term of the Contract that Contractor shall be subject to the **Participation Goals**, unless the goals are waived or modified by Agency in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Sections 10 and 11 below, respectively.

3. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, a Contractor that is an MBE and/or WBE shall be permitted to count its own participation toward fulfillment of the relevant **Participation Goal**, provided that in accordance with Section 6-129 the value of Contractor's participation shall be determined by subtracting from the total value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, any amounts that the Contractor pays to direct subcontractors (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(13)), and provided further that a Contractor that is certified as both an MBE and a WBE may count its own participation either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both.

A Contractor that is a qualified joint venture (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(30)) shall be permitted to count a percentage of its own participation toward fulfillment of the relevant **Participation Goal**. In accordance with Section 6-129, the value of Contractor's participation shall be determined by subtracting from the total value of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, any amounts that Contractor pays to direct subcontractors, and then multiplying the remainder by the percentage to be applied to total profit to determine the amount to which an MBE or WBE is entitled pursuant to the joint venture agreement, provided that where a participant in a joint venture is certified as both an MBE and a WBE, such amount shall be counted either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both.

4. A. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract, a prospective contractor shall be required to submit with its bid or proposal, as applicable, a completed Schedule B, M/WBE Utilization Plan, Part 2 (see Pages 1-2) indicating: (a) whether the contractor is an MBE or WBE, or qualified joint venture; (b) the percentage of work it intends to award to direct subcontractors; (c) in cases where the contractor intends to award direct subcontracts, a description of the type and dollar value of work designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs, and the time frames in which such work is scheduled to begin and end; as well as the name, addresses, and telephone numbers of the M/WBE subcontractors if required by the solicitation; and (d) the prospective contractor's required certification and affirmations. In the event that this M/WBE Utilization Plan indicates that the bidder or proposer, as applicable, does not intend to meet the **Participation Goals**, the bid or proposal, as applicable, shall be

deemed non-responsive, unless Agency has granted the bidder or proposer, as applicable, a pre-award waiver of the **Participation Goals** in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 10 below.

B. (i) If this Contract is for a master services agreement or other requirements type contract that will result in the issuance of Task Orders that will be individually registered (“Master Services Agreement”) and is subject to M/WBE **Participation Goals**, a prospective contractor shall be required to submit with its bid or proposal, as applicable, a completed Schedule B, M/WBE Participation Requirements for Master Services Agreements That Will Require Individually Registered Task Orders, Part 2 (page 2) indicating the prospective contractor’s certification and required affirmations to make all reasonable good faith efforts to meet participation goals established on each individual Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, or if a partial waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified **Participation Goals** by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms. In the event that the Schedule B indicates that the bidder or proposer, as applicable, does not intend to meet the **Participation Goals** that may be established on Task Orders issued pursuant to this Contract, the bid or proposal, as applicable, shall be deemed non-responsive.

(ii) **Participation Goals** on a Master Services Agreement will be established for individual Task Orders issued after the Master Services Agreement is awarded. If **Participation Goals** have been established on a Task Order, a contractor shall be required to submit a Schedule B – M/WBE Utilization Plan For Independently Registered Task Orders That Are Issued Pursuant to Master Services Agreements, Part 2 (see Pages 1-2) indicating: (a) whether the contractor is an MBE or WBE, or qualified joint venture; (b) the percentage of work it intends to award to direct subcontractors; (c) in cases where the contractor intends to award direct subcontracts, a description of the type and dollar value of work designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs, and the time frames in which such work is scheduled to begin and end; as well as the name, addresses, and telephone numbers of the M/WBE subcontractors if required by the solicitation; and (d) the prospective contractor’s required certification and affirmations. The contractor must engage in good faith efforts to meet the **Participation Goals** as established for the Task Order unless Agency has granted the contractor a pre-award waiver of the **Participation Goals** in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 10 below.

**C. THE BIDDER/PROPOSER MUST COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE B INCLUDED HEREIN (SCHEDULE B, PART 2). A SCHEDULE B SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDER/PROPOSER WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS WILL BE DEEMED TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE, UNLESS A FULL WAIVER OF THE PARTICIPATION GOALS IS GRANTED (SCHEDULE B, PART 3). IN THE EVENT THAT THE CITY DETERMINES THAT THE BIDDER/PROPOSER HAS SUBMITTED A SCHEDULE B WHERE THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND REQUIRED AFFIRMATIONS ARE COMPLETED BUT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SCHEDULE B ARE NOT COMPLETE, OR CONTAIN A COPY OR COMPUTATION ERROR THAT IS AT ODDS WITH THE VENDOR CERTIFICATION AND AFFIRMATIONS, THE BIDDER/PROPOSER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE AGENCY AND WILL BE GIVEN FOUR (4) CALENDAR DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION TO CURE THE SPECIFIED DEFICIENCIES AND RETURN A COMPLETED SCHEDULE B TO THE AGENCY. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT THE BID/PROPOSAL IS NON-RESPONSIVE. RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION IS DEFINED AS THE DATE NOTICE IS E-MAILED**

**OR FAXED (IF THE BIDDER/PROPOSER HAS PROVIDED AN E-MAIL ADDRESS OR FAX NUMBER), OR NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OR UPON DELIVERY, IF DELIVERED.**

5. Where an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, the Contractor shall, within 30 days of issuance by Agency of a notice to proceed, submit a list of proposed persons or entities to which it intends to award subcontracts within the subsequent 12 months. In the case of multi-year contracts, such list shall also be submitted every year thereafter. The Agency may also require the Contractor to report periodically about the contracts awarded by its direct subcontractors to indirect subcontractors (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(22)). **PLEASE NOTE: If this Contract is a public works project subject to GML §101(5) (i.e., a contract valued at or below \$3M for projects in New York City) or if the Contract is subject to a project labor agreement in accordance with Labor Law §222, and the bidder is required to identify at the time of bid submission its intended subcontractors for the Wicks trades (plumbing and gas fitting; steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC); and electric wiring), the Contractor must identify all those to which it intends to award construction subcontracts for any portion of the Wicks trade work at the time of bid submission, regardless of what point in the life of the contract such subcontracts will occur. In identifying intended subcontractors in the bid submission, bidders may satisfy any Participation Goals established for this Contract by proposing one or more subcontractors that are MBEs and/or WBEs for any portion of the Wicks trade work.** In the event that the Contractor's selection of a subcontractor is disapproved, the Contractor shall have a reasonable time to propose alternate subcontractors.

6. MBE and WBE firms must be certified by DSBS in order for the Contractor to credit such firms' participation toward the attainment of the **Participation Goals**. Such certification must occur prior to the firms' commencement of work. A list of city-certified MBE and WBE firms may be obtained from the DSBS website at [www.nyc.gov/buycertified](http://www.nyc.gov/buycertified), by emailing DSBS at [buyer@sbs.nyc.gov](mailto:buyer@sbs.nyc.gov), by calling (212) 513-6451, or by visiting or writing DSBS at One Liberty Plaza, New York, New York, 10006, 11<sup>th</sup> floor. Eligible firms that have not yet been certified may contact DSBS in order to seek certification by visiting [www.nyc.gov/getcertified](http://www.nyc.gov/getcertified), emailing [MWBE@sbs.nyc.gov](mailto:MWBE@sbs.nyc.gov), or calling the DSBS certification helpline at (212) 513-6311. A firm that is certified as both an MBE and a WBE may be counted either toward the goal for MBEs or the goal for WBEs, but not both. No credit shall be given for participation by a graduate MBE or graduate WBE, as defined in Section 6-129(c)(20).

7. Where an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, the Contractor shall, with each voucher for payment, and/or periodically as Agency may require, submit statements, certified under penalty of perjury, which shall include, but not be limited to, the total amount the Contractor paid to its direct subcontractors, and, where applicable pursuant to Section 6-129(j), the total amount direct subcontractors paid to indirect subcontractors; the names, addresses and contact numbers of each MBE or WBE hired as a subcontractor by the Contractor, and, where applicable, hired by any of the Contractor's direct subcontractors; and the dates and amounts paid to each MBE or WBE. The Contractor shall also submit, along with its voucher for final payment: the total amount it paid to subcontractors, and, where applicable pursuant to Section 6-129(j), the total amount its direct subcontractors paid directly to their indirect subcontractors; and a final list, certified under penalty of perjury, which shall include the name, address and contact

information of each subcontractor that is an MBE or WBE, the work performed by, and the dates and amounts paid to each.

8. If payments made to, or work performed by, MBEs or WBEs are less than the amount specified in the Contractor's **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency shall take appropriate action, in accordance with Section 6-129 and Article II below, unless the Contractor has obtained a modification of its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan in accordance with Section 6-129 and Part A, Section 11 below.

9. Where an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, and the Contractor requests a change order the value of which exceeds the greater of 10 percent of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, or \$500,000, Agency shall review the scope of work for the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, and the scale and types of work involved in the change order, and determine whether the **Participation Goals** should be modified.

10. Pre-award waiver of **the Participation Goals**. (a) A bidder or proposer, or contractor with respect to a Task Order, may seek a pre-award full or partial waiver of the Participation Goals in accordance with Section 6-129, which requests that Agency change one or more **Participation Goals** on the grounds that the **Participation Goals** are unreasonable in light of the availability of certified firms to perform the services required, or by demonstrating that it has legitimate business reasons for proposing a lower level of subcontracting in its M/WBE Utilization Plan.

(b) To apply for a full or partial waiver of the **Participation Goals**, a bidder, proposer, or contractor, as applicable, must complete Part 3 of Schedule B and **submit such request no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date and time the bids, proposals, or Task Orders are due, in writing to the Agency Contact Person listed in Schedule B, Part 1. Full or partial waiver requests that are received later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date and time the bids, proposals, or Task Orders are due may be rejected as untimely.**

Bidders, proposers, or contractors, as applicable, who have submitted timely requests will receive an Agency response by no later than two (2) calendar days prior to the due date for bids, proposals, or Task Orders; provided, however, that if that date would fall on a weekend or holiday, an Agency response will be provided by close-of-business on the business day before such weekend or holiday date.

(c) If the Agency determines that the **Participation Goals** are unreasonable in light of the availability of certified firms to perform the services required, it shall revise the solicitation and extend the deadline for bids and proposals, or revise the Task Order, as applicable.

(d) Agency may grant a full or partial waiver of the **Participation Goals** to a bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, who demonstrates—before submission of the bid, proposal or Task Order, as applicable—that it has legitimate business reasons for proposing the level of subcontracting in its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan. In making its determination, Agency shall consider factors that shall include, but not be limited to, whether the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, has the capacity and the bona fide intention to perform the Contract without any subcontracting, or to perform the Contract without awarding the amount of subcontracts represented by the **Participation Goals**. In making such determination, Agency



may consider whether the **M/WBE** Utilization Plan is consistent with past subcontracting practices of the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, whether the bidder, proposer or contractor, as applicable, has made efforts to form a joint venture with a certified firm, and whether the bidder, proposer, or contractor, as applicable, has made good faith efforts to identify other portions of the Contract that it intends to subcontract.

11. Modification of **M/WBE** Utilization Plan. (a) A Contractor may request a modification of its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan after award of this Contract. **PLEASE NOTE: If this Contract is a public works project subject to GML §101(5) (i.e., a contract valued at or below \$3M for projects in New York City) or if the Contract is subject to a project labor agreement in accordance with Labor Law §222, and the bidder is required to identify at the time of bid submission its intended subcontractors for the Wicks trades (plumbing and gas fitting; steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC); and electric wiring), the Contractor may request a Modification of its M/WBE Utilization Plan as part of its bid submission.** The Agency may grant a request for Modification of a Contractor's **M/WBE** Utilization Plan if it determines that the Contractor has established, with appropriate documentary and other evidence, that it made reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the **Participation Goals**. In making such determination, Agency shall consider evidence of the following efforts, as applicable, along with any other relevant factors:

- (i) The Contractor advertised opportunities to participate in the Contract, where appropriate, in general circulation media, trade and professional association publications and small business media, and publications of minority and women's business organizations;
- (ii) The Contractor provided notice of specific opportunities to participate in the Contract, in a timely manner, to minority and women's business organizations;
- (iii) The Contractor sent written notices, by certified mail or facsimile, in a timely manner, to advise MBEs or WBEs that their interest in the Contract was solicited;
- (iv) The Contractor made efforts to identify portions of the work that could be substituted for portions originally designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs in the **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, and for which the Contractor claims an inability to retain MBEs or WBEs;
- (v) The Contractor held meetings with MBEs and/or WBEs prior to the date their bids or proposals were due, for the purpose of explaining in detail the scope and requirements of the work for which their bids or proposals were solicited;
- (vi) The Contractor made efforts to negotiate with MBEs and/or WBEs as relevant to perform specific subcontracts, or act as suppliers or service providers;

(vii) Timely written requests for assistance made by the Contractor to Agency's M/WBE liaison officer and to DSBS;

(viii) Description of how recommendations made by DSBS and Agency were acted upon and an explanation of why action upon such recommendations did not lead to the desired level of participation of MBEs and/or WBEs.

Agency's M/WBE officer shall provide written notice to the Contractor of the determination.

(b) The Agency may modify the **Participation Goals** when the scope of the work has been changed by the Agency in a manner that affects the scale and types of work that the Contractor indicated in its **M/WBE Utilization Plan** would be awarded to subcontractors.

12. If the Contractor was required to identify in its bid or proposal the MBEs and/or WBEs they intended to use in connection with the performance of the Contract or Task Order, substitutions to the identified firms may only be made with the approval of the Agency, which shall only be given when the Contractor has proposed to use a firm that would satisfy the **Participation Goals** to the same extent as the firm previously identified, unless the Agency determines that the Contractor has established, with appropriate documentary and other evidence, that it made reasonable, good faith efforts. In making such determination, the Agency shall require evidence of the efforts listed in Section 11(a) above, as applicable, along with any other relevant factors.

13. If this Contract is for an indefinite quantity of construction, standard or professional services or is a requirements type contract and the Contractor has submitted an **M/WBE Utilization Plan** and has committed to subcontract work to MBEs and/or WBEs in order to meet the **Participation Goals**, the Contractor will not be deemed in violation of the M/WBE Program requirements for this Contract with regard to any work which was intended to be subcontracted to an MBE and/or WBE to the extent that the Agency has determined that such work is not needed.

14. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or a Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, at least once annually during the term of the Contract or Task Order, as applicable, Agency shall review the Contractor's progress toward attainment of its **M/WBE Utilization Plan**, including but not limited to, by reviewing the percentage of work the Contractor has actually awarded to MBE and/or WBE subcontractors and the payments the Contractor made to such subcontractors.

15. If **Participation Goals** have been established for this Contract or a Task Order issued pursuant to this Contract, Agency shall evaluate and assess the Contractor's performance in meeting those goals, and such evaluation and assessment shall become part of the Contractor's overall contract performance evaluation.

## **PART B**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The Contractor shall take notice that, if this solicitation requires the establishment of a **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, the resulting contract may be audited by DSBS to determine compliance with Section 6-129. See §6-129(e)(10). Furthermore, such resulting contract may also be examined by the City's Comptroller to assess compliance with the **M/WBE** Utilization Plan.
2. Pursuant to DSBS rules, construction contracts that include a requirement for a **M/WBE** Utilization Plan shall not be subject to the law governing Locally Based Enterprises set forth in Section 6-108.1 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.
3. DSBS is available to assist contractors and potential contractors in determining the availability of MBEs and/or WBEs to participate as subcontractors, and in identifying opportunities that are appropriate for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs in contracts.
4. Prospective contractors are encouraged to enter into qualified joint venture agreements with MBEs and/or WBEs as defined by Section 6-129(c)(30).
5. By submitting a bid or proposal the Contractor hereby acknowledges its understanding of the M/WBE Program requirements set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and any rules promulgated thereunder, and if awarded this Contract, the Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the M/WBE Program requirements of this Contract and pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and any rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract. The Contractor hereby agrees to make all reasonable, good faith efforts to solicit and obtain the participation of MBEs and/or WBEs to meet the required **Participation Goals**.

## **ARTICLE II. ENFORCEMENT**

1. If Agency determines that a bidder or proposer, as applicable, has, in relation to this procurement, violated Section 6-129 or the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, Agency may disqualify such bidder or proposer, as applicable, from competing for this Contract and the Agency may revoke such bidder's or proposer's prequalification status, if applicable.
2. Whenever Agency believes that the Contractor or a subcontractor is not in compliance with Section 6-129 or the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, or any provision of this Contract that implements Section 6-129, including, but not limited to any **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency shall send a written notice to the Contractor describing the alleged noncompliance and offering the Contractor an opportunity to be heard. Agency shall then conduct an investigation to determine whether such Contractor or subcontractor is in compliance.
3. In the event that the Contractor has been found to have violated Section 6-129, the DSBS rules promulgated pursuant to Section 6-129, or any provision of this Contract that implements Section 6-129, including, but not limited to, any **M/WBE** Utilization Plan, Agency may determine that one of the following actions should be taken:

- (a) entering into an agreement with the Contractor allowing the Contractor to cure the violation;
- (b) revoking the Contractor's pre-qualification to bid or make proposals for future contracts;
- (c) making a finding that the Contractor is in default of the Contract;
- (d) terminating the Contract;
- (e) declaring the Contractor to be in breach of Contract;
- (f) withholding payment or reimbursement;
- (g) determining not to renew the Contract;
- (h) assessing actual and consequential damages;
- (i) assessing liquidated damages or reducing fees, provided that liquidated damages may be based on amounts representing costs of delays in carrying out the purposes of the M/WBE Program, or in meeting the purposes of the Contract, the costs of meeting utilization goals through additional procurements, the administrative costs of investigation and enforcement, or other factors set forth in the Contract;
- (j) exercising rights under the Contract to procure goods, services or construction from another contractor and charge the cost of such contract to the Contractor that has been found to be in noncompliance; or
- (k) taking any other appropriate remedy.

4. If an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been submitted, and pursuant to this Article II, Section 3, the Contractor has been found to have failed to fulfill its **Participation Goals** contained in its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan or the **Participation Goals** as modified by Agency pursuant to Article I, Part A, Section 11, Agency may assess liquidated damages in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the difference between the dollar amount of work required to be awarded to MBE and/or WBE firms to meet the **Participation Goals** and the dollar amount the Contractor actually awarded and paid, and/or credited, to MBE and/or WBE firms. In view of the difficulty of accurately ascertaining the loss which the City will suffer by reason of Contractor's failure to meet the **Participation Goals**, the foregoing amount is hereby fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that the City will suffer by reason of such failure, and not as a penalty. Agency may deduct and retain out of any monies which may become due under this Contract the amount of any such liquidated damages; and in case the amount which may become due under this Contract shall be less than the amount of liquidated damages suffered by the City, the Contractor shall be liable to pay the difference.

5. Whenever Agency has reason to believe that an MBE and/or WBE is not qualified for certification, or is participating in a contract in a manner that does not serve a commercially

useful function (as defined in Section 6-129(c)(8)), or has violated any provision of Section 6- 129, Agency shall notify the Commissioner of DSBS who shall determine whether the certification of such business enterprise should be revoked.

6. Statements made in any instrument submitted to Agency pursuant to Section 6-129 shall be submitted under penalty of perjury and any false or misleading statement or omission shall be grounds for the application of any applicable criminal and/or civil penalties for perjury. The making of a false or fraudulent statement by an MBE and/or WBE in any instrument submitted pursuant to Section 6-129 shall, in addition, be grounds for revocation of its certification.

7. The Contractor's record in implementing its **M/WBE** Utilization Plan shall be a factor in the evaluation of its performance. Whenever Agency determines that a Contractor's compliance with an **M/WBE** Utilization Plan has been unsatisfactory, Agency shall, after consultation with the City Chief Procurement Officer, file an advice of caution form for inclusion in VENDEX as caution data.

## **ATTACHMENT I**

### **IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT COMPLIANCE RIDER FOR NEW YORK CITY CONTRACTORS**

The Iran Divestment Act of 2012, effective as of April 12, 2012, is codified at State Finance Law (“SFL”) §165-a and General Municipal Law (“GML”) §103-g. The Iran Divestment Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits municipalities, including the City, from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Pursuant to the terms set forth in SFL §165-a and GML §103-g, a person engages in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran if:

(a) the person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or

(b) The person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars or more in credit to another person, for forty-five days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision three of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law and maintained by the Commissioner of the Office of General Services.

A bid or proposal shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where the bidder or proposer fails to submit a signed and verified bidder’s certification.

Each bidder or proposer must certify that it is not on the list of entities engaged in investment activities in Iran created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law. In any case where the bidder or proposer cannot certify that they are not on such list, the bidder or proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the bid or proposal a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons why

such statement cannot be made. The City of New York may award a bid to a bidder who cannot make the certification on a case by case basis if:

(1) The investment activities in Iran were made before the effective date of this section (i.e., April 12, 2012), the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after the effective date of this section and the person has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran: or

(2) The City makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the City to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the City would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT**

Pursuant to General Municipal Law §103-g, which generally prohibits the City from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran, the bidder/proposer submits the following certification:

*[Please Check One]*

**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ By submission of this bid or proposal, each bidder/proposer and each person signing on behalf of any bidder/proposer 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 its knowledge and belief, that each bidder/proposer is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law.
- ☐ I am unable to certify that my name and the name of the bidder/proposer does not appear on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law. I have attached a signed statement setting forth in detail why I cannot so certify.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, New York  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Dated:



## ATTACHMENT J

### NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

As of March 2013 the City has implemented a new web based subcontractor reporting system through the City's Payee Information Portal (PIP), available at [www.nyc.gov/pip](http://www.nyc.gov/pip). In order to use the new system, a PIP account will be required. Detailed instructions on creating a PIP account and using the new system are also available at that site. Additional assistance with PIP may be received by emailing the Financial Information Services Agency Help Desk at [pip@fisa.nyc.gov](mailto:pip@fisa.nyc.gov).

In order to obtain subcontractor approval under section 3.02 of Appendix A or Article 17 of the Standard Construction Contract and PPB Rule § 4-13 Contractor is required to list the subcontractor in the system. For each subcontractor listed, Contractor is required to provide the following information: maximum contract value, description of subcontractor work, start and end date of the subcontract and identification of the subcontractor's industry. Thereafter, Contractor will be required to report in the system the payments made to each subcontractor within 30 days of making the payment. If any of the required information changes throughout the term of the contract, Contractor will be required to revise the information in the system.

Failure of the Contractor to list a subcontractor and/or to report subcontractor payments in a timely fashion may result in the Agency declaring the Contractor in default of the Contract and will subject Contractor to liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per day for each day that the Contractor fails to identify a subcontractor along with the required information about the subcontractor and/or fails to report payments to a subcontractor, beyond the time frames set forth herein or in the notice from the City. For construction contracts, the provisions of Article 15 of the Standard Construction Contract shall govern the issue of liquidated damages.

Contractor hereby agrees to these provisions.

# SCHEDULE B – M/WBE Utilization Plan

## Part 1: M/WBE Participation Goals

### Contract Overview (To be completed by contracting agency)

APT E-Pin# 83620P0006 FMS Project ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Title: Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal Agency PIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contracting Agency NYC Department of Finance Bid/Proposal Response Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency Address 59 Maiden Lane, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor City: New York State: NY ZIP: 10038  
 Contact Person Eugenio Alcantara Title M/WBE Program Manager  
 Telephone 212-291-4441 Email AlcantaraE@finance.nyc.gov

### Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal

Bidder or proposer ☐ is required OR ☐ is not required to specifically identify the contact information of all M/WBE firms they intend to use as a subcontractor on this contract, including the M/WBE vendor name, address and telephone number in the space provided below in Part 2 Section 4.

## Part 2: M/WBE Participation Plan

(To be completed by the bidder/proposer unless granted a full waiver, which must be submitted with the bid/proposal in lieu of this form)

### Section 1: Prime Contractor Contact Information

Tax ID# \_\_\_\_\_ FMS Vendor ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: Contractor M/WBE Utilization Plan

Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation. Check applicable box. The Proposer or Bidder will fulfill the M/WBE Participation Goals:

- ☐ As an M/WBE Prime Contractor that will self-perform and/or subcontract to other M/WBE firms a portion of the contract the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 in the panels in Section 2, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non-M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals. Please check all that apply to Prime Contractor: ☐ MBE ☐ WBE
- ☐ As a Qualified Joint Venture with an M/WBE partner, in which the value of the M/WBE partner's participation and/or the value of any work subcontracted to other M/WBE firms is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 in the panels in Section 2, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non-M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals.
- ☐ As a non-M/WBE Prime Contractor that will enter into subcontracts with M/WBE firms the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 in the panels in Section 2, as applicable.

### M/WBE Participation Goals for Services

Enter the percentage amount for each category or for an unspecified Goal.

Prime Contract Industry: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Category and Breakdown:

Unspecified \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Black American \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Hispanic American \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Asian American \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Women \_\_\_\_\_ %

Total Participation Goals 30.00 %

### Section 2: M/WBE Utilization Goal Calculation

#### Prime Contractor Adopting Agency Participation Goals

For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Agency M/WBE Participation Goals.

Total Bid/Proposal Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

multiplied by \_\_\_\_\_ x

Total Participation Goals \_\_\_\_\_ %  
(Line 1 above)

Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Line 2

OR

#### Prime Contractor With Partial Waiver Approval Adopting Revised Participation Goals

For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Revised M/WBE Participation Goals.

Total Bid/Proposal Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

multiplied by \_\_\_\_\_ x

Total Revised Participation Goals \_\_\_\_\_ %

Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Line 3

**Section 4: General Contract Information**

**What is the expected percentage of the total contract dollar value that you expect to award in subcontracts for services, regardless of M/WBE status?** \_\_\_\_\_ %

Enter a brief description of the type(s) and dollar value of subcontracts for all services you plan to subcontract if awarded this contract, along with the anticipated start and end dates for such subcontracts. For each item, indicate whether the work is designated for participation by an M/WBE. Where the contracting agency’s solicitation has indicated a requirement that the bidder or proposer specifically identify the contact information of all M/WBEs they intend to use on this contract, vendors must also include the M/WBE vendor name, address and telephone number in the space provided below. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Description of Work	Start Date (MM/YY)	End Date (MM/YY)	Planned \$ Amount	Designated for M/WBE		M/WBE Vendor Name	M/WBE Address	M/WBE Telephone
				Y	N			
1. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
2. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
3. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
4. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
5. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
6. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
7. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
8. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
9. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____
10. _____	____/____/____	____/____/____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	____ ( ) ____ - ____

**Section 5: Vendor Certification and Required Affirmations**

- I hereby:
- 1. acknowledge my understanding of the M/WBE participation requirements as set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York (“Section 6-129”), and the rules promulgated thereunder;
  - 2. affirm that the information supplied in support of this M/WBE Utilization Plan is true and correct;
  - 3. agree, if awarded this Contract, to comply with the M/WBE participation requirements of this Contract, the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and the rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract;
  - 4. agree and affirm that it is a material term of this Contract that the Vendor will award the total dollar value of the M/WBE Participation Goals to certified MBEs and/or WBEs, unless a full waiver is obtained or such Goals are modified by the Agency; and
  - 5. agree and affirm, if awarded this Contract, to make all reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the M/WBE Participation Goals, or If a partial waiver is obtained or such Goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified Participation Goals by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE B – Part 3

Request for Waiver of M/WBE Participation Requirement

Contract Overview

Tax ID#

FMS Vendor ID#

Business Name

Contact Name

Email

Telephone

Contracting Agency

APT E-Pin#

Bid/Proposal Due Date

Basis for Waiver Request: Check appropriate box & explain in detail below (attach additional pages if needed)

☐

Vendor does not subcontract services, and has the capacity and good faith intention to perform all such work itself with its own employees.

☐

Vendor subcontracts some of this type of work but at a lower % than bid/solicitation describes, and has the capacity and good faith intention to do so on this contract. Identify your subcontracting plan in the vendor certification section below.

☐

Vendor has other legitimate business reasons for proposing the M/WBE Participation Goal requested here. Explain under separate cover.

Vendor Contract History

Using the attached Excel template, list all contracts (for City and Non-City work) performed within the last 3 years and provide the requested information for each contract.

From the list of all contracts, provide reference information below for the 5 most relevant contracts in size, scale and scope (performed for New York City or any other entity) to the bid or proposal for which you are submitting this waiver request. Provide the requested information for each subcontract awarded during the life of the listed reference contract.

Please make sure to highlight the 5 reference contracts provided below among the comprehensive list of all your contract awards within the attached Excel template.

Reference 1

Agency/Organization

Contract #

Reference Contact

Telephone

Email

Contract Start Date

Contract End Date

Total Contract Value \$

Prime Contract description

Did the vendor perform as a Prime Contractor or as a Subcontractor?

☐ Prime Contractor

☐ Subcontractor

Was the Prime Contract subject to any Goals?

☐ City M/WBE Goals

☐ State Goals

☐ Federal Goals

☐ No Applicable Goals

Did the Prime Contractor meet Goal requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If the Prime Contractor did not meet Goal requirements or contract is still ongoing, please explain

If you performed as the Prime Contractor, please provide a description and value of all work subcontracted to other vendors.

Percentage of total contract value subcontracted to other vendors

%

If you performed as the Subcontractor, please provide a description and value of work areas you self-performed.

\$

M/WBE Participation Goals for Services

Defined by AGENCY in bid/solicitation documents  
Percent of the total contract value to be subcontracted to M/WBE vendors for services and/or credited to an M/WBE Qualified Joint Venture.

Unspecified

%

Black American

%

Hispanic American

%

Asian American

%

Women

%

Total Participation Goals

%

Proposed by VENDOR seeking waiver

Percent of the total contract value anticipated in good faith by the bidder/ proposer to be subcontracted to M/WBE businesses for services. Or if M/WBE Qualified Joint Venture, percent of total contract value anticipated to be credited to M/WBE vendor(s).

Unspecified

%

Black American

%

Hispanic American

%

Asian American

%

Women

%

Total Participation Goals

%

68

Real Estate Tax Web Based Payment Portal EPIN: 83620P0006

## Reference 2

Agency/Organization _____	Contract # _____	
Reference Contact _____	Telephone _____	Email _____
Contract Start Date _____	Contract End Date _____	Total Contract Value \$ _____

**Prime Contract description**

Did the vendor perform as a Prime Contractor or as a Subcontractor?      ☐ Prime Contractor      ☐ Subcontractor

Was the Prime Contract subject to any Goals?      ☐ City M/WBE Goals      ☐ State Goals      ☐ Federal Goals      ☐ No Applicable Goals

Did the Prime Contractor meet Goal requirements?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

If the Prime Contractor did not meet Goal requirements or contract is still ongoing, please explain

**If you performed as the Prime Contractor, please provide a description and value of all work subcontracted to other vendors.**

	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____

Percentage of total contract value subcontracted to other vendors \_\_\_\_\_ %

**If you performed as the Subcontractor, please provide a description and value of work areas you self-performed.**

	\$ _____
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### Reference 3

Agency/Organization _____	Contract # _____	
Reference Contact _____	Telephone _____	Email _____
Contract Start Date _____	Contract End Date _____	Total Contract Value \$ _____

Prime Contract description

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Did the vendor perform as a Prime Contractor or as a Subcontractor?      ☐ Prime Contractor      ☐ Subcontractor

Was the Prime Contract subject to any Goals?      ☐ City M/WBE Goals      ☐ State Goals      ☐ Federal Goals      ☐ No Applicable Goals

Did the Prime Contractor meet Goal requirements?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

If the Prime Contractor did not meet Goal requirements or contract is still ongoing, please explain

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**If you performed as the Prime Contractor, please provide a description and value of all work subcontracted to other vendors.**

	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____

Percentage of total contract value subcontracted to other vendors \_\_\_\_\_ %

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**If you performed as the Subcontractor, please provide a description and value of work areas you self-performed.**

	\$ _____
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Reference 4

Agency/Organization\_\_\_\_\_Contract #\_\_\_\_\_

Reference Contact\_\_\_\_\_Telephone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Start Date\_\_\_\_\_Contract End Date\_\_\_\_\_Total Contract Value \$\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contract description

Did the vendor perform as a Prime Contractor or as a Subcontractor?

☐ Prime Contractor

☐ Subcontractor

Was the Prime Contract subject to any Goals?

☐ City M/WBE Goals

☐ State Goals

☐ Federal Goals

☐ No Applicable Goals

Did the Prime Contractor meet Goal requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If the Prime Contractor did not meet Goal requirements or contract is still ongoing, please explain

If you performed as the Prime Contractor, please provide a description and value of all work subcontracted to other vendors.

Percentage of total contract value subcontracted to other vendors

%

If you performed as the Subcontractor, please provide a description and value of work areas you self-performed.

Reference 5

Agency/Organization\_\_\_\_\_Contract #\_\_\_\_\_

Reference Contact\_\_\_\_\_Telephone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

Contract Start Date\_\_\_\_\_Contract End Date\_\_\_\_\_Total Contract Value \$\_\_\_\_\_

Prime Contract description

Did the vendor perform as a Prime Contractor or as a Subcontractor?

☐ Prime Contractor

☐ Subcontractor

Was the Prime Contract subject to any Goals?

☐ City M/WBE Goals

☐ State Goals

☐ Federal Goals

☐ No Applicable Goals

Did the Prime Contractor meet Goal requirements?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If the Prime Contractor did not meet Goal requirements or contract is still ongoing, please explain

If you performed as description and value of all work

Percentage of total contract value subcontracted to other vendors

%

If you performed as the Subcontractor, please provide a description and value of work areas you self-performed.

Vendor Certification

Identify/list all the work areas you intend on subcontracting on the current anticipated contract for which you are submitting this waiver request.

I hereby affirm that the information supplied in support of this waiver request is true and correct, and that this request is made in good faith. I further affirm that the work that I did not list as work that will be subcontracted on this contract for which I am submitting this waiver request is work that I have performed on past contracts and will not subcontract if awarded this contract.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Approvals (for Agency completion only)

ACCO Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

CCPD Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Waiver Determination

☐ Full Waiver Approved

☐ Waiver Denied

☐ Partial Waiver Approved

Revised Participation Goal \_\_\_\_\_ %

## **ATTACHMENT L**

### **Compliance with HireNYC and Reporting Requirements**

The Hiring and Employment Rider shall apply to contracts valued at \$1 million or more for all goods, services and construction except human services contracts that are subject to the Public Assistance Hiring Commitment Rider. The Rider describes the Hire NYC process and obligations, including reporting requirements throughout the life of the contract. The Hire NYC process requires contractors to enroll with the Hire NYC system within thirty days after the registration of the contract subject to this solicitation, to provide information regarding all entry to mid-level job opportunities arising from this contract and located in New York City, and to agree to interview qualified candidates from HireNYC for those opportunities. The Rider also includes reporting requirements unrelated to HireNYC.

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## **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

### **Section 1.01 Definitions**

The following words and expressions, or pronouns used in their stead, shall, wherever they appear in this Agreement, be construed as follows, unless a different meaning is clear from the context:

A. “Agency Chief Contracting Officer” or “ACCO” means the position delegated authority by the Agency Head to organize and supervise the procurement activity of subordinate Agency staff in conjunction with the City Chief Procurement Officer.

B. “Agreement” means the various documents, including this Appendix A, that constitute the contract between the Contractor and the City.

C. “City” means the City of New York.

D. “City Chief Procurement Officer” or “CCPO” means the position delegated authority by the Mayor to coordinate and oversee the procurement activity of Mayoral agency staff, including the ACCOs.

E. “Commissioner” or “Agency Head” means the head of the Department or his or her duly authorized representative. The term “duly authorized representative” shall include any person or persons acting within the limits of his or her authority.

F. “Comptroller” means the Comptroller of the City of New York.

G. “Contractor” means the entity entering into this Agreement with the City.

H. “Days” means calendar days unless otherwise specifically noted to mean business days.

I. “Department” or “Agency” means the City agency or office through which the City has entered into this Agreement.

J. “Law” or “Laws” means the New York City Charter (“Charter”), the New York City Administrative Code (“Admin. Code”), a local rule of the City of New York, the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York, a statute of the United States or of the State of New York and any ordinance, rule or regulation having the force of law and adopted pursuant thereto, as amended, and common law.

K. “Procurement Policy Board” or “PPB” means the board established pursuant to Charter § 311 whose function is to establish comprehensive and consistent procurement policies and rules that have broad application throughout the City.

L. “PPB Rules” means the rules of the Procurement Policy Board as set forth in Title 9 of the Rules of the City of New York (“RCNY”), § 1-01 *et seq.*

M. “SBS” means the New York City Department of Small Business Services.

N. “State” means the State of New York.

## **ARTICLE 2 – REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND DISCLOSURES**

### **Section 2.01 Procurement of Agreement**

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that, with respect to securing or soliciting this Agreement, the Contractor is in compliance with the requirements of the New York State Lobbying Law (Legislative Law §§ 1-a *et seq.*). The Contractor makes such representation and warranty to induce the City to enter into this Agreement and the City relies upon such representation and warranty in the execution of this Agreement.

B. For any breach or violation of the representation and warranty set forth in Paragraph A above, the Commissioner shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, entitling the City to recover all monies paid to the Contractor; and the Contractor shall not make claim for, or be entitled to recover, any sum or sums due under this Agreement. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this Section 2.01(B) are not exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies allowed by Law or under this Agreement.

### **Section 2.02 Conflicts of Interest**

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its directors, officers, members, partners or employees, has any interest nor shall they acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which conflicts in any manner or degree with the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor further represents and warrants that no person having such interest or possible interest shall be employed by or connected with the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.

B. Consistent with Charter § 2604 and other related provisions of the Charter, the Admin. Code and the New York State Penal Law, no elected official or other officer or employee of the City, nor any person whose salary is payable, in whole or in part, from the City Treasury, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership or other entity in which he or she is, directly or indirectly, interested; nor shall any such official, officer, employee, or person have any interest in, or in the proceeds of, this Agreement. This Section 2.02(B) shall not prevent directors, officers, members, partners, or employees of the Contractor from participating in decisions relating to this Agreement where their sole personal interest is in the Contractor.

C. The Contractor shall not employ a person or permit a person to serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer of the Contractor if such employment or service would violate Chapter 68 of the Charter.

### **Section 2.03 Certification Relating to Fair Practices**

A. The Contractor and each person signing on its behalf certifies, under penalties of perjury, that to the best of its, his or her knowledge and belief:

1. The prices and other material terms set forth in this Agreement have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or proposer or with any competitor as to any matter relating to such prices or terms for the purpose of restricting competition;

2. Unless otherwise required by Law or where a schedule of rates or prices is uniformly established by a government agency through regulation, policy, or directive, the prices and other material terms set forth in this Agreement that have been quoted in this Agreement and on the bid or proposal submitted by the Contractor have not been knowingly disclosed by the Contractor, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or proposer or to any competitor prior to the bid or proposal opening; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Contractor to induce any other person or entity to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

B. The fact that the Contractor (i) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (ii) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (iii) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices and/or terms being bid or proposed, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of this Section 2.03.

### **Section 2.04 Disclosures Relating to Vendor Responsibility**

The Contractor represents and warrants that it has duly executed and filed all disclosures as applicable, in accordance with Admin. Code § 6-116.2, PPB Rule § 2-08, and the policies and procedures of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. The Contractor acknowledges that the Department's reliance on the completeness and veracity of the information stated therein is a material condition to the execution of this Agreement, and the Contractor represents and warrants that the information it and its principals have provided is accurate and complete.

### **Section 2.05 Disclosure Relating to Bankruptcy and Reorganization**

If the Contractor files for bankruptcy or reorganization under Chapter Seven or Chapter Eleven of the United States Bankruptcy Code, the Contractor shall disclose such action to the Department within seven days of filing.

## **Section 2.06 Authority to Execute Agreement**

The Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) its execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part; (ii) it has all necessary power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) once executed and delivered, this Agreement will constitute its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## **ARTICLE 3 - ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

### **Section 3.01 Assignment**

A. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, or the right to execute it, or the right, title, or interest in or to it or any part of it, or assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the monies due or to become due under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Commissioner. The giving of any such consent to a particular assignment shall not dispense with the necessity of such consent to any further or other assignments. Any such assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition without such written consent shall be void.

B. Before entering into any such assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposal of this Agreement, the Contractor shall submit a written request for approval to the Department giving the name and address of the proposed assignee. The proposed assignee's disclosure that is required by PPB Rule § 2-08(e) must be submitted within 30 Days after the ACCO has granted preliminary written approval of the proposed assignee, if required. Upon the request of the Department, the Contractor shall provide any other information demonstrating that the proposed assignee has the necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience, and financial resources to perform the specified services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Department shall make a final determination in writing approving or disapproving the assignee after receiving all requested information.

C. Failure to obtain the prior written consent to such an assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition may result in the revocation and annulment of this Agreement, at the option of the Commissioner. The City shall thereupon be relieved and discharged from any further liability and obligation to the Contractor, its assignees, or transferees, who shall forfeit all monies earned under this Agreement, except so much as may be necessary to pay the Contractor's employees.

D. The provisions of this Section 3.01 shall not hinder, prevent, or affect an assignment by the Contractor for the benefit of its creditors made pursuant to the Laws of the State.

E. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by the City to any corporation, agency, or instrumentality having authority to accept such assignment. The City shall provide the Contractor with written notice of any such assignment.

### **Section 3.02 Subcontracting**

A. In accordance with PPB Rule § 4-13, all subcontractors must be approved by the Department prior to commencing work under a subcontract.

1. *Approval when subcontract is \$20,000 or less.* The Department hereby grants approval for all subcontractors providing services covered by this Agreement pursuant to a subcontract in an amount that does not exceed \$20,000.00. The Contractor must submit monthly reports to the Department listing all such subcontractors and shall list the subcontractor in the City's Payee Information Portal ([www.nyc.gov/pip](http://www.nyc.gov/pip)).

2. *Approval when subcontract is greater than \$20,000.*

a. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for an amount greater than \$20,000.00 without the prior approval by the Department of the subcontractor.

b. Prior to entering into any subcontract for an amount greater than \$20,000.00, the Contractor shall submit a written request for the approval of the proposed subcontractor to the Department giving the name and address of the proposed subcontractor, the portion of the work and materials that it is to perform and furnish, and the estimated cost of the subcontract. If the subcontractor is providing professional services under this Agreement for which professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance is reasonably commercially available, the Contractor shall submit proof of professional liability insurance in the amount required by Article 7. In addition, the Contractor shall list the proposed subcontractor in the City's Payee Information Portal ([www.nyc.gov/pip](http://www.nyc.gov/pip)) and provide the following information: maximum subcontract value, description of subcontractor work, start and end date of the subcontract, and the subcontractor's industry.<sup>1</sup>

c. Upon receipt the information required above, the Department in its discretion may grant or deny preliminary approval for the Contractor to contract with the subcontractor.

<sup>1</sup> Assistance establishing a Payee Information Portal account and using the system may be obtained by emailing the Financial Information Services Agency Help Desk at [pip@fisa.nyc.gov](mailto:pip@fisa.nyc.gov).



d. The Department shall notify the Contractor within 30 Days whether preliminary approval has been granted. If preliminary approval is granted, the Contractor shall provide such documentation as may be requested by the Department to show that the proposed subcontractor has the necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience and financial resources to perform the required work, including, the proposed subcontract and/or any of the items listed in PPB Rule 4-13(d)(3).

e. Upon receipt of all relevant documentation, the Department shall notify the Contractor in writing whether the proposed subcontractor is approved. If the proposed subcontractor is not approved, the Contractor may submit another proposed subcontractor unless the Contractor decides to do the work. No subcontractor shall be permitted to perform work unless approved by the Department.

f. For proposed subcontracts that do not exceed \$25,000.00, the Department's approval shall be deemed granted if the Department does not issue a written approval or disapproval within 45 Days of the Department's receipt of the written request for approval or, if PPB Rule 2-08(e) is applicable, within 45 Days of the Department's acknowledged receipt of fully completed disclosures for the subcontractor.

B. All subcontracts must be in writing. All subcontracts shall contain provisions specifying that:

1. The work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the City and the Contractor;

2. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor shall impair the rights of the City;

3. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor, or under the Agreement between the City and the Contractor, shall create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and the City; and

4. The subcontractor specifically agrees to be bound by Section 4.05(D) and Article 5 of this Appendix A and specifically agrees that the City may enforce such provisions directly against the subcontractor as if the City were a party to the subcontract.

C. The Contractor agrees that it is as fully responsible to the Department for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by such subcontractors as it is for the acts and omissions of any person directly employed by it.

D. For determining the value of a subcontract, all subcontracts with the same subcontractor shall be aggregated.

E. The Department may revoke the approval of a subcontractor granted or deemed granted pursuant to Section 3.02(A) if revocation is deemed to be in the interest of the City in writing on no less than 10 Days' notice unless a shorter period is warranted by considerations of health, safety, integrity issues, or other similar factors. Upon the effective date of such revocation, the Contractor shall cause the subcontractor to cease all work under the Agreement. The City shall not incur any further obligation for services performed by such subcontractor pursuant to this Agreement beyond the effective date of the revocation. The City shall pay for services provided by the subcontractor in accordance with this Agreement prior to the effective date of revocation.

F. The Department's approval of a subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities, duties, and liabilities under this Agreement. At the request of the Department, the Contractor shall provide the Department a copy of any subcontract.

G. Individual employer-employee contracts are not subcontracts subject to the requirements of this Section 3.02.

H. The Contractor shall report in the City's Payee Information Portal payments made to each subcontractor within 30 days of making the payment. If any of the information provided in accordance with Section 3.02(A)(2)(b) changes during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall update the information in such Portal accordingly. Failure of the Contractor to list a subcontractor and/or to report subcontractor payments in a timely fashion may result in the Department declaring the Contractor in default of the Agreement and will subject Contractor to liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per day for each day that the Contractor fails to identify a subcontractor along with the required information about the subcontractor and/or fails to report payments to a subcontractor, beyond the time frames set forth herein or in the notice from the City.

## **ARTICLE 4 - LABOR PROVISIONS**

### **Section 4.01 Independent Contractor Status**

The Contractor and the City agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, subsidiary, affiliate, division, department, agency, office, or unit of the City. Accordingly, the Contractor and its employees, officers, and agents shall not, by reason of this Agreement or any performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, assert the existence of any relationship or status on the part of the Contractor, with respect to the City, that differs from or is inconsistent with that of an independent contractor.

## **Section 4.02 Employees and Subcontractors**

All persons who are employed by the Contractor and all the Contractor's subcontractors (including without limitation, consultants and independent contractors) that are retained to perform services under or in connection with this Agreement are neither employees of the City nor under contract with the City. The Contractor, and not the City, is responsible for their work, direction, compensation, and personal conduct while the Contractor is engaged under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, and no entity or person's performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, shall create any relationship between the City and the Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, or subcontractor's employees or agents (including without limitation, a contractual relationship, employer-employee relationship, or quasi-employer/quasi-employee relationship) or impose any liability or duty on the City (i) for or on account of the acts, omissions, liabilities, rights or obligations of the Contractor, its employees or agents, its subcontractors, or its subcontractor's employees or agents (including without limitation, obligations set forth in any collective bargaining agreement); or (ii) for taxes of any nature; or (iii) for any right or benefit applicable to an official or employee of the City or to any officer, agent, or employee of the Contractor or any other entity (including without limitation, Workers' Compensation coverage, Employers' Liability coverage, Disability Benefits coverage, Unemployment Insurance benefits, Social Security coverage, employee health and welfare benefits or employee retirement benefits, membership or credit). The Contractor and its employees, officers, and agents shall not, by reason of this Agreement or any performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, (i) hold themselves out as, or claim to be, officials or employees of the City, including any department, agency, office, or unit of the City, or (ii) make or support in any way on behalf of or for the benefit of the Contractor, its employees, officers, or agents any demand, application, or claim upon or against the City for any right or benefit applicable to an official or employee of the City or to any officer, agent, or employee of the Contractor or any other entity. Except as specifically stated in this Agreement, nothing in the Agreement and no performance pursuant to or in connection with the Agreement shall impose any liability or duty on the City to any person or entity whatsoever.

## **Section 4.03 Removal of Individuals Performing Work**

The Contractor shall not have anyone perform work under this Agreement who is not competent, faithful, and skilled in the work for which he or she shall be employed. Whenever the Commissioner shall inform the Contractor, in writing, that any individual is, in his or her opinion, incompetent, unfaithful, or unskilled, such individual shall no longer perform work under this Agreement. Prior to making a determination to direct a Contractor that an individual shall no longer perform work under this Agreement, the Commissioner shall provide the Contractor an opportunity to be heard on no less than five Days' written notice. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to prohibit the individual from performing work under the Agreement pending the opportunity to be heard and the Commissioner's determination.

#### **Section 4.04 Minimum Wage; Living Wage**

A. Except for those employees whose minimum wage is required to be fixed in accordance with N.Y. Labor Law §§ 220 or 230 or by Admin. Code § 6-109, all persons employed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be paid, without subsequent deduction or rebate, unless expressly authorized by Law, not less than the minimum wage as prescribed by Law. Any breach of this Section 4.04 shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

B. If this Agreement involves the provision of homecare services, day care services, head start services, services to persons with cerebral palsy, building services, food services, or temporary services, as those services are defined in Admin. Code § 6-109 (“Section 6-109”), in accordance with Section 6-109, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 6-109, including, where applicable, the payment of either a prevailing wage or a living wage, as those terms are defined in Section 6-109.

2. The Contractor shall not retaliate, discharge, demote, suspend, take adverse employment action in the terms and conditions of employment or otherwise discriminate against any employee for reporting or asserting a violation of Section 6-109, for seeking or communicating information regarding rights conferred by Section 6-109, for exercising any other rights protected under Section 6-109, or for participating in any investigatory or court proceeding relating to Section 6-109. This protection shall also apply to any employee or his or her representative who in good faith alleges a violation of Section 6-109, or who seeks or communicates information regarding rights conferred by Section 6-109 in circumstances where he or she in good faith believes it applies.

3. The Contractor shall maintain original payroll records for each of its covered employees reflecting the days and hours worked on contracts, projects, or assignments that are subject to the requirements of Section 6-109, and the wages paid and benefits provided for such hours worked. The Contractor shall maintain these records for the duration of the term of this Agreement and shall retain them for a period of four years after completion of this Agreement. For contracts involving building services, food services, or temporary services, the Contractor shall submit copies of payroll records, certified by the Contractor under penalty of perjury to be true and accurate, to the Department with every requisition for payment. For contracts involving homecare, day care, head start or services to persons with cerebral palsy, the Contractor shall submit either certified payroll records or categorical information about the wages, benefits, and job classifications of covered employees of the Contractor, and of any subcontractors, which shall be the substantial equivalent of the information required in Section 6-109(2)(a)(iii).

4. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all covered employees by check and shall provide employees check stubs or other documentation at least once each month containing information sufficient to document compliance with the requirements of the Living Wage Law concerning living wages, prevailing wages, supplements, and health benefits. In addition, if this Agreement is for an amount greater than \$1,000,000.00, checks issued by the Contractor to covered employees shall be generated by a payroll service or automated payroll system (an in-house system may be used if approved by the Department). For any subcontract for an amount greater than \$750,000.00, checks issued by a subcontractor to covered employees shall be generated by a payroll service or automated payroll system (an in-house system may be used if approved by the Department).

5. The Department will provide written notices to the Contractor, prepared by the Comptroller, detailing the wages, benefits, and other protections to which covered employees are entitled under Section 6-109. Such notices will be provided in English, Spanish and other languages spoken by ten percent or more of a covered employer's covered employees. Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall post in a prominent and accessible place at every work site and provide each covered employee a copy of the written notices provided by the Department. The Contractor shall provide the notices to its subcontractors and require them to be posted and provided to each covered employee.

6. The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors comply with the requirements of Section 6-109, and shall provide written notification to its subcontractors of those requirements. All subcontracts made by the Contractor shall be in writing and shall include provisions relating to the wages, supplements, and health benefits required by Section 6-109. No work may be performed by a subcontractor employing covered employees prior to the Contractor entering into a written subcontract with the subcontractor.

7. Each year throughout the term of the Agreement and whenever requesting the Department's approval of a subcontractor, the Contractor shall submit to the Department an updated certification, as required by Section 6-109 and in the form of the certification attached to this Agreement, identifying any changes to the current certification.

8. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 6-109 may, in the discretion of the Department, constitute a material breach by the Contractor of the terms of this Agreement. If the Contractor and/or subcontractor receives written notice of such a breach and fails to cure such breach within 30 Days, the City shall have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under this Agreement or under applicable law, including termination of the Agreement. If the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with any of the requirements of Section 6-109 and fails to cure such failure in accordance with the preceding sentence, and there is a continued need for the service, the City may obtain from another source the required service as specified in the original Agreement, or

any part thereof, and may charge the Contractor for any difference in price resulting from the alternative arrangements, and may, as appropriate, invoke such other sanctions as are available under the Agreement and applicable law. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay for all costs incurred by the City in enforcing the requirements of Section 6-109, including the cost of any investigation conducted by or on behalf of the Department or the Comptroller, where the City discovers that the Contractor or its subcontractor(s) failed to comply with the requirements of this Section 4.04(B) or of Section 6-109. The Contractor also agrees, that should it fail or refuse to pay for any such investigation, the Department is hereby authorized to deduct from a Contractor's account an amount equal to the cost of such investigation.

#### **Section 4.05 Non-Discrimination in Employment**

A. General Prohibition. To the extent required by law, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of actual or perceived age, religion, religious practice, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses, familial status, partnership status, marital status, caregiver status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, presence of a service animal, predisposing genetic characteristics, race, color, national origin (including ancestry), alienage, citizenship status, political activities or recreational activities as defined in N.Y. Labor Law 201-d, arrest or conviction record, credit history, military status, uniformed service, unemployment status, salary history, or any other protected class of individuals as defined by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities, due to pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, due to status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sex offenses, or due to religion.

B. N.Y. Labor Law § 220-e. If this Agreement is 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, the Contractor agrees, as required by N.Y. Labor Law § 220-e, that:

1. In the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this Agreement or any subcontract hereunder, neither the Contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such Contractor or subcontractor, shall by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin discriminate against any citizen of the State of New York who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

2. Neither the Contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his or her behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement on account of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin;

3. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the Contractor by the City under this Agreement a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of this Agreement; and

4. This Agreement may be terminated by the City, and all monies due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this Section 4.05.

The provisions of this Section 4.05(B) shall be limited to operations performed within the territorial limits of the State of New York.

C. Admin. Code § 6-108. If this Agreement is for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings or the construction or repair of streets or highways, or for the manufacture, sale, or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, the Contractor agrees, as required by Admin. Code § 6-108, that:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the construction, alteration or repair of buildings or engaged in the construction or repair of streets or highways pursuant to a contract with the City or engaged in the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies pursuant to a contract with the City to refuse to employ or to refuse to continue in any employment any person on account of the race, color or creed of such person.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person or any servant, agent or employee of any person, described in Section 4.05(C)(1) above, to ask, indicate or transmit, orally or in writing, directly or indirectly, the race, color, creed or religious affiliation of any person employed or seeking employment from such person, firm or corporation.

Breach of the foregoing provisions shall be deemed a breach of a material provision of this Agreement.

Any person, or the employee, manager or owner of or officer of such firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section 4.05(C) shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 Days, or both.

D. E.O. 50 -- Equal Employment Opportunity

1. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of City Executive Order No. 50 (1980) ("E.O. 50"), as revised, and the rules set forth at 66 RCNY §§ 10-01 *et seq.* No agreement will be awarded unless and until these requirements have been complied with in their entirety. The Contractor agrees that it:

a. Will not discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability,

marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status with respect to all employment decisions including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, upgrading, demotion, downgrading, transfer, training, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, layoff, termination, and all other terms and conditions of employment;

b. Will not discriminate unlawfully in the selection of subcontractors on the basis of the owners', partners' or shareholders' race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or citizenship status;

c. Will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status, and that it is an equal employment opportunity employer;

d. Will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or memorandum of understanding, written notification of its equal employment opportunity commitments under E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

e. Will furnish before this Agreement is awarded all information and reports including an Employment Report which are required by E.O. 50, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and orders of the SBS, Division of Labor Services ("DLS"); and

f. Will permit DLS to have access to all relevant books, records, and accounts for the purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

2. The Contractor understands that in the event of its noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, such noncompliance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and noncompliance with E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. After a hearing held pursuant to the rules of DLS, the Director of DLS may direct the Commissioner to impose any or all of the following sanctions:

- a. Disapproval of the Contractor; and/or
- b. Suspension or termination of the Agreement; and/or
- c. Declaring the Contractor in default; and/or



d. In lieu of any of the foregoing sanctions, imposition of an employment program.

3. Failure to comply with E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder in one or more instances may result in the Department declaring the Contractor to be non-responsible.

4. The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of the foregoing Sections 4.05(D)(1)-(3) in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$100,000.00 to which it becomes a party unless exempted by E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Director of DLS as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. A supplier of unfinished products to the Contractor needed to produce the item contracted for shall not be considered a subcontractor or vendor for purposes of this Section 4.05(D)(4).

5. The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any subcontract or modification thereof subject to E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with a subcontractor who is not in compliance with the requirements of E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. A supplier of unfinished products to the Contractor needed to produce the item contracted for shall not be considered a subcontractor for purposes of this Section 4.05(D)(5).

6. Nothing contained in this Section 4.05(D) shall be construed to bar any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from lawfully limiting employment or lawfully giving preference to persons of the same religion or denomination or from lawfully making such selection as is calculated by such organization to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained.

## **Section 4.06 Paid Sick Leave Law**

### **A. *Introduction and General Provisions.***

1. The Earned Sick Time Act, also known as the Paid Sick Leave Law (“PSLL”), requires covered employees who annually perform more than 80 hours of work in New York City to be provided with paid sick time.<sup>2</sup> Contractors of the City or of other governmental entities may be required to provide sick time pursuant to the PSLL.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the PSLL, if fewer than five employees work for the same employer, as determined pursuant Admin. Code § 20-912(g), such employer has the option of providing such employees uncompensated sick time.

2. The PSLI became effective on April 1, 2014, and is codified at Title 20, Chapter 8, of the Admin. Code. It is administered by the City's Department of Consumer Affairs ("DCA"). DCA's rules promulgated under the PSLI are codified at Chapter 7 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York ("Rules").

3. The Contractor agrees to comply in all respects with the PSLI and the Rules, and as amended, if applicable, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor further acknowledges that such compliance is a material term of this Agreement and that failure to comply with the PSLI in performance of this Agreement may result in its termination.

4. The Contractor must notify the ACCO in writing within 10 Days of receipt of a complaint (whether oral or written) regarding the PSLI involving the performance of this Agreement. Additionally, the Contractor must cooperate with DCA's education efforts and must comply with DCA's subpoenas and other document demands as set forth in the PSLI and Rules.

5. The PSLI is summarized below for the convenience of the Contractor. The Contractor is advised to review the PSLI and Rules in their entirety. On the website [www.nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave](http://www.nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave) there are links to the PSLI and the associated Rules as well as additional resources for employers, such as Frequently Asked Questions, timekeeping tools and model forms, and an event calendar of upcoming presentations and webinars at which the Contractor can get more information about how to comply with the PSLI. The Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for compliance with the PSLI notwithstanding any inconsistent language contained herein.

*B. Pursuant to the PSLI and the Rules: Applicability, Accrual, and Use.*

1. An employee who works within the City of New York for more than eighty hours in any consecutive 12-month period designated by the employer as its "calendar year" pursuant to the PSLI ("Year") must be provided sick time. Employers must provide a minimum of one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked by an employee and compensation for such sick time must be provided at the greater of the employee's regular hourly rate or the minimum wage. Employers are not required to provide more than 40 hours of sick time to an employee in any Year.

2. An employee has the right to determine how much sick time he or she will use, provided that employers may set a reasonable minimum increment for the use of sick time not to exceed four hours per Day. In addition, an employee may carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the following Year, provided that no employer is required to allow the use of more than 40 hours of sick time in a Year or carry over unused paid sick time if the employee is paid for such unused sick time and the employer provides the employee with at least the legally required amount of paid sick time for such employee for the immediately subsequent Year on the first Day of such Year.

3. An employee entitled to sick time pursuant to the PSLL may use sick time for any of the following:

a. such employee's mental illness, physical illness, injury, or health condition or the care of such illness, injury, or condition or such employee's need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;

b. such employee's care of a family member (an employee's child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent, or the child or parent of an employee's spouse or domestic partner) who has a mental illness, physical illness, injury or health condition or who has a need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;

c. closure of such employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; or

d. such employee's need to care for a child whose school or childcare provider has been closed due to a public health emergency.

4. An employer must not require an employee, as a condition of taking sick time, to search for a replacement. However, an employer may require an employee to provide: reasonable notice of the need to use sick time; reasonable documentation that the use of sick time was needed for a reason above if for an absence of more than three consecutive work days; and/or written confirmation that an employee used sick time pursuant to the PSLL. However, an employer may not require documentation specifying the nature of a medical condition or otherwise require disclosure of the details of a medical condition as a condition of providing sick time and health information obtained solely due to an employee's use of sick time pursuant to the PSLL must be treated by the employer as confidential.

5. If an employer chooses to impose any permissible discretionary requirement as a condition of using sick time, it must provide to all employees a written policy containing those requirements, using a delivery method that reasonably ensures that employees receive the policy. If such employer has not provided its written policy, it may not deny sick time to an employee because of non-compliance with such a policy.

6. Sick time to which an employee is entitled must be paid no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period beginning after the sick time was used.

C. *Exemptions and Exceptions.* Notwithstanding the above, the PSLL does not apply to any of the following:

1. an independent contractor who does not meet the definition of employee under N.Y. Labor Law § 190(2);

2. an employee covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect on April 1, 2014, until the termination of such agreement;

3. an employee in the construction or grocery industry covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement if the provisions of the PSLL are expressly waived in such collective bargaining agreement;

4. an employee covered by another valid collective bargaining agreement if such provisions are expressly waived in such agreement and such agreement provides a benefit comparable to that provided by the PSLL for such employee;

5. an audiologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or speech language pathologist who is licensed by the New York State Department of Education and who calls in for work assignments at will, determines his or her own schedule, has the ability to reject or accept any assignment referred to him or her, and is paid an average hourly wage that is at least four times the federal minimum wage;

6. an employee in a work study program under Section 2753 of Chapter 42 of the United States Code;

7. an employee whose work is compensated by a qualified scholarship program as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 117 of Chapter 20 of the United States Code; or

8. a participant in a Work Experience Program (WEP) under N.Y. Social Services Law § 336-c.

D. *Retaliation Prohibited.* An employer may not threaten or engage in retaliation against an employee for exercising or attempting in good faith to exercise any right provided by the PSLL. In addition, an employer may not interfere with any investigation, proceeding, or hearing pursuant to the PSLL.

E. *Notice of Rights.*

1. An employer must provide its employees with written notice of their rights pursuant to the PSLL. Such notice must be in English and the primary language spoken by an employee, provided that DCA has made available a translation into such language. Downloadable notices are available on DCA's website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/law/PaidSickLeave.shtml>.

2. Any person or entity that willfully violates these notice requirements is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$50.00 for each employee who was not given appropriate notice.

F. *Records.* An employer must retain records documenting its compliance with the PSLL for a period of at least three years, and must allow DCA to access such records in furtherance of an investigation related to an alleged violation of the PSLL.

G. *Enforcement and Penalties.*

1. Upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of the PSLL, DCA has the right to investigate such complaint and attempt to resolve it through mediation. Within 30 Days of written notification of a complaint by DCA, or sooner in certain circumstances, the employer must provide DCA with a written response and such other information as DCA may request. If DCA believes that a violation of the PSLL has occurred, it has the right to issue a notice of violation to the employer.

2. DCA has the power to grant an employee or former employee all appropriate relief as set forth in Admin. Code § 20-924(d). Such relief may include, among other remedies, treble damages for the wages that should have been paid, damages for unlawful retaliation, and damages and reinstatement for unlawful discharge. In addition, DCA may impose on an employer found to have violated the PSLL civil penalties not to exceed \$500.00 for a first violation, \$750.00 for a second violation within two years of the first violation, and \$1,000.00 for each succeeding violation within two years of the previous violation.

H. *More Generous Policies and Other Legal Requirements.* Nothing in the PSLL is intended to discourage, prohibit, diminish, or impair the adoption or retention of a more generous sick time policy, or the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement providing more generous sick time. The PSLL provides minimum requirements pertaining to sick time and does not preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, rule, requirement, policy or standard that provides for greater accrual or use by employees of sick leave or time, whether paid or unpaid, or that extends other protections to employees. The PSLL may not be construed as creating or imposing any requirement in conflict with any federal or state law, rule, or regulation.

#### **Section 4.07 Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act**

A. In accordance with Local Laws 30 and 33 of 2012, codified at Admin. Code §§ 6-132 and 12-113, respectively,

1. Contractor shall not take an adverse personnel action with respect to an officer or employee in retaliation for such officer or employee making a report of information concerning conduct which such officer or employee knows or reasonably believes to involve corruption, criminal activity, conflict of interest, gross mismanagement or abuse of authority by any officer or employee relating to this Agreement to (i) the Commissioner of the Department of Investigation, (ii) a member of

the New York City Council, the Public Advocate, or the Comptroller, or (iii) the City Chief Procurement Officer, ACCO, Agency head, or Commissioner.

2. If any of Contractor's officers or employees believes that he or she has been the subject of an adverse personnel action in violation of this Section 4.07, he or she shall be entitled to bring a cause of action against Contractor to recover all relief necessary to make him or her whole. Such relief may include but is not limited to: (i) an injunction to restrain continued retaliation, (ii) reinstatement to the position such employee would have had but for the retaliation or to an equivalent position, (iii) reinstatement of full fringe benefits and seniority rights, (iv) payment of two times back pay, plus interest, and (v) compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the retaliation, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

3. Contractor shall post a notice provided by the City (attached hereto) in a prominent and accessible place on any site where work pursuant to the Agreement is performed that contains information about:

a. how its employees can report to the New York City Department of Investigation allegations of fraud, false claims, criminality or corruption arising out of or in connection with the Agreement; and

b. the rights and remedies afforded to its employees under Admin. Code §§ 7-805 (the New York City False Claims Act) and 12-113 (the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act) for lawful acts taken in connection with the reporting of allegations of fraud, false claims, criminality or corruption in connection with the Agreement.

4. For the purposes of this Section 4.07, "adverse personnel action" includes dismissal, demotion, suspension, disciplinary action, negative performance evaluation, any action resulting in loss of staff, office space, equipment or other benefit, failure to appoint, failure to promote, or any transfer or assignment or failure to transfer or assign against the wishes of the affected officer or employee.

5. This Section 4.07 is applicable to all of Contractor's subcontractors having subcontracts with a value in excess of \$100,000.00; accordingly, Contractor shall include this Section 4.07 in all subcontracts with a value in excess of \$100,000.00.

B. Section 4.07 is not applicable to this Agreement if it is valued at \$100,000.00 or less. Sections 4.07(A)(1), (2), (4), and (5) are not applicable to this Agreement if it was solicited pursuant to a finding of an emergency. Section 4.07(A)(3) is neither applicable to this Agreement if it was solicited prior to October 18, 2012 nor if it is a renewal of a contract executed prior to October 18, 2012.

## **ARTICLE 5 - RECORDS, AUDITS, REPORTS, AND INVESTIGATIONS**

### **Section 5.01 Books and Records**

The Contractor agrees to maintain separate and accurate books, records, documents, and other evidence, and to utilize appropriate accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Agreement.

### **Section 5.02 Retention of Records**

The Contractor agrees to retain all books, records, documents, other evidence relevant to this Agreement, including those required pursuant to Section 5.01, for six years after the final payment or expiration or termination of this Agreement, or for a period otherwise prescribed by Law, whichever is later. In addition, if any litigation, claim, or audit concerning this Agreement has commenced before the expiration of the six-year period, the books, records, documents, and other evidence must be retained until the completion of such litigation, claim, or audit. Any books, records, documents, and other evidence that are created in an electronic format in the regular course of business may be retained in an electronic format. Any books, records, documents, or other evidence that are created in the regular course of business as a paper copy may be retained in an electronic format provided that they satisfy the requirements of N.Y. Civil Practice Law and Rules (“CPLR”) 4539(b), including the requirement that the reproduction is created in a manner “which does not permit additions, deletions, or changes without leaving a record of such additions, deletions, or changes.” Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to waive any objection to the admissibility of any such books, records, documents, or other evidence on the grounds that such documents do not satisfy CPLR 4539(b).

### **Section 5.03 Inspection**

A. At any time during the Agreement or during the record retention period set forth in Section 5.02, the City, including the Department and the Department’s Office of the Inspector General, as well as City, State, and federal auditors and any other persons duly authorized by the City shall, upon reasonable notice, have full access to and the right to examine and copy all books, records, documents, and other evidence maintained or retained by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Article 5. Notwithstanding any provision herein regarding notice of inspection, all books, records, documents, and other evidence of the Contractor kept pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to immediate inspection, review, and copying by the Department’s Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller, and/or federal auditors without prior notice and at no additional cost to the City. The Contractor shall make such books, records documents, and other evidence available for inspection in the City of New York or shall reimburse the City for expenses associated with the out-of-City inspection.

B. The Department shall have the right to have representatives of the Department or of the City, State or federal government present to observe the services being performed. If

observation of particular services or activity would constitute a waiver of a legal privilege or violate the Law or an ethical obligation under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys, National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics or other similar code governing the provision of a profession's services in New York State, the Contractor shall promptly inform the Department or other entity seeking to observe such work or activity. Such restriction shall not act to prevent government representatives from inspecting the provision of services in a manner that allows the representatives to ensure that services are being performed in accordance with this Agreement.

C. The Contractor shall not be entitled to final payment until the Contractor has complied with any request for inspection or access given under this Section 5.03.

#### **Section 5.04 Audit**

A. This Agreement and all books, records, documents, and other evidence required to be maintained or retained pursuant to this Agreement, including all vouchers or invoices presented for payment and the books, records, and other documents upon which such vouchers or invoices are based (e.g., reports, cancelled checks, accounts, and all other similar material), are subject to audit by (i) the City, including the Comptroller, the Department, and the Department's Office of the Inspector General, (ii) the State, (iii) the federal government, and (iv) other persons duly authorized by the City. Such audits may include examination and review of the source and application of all funds whether from the City, the State, the federal government, private sources, or otherwise.

B. Audits by the City, including the Comptroller, the Department, and the Department's Office of the Inspector General, are performed pursuant to the powers and responsibilities conferred by the Charter and the Admin. Code, as well as all orders, rules, and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Charter and Admin. Code.

C. The Contractor shall submit any and all documentation and justification in support of expenditures or fees under this Agreement as may be required by the Department and by the Comptroller in the exercise of his/her powers under Law.

D. The Contractor shall not be entitled to final payment until the Contractor has complied with the requirements of this Section 5.04.

#### **Section 5.05 No Removal of Records from Premises**

Where performance of this Agreement involves use by the Contractor of any City books, records, documents, or data (in hard copy, or electronic or other format now known or developed in the future) at City facilities or offices, the Contractor shall not remove any such items or material (in the format in which it originally existed, or in any other converted or derived format) from such facility or office without the prior written approval of the Department's designated official. Upon the request by the Department at any time during the Agreement or after the



Agreement has expired or terminated, the Contractor shall return to the Department any City books, records, documents, or data that has been removed from City premises.

#### **Section 5.06 Electronic Records**

As used in this Appendix A, the terms “books,” “records,” “documents,” and “other evidence” refer to electronic versions as well as hard copy versions.

#### **Section 5.07 Investigations Clause**

A. The Contractor agrees to cooperate fully and faithfully with any investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a State or City agency or authority that is empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to examine witnesses under oath, or conducted by the Inspector General of a governmental agency that is a party in interest to the transaction, submitted bid, submitted proposal, contract, lease, permit, or license that is the subject of the investigation, audit or inquiry.

B.

1. If any person who has been advised that his or her statement, and any information from such statement, will not be used against him or her in any subsequent criminal proceeding refuses to testify before a grand jury or other governmental agency or authority empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to examine witnesses under oath concerning the award of or performance under any transaction, agreement, lease, permit, contract, or license entered into with the City, or State, or any political subdivision or public authority thereof, or the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, or any local development corporation within the City, or any public benefit corporation organized under the Laws of the State, or;

2. If any person refuses to testify for a reason other than the assertion of his or her privilege against self-incrimination in an investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a City or State governmental agency or authority empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to take testimony under oath, or by the Inspector General of the governmental agency that is a party in interest in, and is seeking testimony concerning the award of, or performance under, any transaction, agreement, lease, permit, contract, or license entered into with the City, the State, or any political subdivision thereof or any local development corporation within the City, then;

C.

1. The Commissioner or Agency Head whose agency is a party in interest to the transaction, submitted bid, submitted proposal, contract, lease, permit, or license shall convene a hearing, upon not less than five (5) Days written notice to the parties involved to determine if any penalties should attach for the failure of a person to testify.

2. If any non-governmental party to the hearing requests an adjournment, the Commissioner or Agency Head who convened the hearing may, upon granting the adjournment, suspend any contract, lease, permit, or license pending the final determination pursuant to Paragraph E below without the City incurring any penalty or damages for delay or otherwise.

D. The penalties that may attach after a final determination by the Commissioner or Agency Head may include but shall not exceed:

1. The disqualification for a period not to exceed five years from the date of an adverse determination for any person, or any entity of which such person was a member at the time the testimony was sought, from submitting bids for, or transacting business with, or entering into or obtaining any contract, lease, permit or license with or from the City; and/or

2. The cancellation or termination of any and all such existing City contracts, leases, permits or licenses that the refusal to testify concerns and that have not been assigned as permitted under this Agreement, nor the proceeds of which pledged, to an unaffiliated and unrelated institutional lender for fair value prior to the issuance of the notice scheduling the hearing, without the City incurring any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination; monies lawfully due for goods delivered, work done, rentals, or fees accrued prior to the cancellation or termination shall be paid by the City.

E. The Commissioner or Agency Head shall consider and address in reaching his or her determination and in assessing an appropriate penalty the factors in Paragraphs (1) and (2) below. He or she may also consider, if relevant and appropriate, the criteria established in Paragraphs (3) and (4) below, in addition to any other information that may be relevant and appropriate:

1. The party's good faith endeavors or lack thereof to cooperate fully and faithfully with any governmental investigation or audit, including but not limited to the discipline, discharge, or disassociation of any person failing to testify, the production of accurate and complete books and records, and the forthcoming testimony of all other members, agents, assignees or fiduciaries whose testimony is sought.

2. The relationship of the person who refused to testify to any entity that is a party to the hearing, including, but not limited to, whether the person whose testimony is sought has an ownership interest in the entity and/or the degree of authority and responsibility the person has within the entity.

3. The nexus of the testimony sought to the subject entity and its contracts, leases, permits or licenses with the City.

4. The effect a penalty may have on an unaffiliated and unrelated party or entity that has a significant interest in an entity subject to penalties under Paragraph D above, provided that the party or entity has given actual notice to the Commissioner or Agency Head upon the acquisition of the interest, or at the hearing called for in Paragraph (C)(1) above gives notice and proves that such interest was previously acquired. Under either circumstance, the party or entity must present evidence at the hearing demonstrating the potential adverse impact a penalty will have on such person or entity.

#### F. Definitions

1. The term “license” or “permit” as used in this Section shall be defined as a license, permit, franchise, or concession not granted as a matter of right.

2. The term “person” as used in this Section shall be defined as any natural person doing business alone or associated with another person or entity as a partner, director, officer, principal or employee.

3. The term “entity” as used in this Section shall be defined as any firm, partnership, corporation, association, or person that receives monies, benefits, licenses, leases, or permits from or through the City, or otherwise transacts business with the City.

4. The term “member” as used in this Section shall be defined as any person associated with another person or entity as a partner, director, officer, principal, or employee.

G. In addition to and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commissioner or Agency Head may in his or her sole discretion terminate this Agreement upon not less than three (3) Days written notice in the event the Contractor fails to promptly report in writing to the City Commissioner of Investigation any solicitation of money, goods, requests for future employment or other benefits or thing of value, by or on behalf of any employee of the City or other person or entity for any purpose that may be related to the procurement or obtaining of this Agreement by the Contractor, or affecting the performance of this Agreement.

#### **Section 5.08 Confidentiality**

A. The Contractor agrees to hold confidential, both during and after the completion or termination of this Agreement, all of the reports, information, or data, furnished to, or prepared, assembled or used by, the Contractor under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of such reports, information, or data by using a reasonable degree of care, and using at least the same degree of care that the Contractor uses to preserve the confidentiality of its own confidential information. The Contractor agrees that such reports, information, or data shall not be made available to any person or entity without the prior written approval of the Department. The obligation under this Section 5.08 to hold reports, information or data confidential shall not apply where the Contractor is legally required to disclose such reports, information or data, by virtue of a subpoena, court order or otherwise (“disclosure

demand”), provided that the Contractor complies with the following: (1) the Contractor shall provide advance notice to the Commissioner, in writing or by e-mail, that it received a disclosure demand for to disclose such reports, information or data and (2) if requested by the Department, the Contractor shall not disclose such reports, information, or data until the City has exhausted its legal rights, if any, to prevent disclosure of all or a portion of such reports, information or data. The previous sentence shall not apply if the Contractor is prohibited by law from disclosing to the Department the disclosure demand for such reports, information or data.

B. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Department within three days of the discovery by the Contractor of any breach of security, as defined in Admin. Code § 10-501(b), of any data, encrypted or otherwise, in use by the Contractor that contains social security numbers or other personal identifying information as defined in Admin. Code § 10-501 (“Personal Identifying Information”), where such breach of security arises out of the acts or omissions of the Contractor or its employees, subcontractors, or agents. Upon the discovery of such security breach, the Contractor shall take reasonable steps to remediate the cause or causes of such breach, and shall provide notice to the Department of such steps. In the event of such breach of security, without limiting any other right of the City, the City shall have the right to withhold further payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the costs of notifications and/or other actions mandated by any Law, or administrative or judicial order, to address the breach, and including any fines or disallowances imposed by the State or federal government as a result of the disclosure. The City shall also have the right to withhold further payments hereunder for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the costs of credit monitoring services for the victims of such a breach of security by a national credit reporting agency, and/or any other commercially reasonable preventive measure. The Department shall provide the Contractor with written notice and an opportunity to comment on such measures prior to implementation. Alternatively, at the City’s discretion, or if monies remaining to be earned or paid under this Agreement are insufficient to cover the costs detailed above, the Contractor shall pay directly for the costs, detailed above, if any.

C. The Contractor shall restrict access to confidential information to persons who have a legitimate work related purpose to access such information. The Contractor agrees that it will instruct its officers, employees, and agents to maintain the confidentiality of any and all information required to be kept confidential by this Agreement.

D. The Contractor, and its officers, employees, and agents shall notify the Department, at any time either during or after completion or termination of this Agreement, of any intended statement to the press or any intended issuing of any material for publication in any media of communication (print, news, television, radio, Internet, etc.) regarding the services provided or the data collected pursuant to this Agreement at least 24 hours prior to any statement to the press or at least five business days prior to the submission of the material for publication, or such shorter periods as are reasonable under the circumstances. The Contractor may not issue any statement or submit any material for publication that includes confidential information as prohibited by this Section 5.08.

E. At the request of the Department, the Contractor shall return to the Department any and all confidential information in the possession of the Contractor or its subcontractors. If the Contractor or its subcontractors are legally required to retain any confidential information, the Contractor shall notify the Department in writing and set forth the confidential information that it intends to retain and the reasons why it is legally required to retain such information. The Contractor shall confer with the Department, in good faith, regarding any issues that arise from the Contractor retaining such confidential information. If the Department does not request such information or the Law does not require otherwise, such information shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 5.02.

F. A breach of this Section 5.08 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement for which the Department may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 10. The Department reserves any and all other rights and remedies in the event of unauthorized disclosure.

## **ARTICLE 6 - COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS, INVENTIONS, AND ANTITRUST**

### **Section 6.01 Copyrights and Ownership of Work Product**

A. Any reports, documents, data, photographs, deliverables, and/or other materials produced pursuant to this Agreement, and any and all drafts and/or other preliminary materials in any format related to such items produced pursuant to this Agreement, shall upon their creation become the exclusive property of the City.

B. Any reports, documents, data, photographs, deliverables, and/or other materials provided pursuant to this Agreement (“Copyrightable Materials”) shall be considered “work-made-for-hire” within the meaning and purview of Section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the City shall be the copyright owner thereof and of all aspects, elements, and components thereof in which copyright protection might exist. To the extent that the Copyrightable Materials do not qualify as “work-made-for-hire,” the Contractor hereby irrevocably transfers, assigns and conveys exclusive copyright ownership in and to the Copyrightable Materials to the City, free and clear of any liens, claims, or other encumbrances. The Contractor shall retain no copyright or intellectual property interest in the Copyrightable Materials. The Copyrightable Materials shall be used by the Contractor for no purpose other than in the performance of this Agreement without the prior written permission of the City. The Department may grant the Contractor a license to use the Copyrightable Materials on such terms as determined by the Department and set forth in the license.

C. The Contractor acknowledges that the City may, in its sole discretion, register copyright in the Copyrightable Materials with the United States Copyright Office or any other government agency authorized to grant copyright registrations. The Contractor shall fully cooperate in this effort, and agrees to provide any and all documentation necessary to accomplish this.

D. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Copyrightable Materials: (i) are wholly original material not published elsewhere (except for material that is in the public domain); (ii) do not violate any copyright Law; (iii) do not constitute defamation or invasion of the right of privacy or publicity; and (iv) are not an infringement, of any kind, of the rights of any third party. To the extent that the Copyrightable Materials incorporate any non-original material, the Contractor has obtained all necessary permissions and clearances, in writing, for the use of such non-original material under this Agreement, copies of which shall be provided to the City upon execution of this Agreement.

E. If the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal grant of funds, the federal and State government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, for federal or State government purposes, the copyright in any Copyrightable Materials developed under this Agreement.

F. If the Contractor publishes a work dealing with any aspect of performance under this Agreement, or with the results of such performance, the City shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such work for City governmental purposes.

#### **Section 6.02 Patents and Inventions**

The Contractor shall promptly and fully report to the Department any discovery or invention arising out of or developed in the course of performance of this Agreement. If the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal grant of funds, the Contractor shall promptly and fully report to the federal government for the federal government to make a determination as to whether patent protection on such invention shall be sought and how the rights in the invention or discovery, including rights under any patent issued thereon, shall be disposed of and administered in order to protect the public interest.

#### **Section 6.03 Pre-existing Rights**

In no case shall Sections 6.01 and 6.02 apply to, or prevent the Contractor from asserting or protecting its rights in any discovery, invention, report, document, data, photograph, deliverable, or other material in connection with or produced pursuant to this Agreement that existed prior to or was developed or discovered independently from the activities directly related to this Agreement.

#### **Section 6.04 Antitrust**

The Contractor hereby assigns, sells, and transfers to the City all right, title, and interest in and to any claims and causes of action arising under the antitrust laws of the State or of the United States relating to the particular goods or services procured by the City under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 7 - INSURANCE**

### **Section 7.01 Agreement to Insure**

The Contractor shall maintain the following types of insurance if and as indicated in Schedule A (with the minimum limits and special conditions specified in Schedule A) throughout the term of this Agreement, including any applicable guaranty period. All insurance shall meet the requirements set forth in this Article 7. Wherever this Article 7 requires that insurance coverage be “at least as broad” as a specified form (including all ISO forms), there is no obligation that the form itself be used, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate that the alternative form or endorsement contained in its policy provides coverage at least as broad as the specified form.

### **Section 7.02 Workers’ Compensation, Disability Benefits, and Employers’ Liability Insurance**

A. The Contractor shall maintain workers’ compensation insurance, employers’ liability insurance, and disability benefits insurance, in accordance with Law on behalf of, or in regard to, all employees providing services under this Agreement

B. Within 10 Days of award of this Agreement or as otherwise specified by the Department, and as required by N.Y. Workers’ Compensation Law §§ 57 and 220(8), the Contractor shall submit proof of Contractor’s workers’ compensation insurance and disability benefits insurance (or proof of a legal exemption) to the Department in a form acceptable to the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board. ACORD forms are not acceptable proof of such insurance. The following forms are acceptable:

1. Form C-105.2, *Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance*;
2. Form U-26.3, *State Insurance Fund Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance*;
3. Form SI-12, *Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance*;
4. Form GSI-105.2, *Certificate of Participation in Worker’s Compensation Group Self-Insurance*;
5. Form DB-120.1, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance*;
6. Form DB-155, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance*;
7. Form CE-200 – *Affidavit of Exemption*;
8. Other forms approved by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board; or

9. Other proof of insurance in a form acceptable to the City.

### **Section 7.03 Other Insurance**

A. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* The Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance in the amounts specified in Schedule A covering operations under this Agreement. Coverage must be at least as broad as the coverage provided by the most recently issued ISO Form CG 00 01, primary and non-contributory, and “occurrence” based rather than “claims-made.” Such coverage shall list the City, together with its officials and employees, and any other entity that may be listed on Schedule A as an additional insured with coverage at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO Form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 and, if construction is performed as part of the services, ISO Form CG 20 37.

B. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A and/or if vehicles are used in the provision of services under this Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain commercial automobile liability insurance for liability arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles to be used in connection with this Agreement. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO Form CA 00 01. If vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the commercial automobile liability insurance shall be endorsed to provide pollution liability broadened coverage for covered vehicles (endorsement CA 99 48) as well as proof of MCS-90.

C. *Professional Liability Insurance.*

1. If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain and submit evidence of professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance appropriate to the type(s) of such services to be provided under this Agreement. The policy or policies shall cover the liability assumed by the Contractor under this Agreement arising out of the negligent performance of professional services or caused by an error, omission, or negligent act of the Contractor or anyone employed by the Contractor.

2. All subcontractors of the Contractor providing professional services under this Agreement for which professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance is reasonably commercially available shall also maintain such insurance in the amount specified in Schedule A. At the time of the request for subcontractor approval, the Contractor shall provide to the Department, evidence of such professional liability insurance on a form acceptable to the Department.

3. Claims-made policies will be accepted for professional liability insurance. All such policies shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two years. If available as an option, the Contractor shall purchase extended reporting period coverage effective on cancellation or termination of such insurance unless a new policy is secured with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.



D. *Crime Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain crime insurance during the term of the Agreement in the minimum amounts listed in Schedule A. Such insurance shall include coverage, without limitation, for any and all acts of employee theft including employee theft of client property, forgery or alteration, inside the premises (theft of money and securities), inside the premises (robbery or safe burglary of other property), outside the premises, computer fraud, funds transfer fraud, and money orders and counterfeit money. The policy shall name the Contractor as named insured and shall list the City as loss payee as its interests may appear.

E. *Cyber Liability Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain cyber liability insurance covering losses arising from operations under this Agreement in the amounts listed in Schedule A. The City shall approve the policy (including exclusions therein), coverage amounts, deductibles or self-insured retentions, and premiums, as well as the types of losses covered, which may include but not be limited to: notification costs, security monitoring costs, losses resulting from identity theft, and other injury to third parties. If additional insured status is commercially available under the Contractor's cyber liability insurance, the insurance shall cover the City, together with its respective officials and employees, as additional insured.

F. *Other Insurance.* The Contractor shall provide such other types of insurance in the amounts specified in Schedule A.

#### **Section 7.04 General Requirements for Insurance Coverage and Policies**

A. Unless otherwise stated, all insurance required by Section 7.03 of this Agreement must:

1. be provided by companies that may lawfully issue such policies;
2. have an A.M. Best rating of at least A- / VII, a Standard & Poor's rating of at least A, a Moody's Investors Service rating of at least A3, a Fitch Ratings rating of at least A- or a similar rating by any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization acceptable to the New York City Law Department unless prior written approval is obtained from the New York City Law Department; and
3. be primary (and non-contributing) to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City (not applicable to professional liability insurance/errors and omissions insurance) and any other entity listed as an additional insured in Schedule A.

B. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all premiums for all required insurance policies and all deductibles or self-insured retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy.

C. There shall be no self-insurance program, including a self-insurance retention, exceeding \$10,000.00, with regard to any insurance required under Section 7.03 unless approved in writing by the Commissioner. Any such self-insurance program shall provide the City and any other additional insured listed on Schedule A with all rights that would be provided by traditional insurance required under this Article 7, including but not limited to the defense obligations that insurers are required to undertake in liability policies.

D. The limits of coverage for all types of insurance for the City, including its officials and employees, and any other additional insured listed on Schedule A that must be provided to such additional insured(s) shall be the greater of (i) the minimum limits set forth in Schedule A or (ii) the limits provided to the Contractor as named insured under all primary, excess, and umbrella policies of that type of coverage.

### **Section 7.05 Proof of Insurance**

A. For each policy required under Section 7.03 and Schedule A of this Agreement, the Contractor shall file proof of insurance and, where applicable, proof that the City, including its officials and employees, is an additional insured with the Department within ten Days of award of this Agreement. The following proof is acceptable:

1. A certificate of insurance accompanied by a completed certification of insurance broker or agent (included in Schedule A of this Agreement) and any endorsements by which the City, including its officials and employees, have been made an additional insured; or

2. A copy of the insurance policy, including declarations and endorsements, certified by an authorized representative of the issuing insurance carrier.

B. Proof of insurance confirming renewals of insurance required under Section 7.03 must be submitted to the Department prior to the expiration date of the coverage. Such proof must meet the requirements of Section 7.05(A).

C. The Contractor shall provide the City with a copy of any policy required under this Article 7 upon the demand for such policy by the Commissioner or the New York City Law Department.

D. Acceptance by the Commissioner of a certificate or a policy does not excuse the Contractor from maintaining policies consistent with all provisions of this Article 7 (and ensuring that subcontractors maintain such policies) or from any liability arising from its failure to do so.

E. If the Contractor receives notice, from an insurance company or other person, that any insurance policy required under this Article 7 shall expire or be cancelled or terminated for any reason, the Contractor shall immediately forward a copy of such notice to both the address referred to in Section 14.04 and Schedule A and to the New York City Comptroller, Attn: Office

of Contract Administration, Municipal Building, One Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, New York 10007.

#### **Section 7.06 Miscellaneous**

A. Whenever notice of loss, damage, occurrence, accident, claim, or suit is required under a policy required by Section 7.03 and Schedule A, the Contractor shall provide the insurer with timely notice thereof on behalf of the City. Such notice shall be given even where the Contractor may not be covered under such policy if this Agreement requires that the City be an additional insured (for example, where one of Contractor's employees was injured). Such notice shall expressly specify that "this notice is being given on behalf of the City of New York, including its officials and employees, as additional insured" (such notice shall also include the name of any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A) and contain the following information to the extent known: the number of the insurance policy; the name of the named insured; the date and location of the damage, occurrence, or accident; the identity of the persons or things injured, damaged, or lost; and the title of the claim or suit, if applicable. The Contractor shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to the City of New York c/o Insurance Claims Specialist, Affirmative Litigation Division, New York City Law Department, 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10007. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph, the Contractor shall indemnify the City, together with its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A for all losses, judgments, settlements and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from an insurer's disclaimer of coverage citing late notice by or on behalf of the City together with its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A.

B. The Contractor's failure to maintain any of the insurance required by this Article 7 and Schedule A shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Such breach shall not be waived or otherwise excused by any action or inaction by the City at any time.

C. Insurance coverage in the minimum amounts required in this Article 7 shall not relieve the Contractor or its subcontractors of any liability under this Agreement, nor shall it preclude the City from exercising any rights or taking such other actions as are available to it under any other provisions of this Agreement or Law.

D. With respect to insurance required by Section 7.03 and Schedule A (but not including professional liability/errors and omissions insurance), the Contractor waives all rights against the City, including its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A for any damages or losses that are covered under any insurance required under this Article 7 (whether or not such insurance is actually procured or claims are paid thereunder) or any other insurance applicable to the operations of the Contractor and/or its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement.

E. In the event the Contractor requires any subcontractor to maintain insurance with regard to any operations under this Agreement and requires such subcontractor to list the Contractor as an additional insured under such insurance, the Contractor shall ensure that such

entity also list the City, including its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A as an additional insured. With respect to commercial general liability insurance, such coverage must be at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO form CG 20 26.

## **ARTICLE 8 - PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

### **Section 8.01 Reasonable Precautions**

The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to protect all persons and the property of the City and of others from injury, damage, or loss resulting from the Contractor's and/or its subcontractors' operations under this Agreement.

### **Section 8.02 Protection of City Property**

The Contractor assumes the risk of, and shall be responsible for, any loss or damage to City property, including property and equipment leased by the City, used in the performance of this Agreement, where such loss or damage is caused by negligence, any tortious act, or failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement or of Law by the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors.

### **Section 8.03 Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, including its officials and employees, against any and all claims (even if the allegations of the claim are without merit), judgments for damages on account of any injuries or death to any person or damage to any property, and costs and expenses to which the City or its officials or employees, may be subject to or which they may suffer or incur allegedly arising out of any of the operations of the Contractor and/or its subcontractors under this Agreement to the extent resulting from any negligent act of commission or omission, any intentional tortious act, and/or the failure to comply with Law or any of the requirements of this Agreement. Insofar as the facts or Law relating to any of the foregoing would preclude the City or its officials or employees from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the City and its officials and employees shall be partially indemnified by the Contractor to the fullest extent permitted by Law.

### **Section 8.04 Infringement Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, including its officials and employees, against any and all claims (even if the allegations of the claim are without merit), judgments for damages, and costs and expenses to which the City or its officials or employees, may be subject to or which they may suffer or incur allegedly arising out of any infringement, violation, or unauthorized use of any copyright, trade

secret, trademark or patent or any other property or personal right of any third party by the Contractor and/or its employees, agents, or subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its officials and employees regardless of whether or not the alleged infringement, violation, or unauthorized use arises out of compliance with the Agreement's scope of services/scope of work. Insofar as the facts or Law relating to any of the foregoing would preclude the City and its officials and employees from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the City and its officials and employees shall be partially indemnified by the Contractor to the fullest extent permitted by Law.

#### **Section 8.05 Indemnification Obligations Not Limited By Insurance Obligation**

The Contractor's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its officials and employees shall neither be (i) limited in any way by the Contractor's obligations to obtain and maintain insurance under this Agreement, nor (ii) adversely affected by any failure on the part of the City or its officials or employees to avail themselves of the benefits of such insurance.

#### **Section 8.06 Actions By or Against Third Parties**

A. If any claim is made or any action brought in any way relating to Agreement other than an action between the City and the Contractor, the Contractor shall diligently render to the City without additional compensation all assistance that the City may reasonably require of the Contractor.

B. The Contractor shall report to the Department in writing within five business days of the initiation by or against the Contractor of any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement.

#### **Section 8.07 Withholding of Payments**

A. If any claim is made or any action is brought against the City for which the Contractor may be required to indemnify the City pursuant to this Agreement, the City shall have the right to withhold further payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the said claim or action.

B. If any City property is lost or damaged as set forth in Section 8.02, except for normal wear and tear, the City shall have the right to withhold payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover such loss or damage.

C. The City shall not, however, impose a set-off in the event that an insurance company that provided insurance pursuant to Section 7.03 above has accepted the City's tender of the claim or action without a reservation of rights.

D. The Department may, at its option, withhold for purposes of set-off any monies due to the Contractor under this Agreement up to the amount of any disallowances or questioned costs resulting from any audits of the Contractor or to the amount of any overpayment to the Contractor with regard to this Agreement.

E. The rights and remedies of the City provided for in this Section 8.07 are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by Law or this Agreement.

### **Section 8.08 No Third Party Rights**

The provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to create any right of action in favor of third parties against the Contractor or the City or their respective officials and employees.

## **ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACT CHANGES**

### **Section 9.01 Contract Changes**

Changes to this Agreement may be made only as duly authorized by the ACCO or his or her designee and in accordance with the PPB Rules. Any amendment or change to this Agreement shall not be valid unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties. The Contractor deviates from the requirements of this Agreement without a duly approved and executed change order document or written contract modification or amendment at its own risk.

### **Section 9.02 Changes Through Fault of Contractor**

If any change is required in the data, documents, deliverables, or other services to be provided under this Agreement because of negligence or error of the Contractor, no additional compensation shall be paid to the Contractor for making such change, and the Contractor is obligated to make such change without additional compensation.

## **ARTICLE 10 - TERMINATION, DEFAULT, REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

### **Section 10.01 Termination by the City Without Cause**

A. The City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

B. In its sole discretion, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, upon the request of the Contractor to withdraw from the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

C. If the City terminates this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.01, the following provisions apply. The City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date set by the City pursuant to Section 10.05. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the termination date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of termination and falling due after the termination date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

### **Section 10.02 Reductions in Federal, State, and/or City Funding**

A. This Agreement is funded in whole or in part by funds secured from the federal, State and/or City governments. Should there be a reduction or discontinuance of such funds by action of the federal, State and/or City governments, the City shall have, in its sole discretion, the right to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, or to reduce the funding and/or level of services of this Agreement caused by such action by the federal, State and/or City governments, including, in the case of the reduction option, but not limited to, the reduction or elimination of programs, services or service components; the reduction or elimination of contract-reimbursable staff or staff-hours, and corresponding reductions in the budget of this Agreement and in the total amount payable under this Agreement. Any reduction in funds pursuant to this Section 10.02(A) shall be accompanied by an appropriate reduction in the services performed under this Agreement.

B. In the case of the reduction option referred to in Section 10.02(A), above, any such reduction shall be effective as of the date set forth in a written notice thereof to the Contractor, which shall be not less than 30 Days from the date of such notice. Prior to sending such notice of reduction, the Department shall advise the Contractor that such option is being exercised and afford the Contractor an opportunity to make within seven Days any suggestion(s) it may have as to which program(s), service(s), service component(s), staff or staff-hours might be reduced or eliminated, provided, however, that the Department shall not be bound to utilize any of the Contractor's suggestions and that the Department shall have sole discretion as to how to effectuate the reductions.

C. If the City reduces funding pursuant to this Section 10.02, the following provisions apply. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the reduction date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of reduction and falling due after the reduction date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

D. To the extent that the reduction in public funds is a result of the State determining that the Contractor may receive medical assistance funds pursuant to title eleven of article five of

the Social Services Law to fund the services contained within the scope of a program under this Agreement, then the notice and effective date provisions of this Section 10.02 shall not apply, and the Department may reduce such public funds authorized under this Agreement by informing the Contractor of the amount of the reduction and revising attachments to this Agreement as appropriate.

### **Section 10.03 Contractor Default**

A. The City shall have the right to declare the Contractor in default:

1. Upon a breach by the Contractor of a material term or condition of this Agreement, including unsatisfactory performance of the services;

2. Upon insolvency or the commencement of any proceeding by or against the Contractor, either voluntarily or involuntarily, under the Bankruptcy Code or relating to the insolvency, receivership, liquidation, or composition of the Contractor for the benefit of creditors;

3. If the Contractor refuses or fails to proceed with the services under the Agreement when and as directed by the Commissioner;

4. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities are indicted or convicted after execution of the Agreement under any state or federal law of any of the following:

a. a criminal offense incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain or performing a public or private contract;

b. fraud, embezzlement, theft, bribery, forgery, falsification, or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;

c. a criminal violation of any state or federal antitrust law;

d. violation of the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961 *et seq.*, or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 *et seq.*, for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

e. conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any statute described in subparagraph (d) above; or

f. an offense indicating a lack of business integrity that seriously and directly affects responsibility as a City vendor.



5. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities are subject to a judgment of civil liability under any state or federal antitrust law for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract; or

6. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities makes or causes to be made any false, deceptive, or fraudulent material statement, or fail to make a required material statement in any bid, proposal, or application for City or other government work.

B. The right to declare the Contractor in default shall be exercised by sending the Contractor a written notice of the conditions of default, signed by the Commissioner, setting forth the ground or grounds upon which such default is declared ("Notice to Cure"). The Contractor shall have ten Days from receipt of the Notice to Cure or any longer period that is set forth in the Notice to Cure to cure the default. The Commissioner may temporarily suspend services under the Agreement pending the outcome of the default proceedings pursuant to this Section 10.03.

C. If the conditions set forth in the Notice to Cure are not cured within the period set forth in the Notice to Cure, the Commissioner may declare the Contractor in default pursuant to this Section 10.03. Before the Commissioner may exercise his or her right to declare the Contractor in default, the Commissioner shall give the Contractor an opportunity to be heard upon not less than five business days' notice. The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, provide for such opportunity to be in writing or in person. Such opportunity to be heard shall not occur prior to the end of the cure period but notice of such opportunity to be heard may be given prior to the end of the cure period and may be given contemporaneously with the Notice to Cure.

D. After the opportunity to be heard, the Commissioner may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, upon finding the Contractor in default pursuant to this Section 10.03, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

E. The Commissioner, after declaring the Contractor in default, may have the services under the Agreement completed by such means and in such manner, by contract with or without public letting, or otherwise, as he or she may deem advisable in accordance with applicable PPB Rules. After such completion, the Commissioner shall certify the expense incurred in such completion, which shall include the cost of re-letting. Should the expense of such completion, as certified by the Commissioner, exceed the total sum which would have been payable under the Agreement if it had been completed by the Contractor, any excess shall be promptly paid by the Contractor upon demand by the City. The excess expense of such completion, including any and all related and incidental costs, as so certified by the Commissioner, and any liquidated damages assessed against the Contractor, may be charged against and deducted out of monies earned by the Contractor.

#### **Section 10.04 Force Majeure**

A. For purposes of this Agreement, a force majeure event is an act or event beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the Contractor ("Force Majeure Event"). Such events may include, but are not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, storm or other natural disaster, civil commotion, war, terrorism, riot, and labor disputes not brought about by any act or omission of the Contractor.

B. In the event the Contractor cannot comply with the terms of the Agreement (including any failure by the Contractor to make progress in the performance of the services) because of a Force Majeure Event, then the Contractor may ask the Commissioner to excuse the nonperformance and/or terminate the Agreement. If the Commissioner, in his or her reasonable discretion, determines that the Contractor cannot comply with the terms of the Agreement because of a Force Majeure Event, then the Commissioner shall excuse the nonperformance and may terminate the Agreement. Such a termination shall be deemed to be without cause.

C. If the City terminates the Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.04, the following provisions apply. The City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the termination date. Any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of termination and falling due after the termination date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

#### **Section 10.05 Procedures for Termination**

A. The Department and/or the City shall give the Contractor written notice of any termination of this Agreement. Such notice shall specify the applicable provision(s) under which the Agreement is terminated and the effective date of the termination. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the notice shall comply with the provisions of this Section 10.05 and Section 14.04. For termination without cause, the effective date of the termination shall not be less than ten Days from the date the notice is personally delivered, or 15 Days from the date the notice is either sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered by overnight or same day courier service in a properly addressed envelope with confirmation, or sent by email and, unless the receipt of the email is acknowledged by the recipient by email, deposited in a post office box regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service in a properly addressed postage pre-paid envelope. In the case of termination for default, the effective date of the termination shall be as set forth above for a termination without cause or such earlier date as the Commissioner may determine. If the City terminates the Agreement in part, the Contractor shall continue the performance of the Agreement to the extent not terminated.

B. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with the City close-out procedures, including but not limited to:

1. Accounting for and refunding to the Department, within 45 Days, any unexpended funds which have been advanced to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement;

2. Furnishing within 45 Days an inventory to the Department of all equipment, appurtenances and property purchased through or provided under this Agreement and carrying out any Department or City directive concerning the disposition of such equipment, appurtenances and property;

3. Turning over to the Department or its designees all books, records, documents and material specifically relating to this Agreement that the Department has requested be turned over;

4. Submitting to the Department, within 90 Days, a final statement and report relating to the Agreement. The report shall be made by a certified public accountant or a licensed public accountant, unless the Department waives, in writing, the requirement that a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant make such report; and

5. Providing reasonable assistance to the Department in the transition, if any, to a new contractor.

#### **Section 10.06 Miscellaneous Provisions**

A. The Commissioner, in addition to any other powers set forth in this Agreement or by operation of Law, may suspend, in whole or in part, any part of the services to be provided under this Agreement whenever in his or her judgment such suspension is required in the best interest of the City. If the Commissioner suspends this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.06, the City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the suspension date until such suspension is lifted. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the suspension date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of suspension and falling due during the suspension period shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of the Contractor's breach of the Agreement, and the City may withhold payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off in the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor.

C. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this Article 10 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by Law or under this Agreement.

## **Section 10.07 Liquidated Damages**

If Schedule A or any other part of this Agreement includes liquidated damages for failure to comply with a provision of this Agreement, the sum indicated is fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that the City will suffer by reason of such noncompliance and not as a penalty.

## **ARTICLE 11 - PROMPT PAYMENT AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

### **Section 11.01 Prompt Payment**

A. The prompt payment provisions of PPB Rule § 4-06 are applicable to payments made under this Agreement. With some exceptions, the provisions generally require the payment to the Contractor of interest on payments made after the required payment date, as set forth in the PPB Rules.

B. The Contractor shall submit a proper invoice to receive payment, except where the Agreement provides that the Contractor will be paid at predetermined intervals without having to submit an invoice for each scheduled payment.

C. Determination of interest due will be made in accordance with the PPB Rules and the applicable rate of interest shall be the rate in effect at the time of payment.

### **Section 11.02 Electronic Funds Transfer**

A. In accordance with Admin. Code § 6-107.1, the Contractor agrees to accept payments under this Agreement from the City by electronic funds transfer. An electronic funds transfer is any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephonic instrument or computer or magnetic tape so as to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account. Prior to the first payment made under this Agreement, the Contractor shall designate one financial institution or other authorized payment agent and shall complete the "EFT Vendor Payment Enrollment Form" available from the Agency or at <http://www.nyc.gov/dof> in order to provide the commissioner of the Department of Finance with information necessary for the Contractor to receive electronic funds transfer payments through the designated financial institution or authorized payment agent. The crediting of the amount of a payment to the appropriate account on the books of a financial institution or other authorized payment agent designated by the Contractor shall constitute full satisfaction by the City for the amount of the payment under this Agreement. The account information supplied by the Contractor to facilitate the electronic funds transfer shall remain confidential to the fullest extent provided by Law.

B. The Agency Head may waive the application of the requirements of this Section 11.02 to payments on contracts entered into pursuant to Charter § 315. In addition, the

commissioner of the Department of Finance and the Comptroller may jointly issue standards pursuant to which the Department may waive the requirements of this Section 11.02 for payments in the following circumstances: (i) for individuals or classes of individuals for whom compliance imposes a hardship; (ii) for classifications or types of checks; or (iii) in other circumstances as may be necessary in the best interest of the City.

C. This Section 11.02 is applicable to contracts valued at \$25,000.00 and above.

## **ARTICLE 12 - CLAIMS**

### **Section 12.01 Choice of Law**

This Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the City and State of New York, regardless of the domicile of the Contractor, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York (notwithstanding New York choice of law or conflict of law principles) and the Laws of the United States, where applicable.

### **Section 12.02 Jurisdiction and Venue**

Subject to Section 12.03, the parties agree that any and all claims asserted by or against the City arising under or related to this Agreement shall solely be heard and determined either in the courts of the United States located in the City or in the courts of the State located in the City and County of New York. The parties shall consent to the dismissal and/or transfer of any claims asserted in any other venue or forum to the proper venue or forum. If the Contractor initiates any action in breach of this Section 12.02, the Contractor shall be responsible for and shall promptly reimburse the City for any attorneys' fees incurred by the City in removing the action to a proper court consistent with this Section 12.02.

### **Section 12.03 Resolution of Disputes**

A. Except as provided in Subparagraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2) below, all disputes between the City and the Contractor that arise under, or by virtue of, this Agreement shall be finally resolved in accordance with the provisions of this Section 12.03 and PPB Rule § 4-09. This procedure shall be the exclusive means of resolving any such disputes.

1. This Section 12.03 shall not apply to disputes concerning matters dealt with in other sections of the PPB Rules or to disputes involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets (as interpreted by the courts of New York State) relating to proprietary rights in computer software, or to termination other than for cause.

2. For construction and construction-related services this Section 12.03 shall apply only to disputes about the scope of work delineated by the Agreement, the interpretation of Agreement documents, the amount to be paid for extra work or disputed work performed in connection with the Agreement, the conformity of the Contractor's

work to the Agreement, and the acceptability and quality of the Contractor's work; such disputes arise when the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head makes a determination with which the Contractor disagrees. For construction, this Section 12.03 shall not apply to termination of the Agreement for cause or other than for cause.

B. All determinations required by this Section 12.03 shall be clearly stated, with a reasoned explanation for the determination based on the information and evidence presented to the party making the determination. Failure to make such determination within the time required by this Section 12.03 shall be deemed a non-determination without prejudice that will allow application to the next level.

C. During such time as any dispute is being presented, heard, and considered pursuant to this Section 12.03, the Agreement terms shall remain in full force and effect and, unless otherwise directed by the ACCO or Engineer, the Contractor shall continue to perform work in accordance with the Agreement and as directed by the ACCO or City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head. Failure of the Contractor to continue the work as directed shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any and all claims being presented pursuant to this Section 12.03 and a material breach of contract.

D. Presentation of Dispute to Agency Head.

1. Notice of Dispute and Agency Response. The Contractor shall present its dispute in writing ("Notice of Dispute") to the Agency Head within the time specified herein, or, if no time is specified, within 30 Days of receiving written notice of the determination or action that is the subject of the dispute. This notice requirement shall not be read to replace any other notice requirements contained in the Agreement. The Notice of Dispute shall include all the facts, evidence, documents, or other basis upon which the Contractor relies in support of its position, as well as a detailed computation demonstrating how any amount of money claimed by the Contractor in the dispute was arrived at. Within 30 Days after receipt of the complete Notice of Dispute, the ACCO or, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, shall submit to the Agency Head all materials he or she deems pertinent to the dispute. Following initial submissions to the Agency Head, either party may demand of the other the production of any document or other material the demanding party believes may be relevant to the dispute. The requested party shall produce all relevant materials that are not otherwise protected by a legal privilege recognized by the courts of New York State. Any question of relevancy shall be determined by the Agency Head whose decision shall be final. Willful failure of the Contractor to produce any requested material whose relevancy the Contractor has not disputed, or whose relevancy has been affirmatively determined, shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of its claim.

2. Agency Head Inquiry. The Agency Head shall examine the material and may, in his or her discretion, convene an informal conference with the Contractor and the ACCO and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, to resolve the issue by mutual consent prior to reaching a determination. The Agency Head may seek such technical or other expertise as he or she shall deem appropriate, including the use of neutral mediators, and require any such additional material from either or both parties as he or she deems fit. The Agency Head's ability to render, and the effect of, a decision hereunder shall not be impaired by any negotiations in connection with the dispute presented, whether or not the Agency Head participated therein. The Agency Head may or, at the request of any party to the dispute, shall compel the participation of any other contractor with a contract related to the work of this Agreement and that contractor shall be bound by the decision of the Agency Head. Any contractor thus brought into the dispute resolution proceeding shall have the same rights and obligations under this Section 12.03 as the Contractor initiating the dispute.

3. Agency Head Determination. Within 30 Days after the receipt of all materials and information, or such longer time as may be agreed to by the parties, the Agency Head shall make his or her determination and shall deliver or send a copy of such determination to the Contractor and ACCO and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, together with a statement concerning how the decision may be appealed.

4. Finality of Agency Head Decision. The Agency Head's decision shall be final and binding on all parties, unless presented to the Contract Dispute Resolution Board ("CDRB") pursuant to this Section 12.03. The City may not take a petition to the CDRB. However, should the Contractor take such a petition, the City may seek, and the CDRB may render, a determination less favorable to the Contractor and more favorable to the City than the decision of the Agency Head.

E. Presentation of Dispute to the Comptroller. Before any dispute may be brought by the Contractor to the CDRB, the Contractor must first present its claim to the Comptroller for his or her review, investigation, and possible adjustment.

1. Time, Form, and Content of Notice. Within 30 Days of receipt of a decision by the Agency Head, the Contractor shall submit to the Comptroller and to the Agency Head a Notice of Claim regarding its dispute with the Agency. The Notice of Claim shall consist of (i) a brief statement of the substance of the dispute, the amount of money, if any, claimed and the reason(s) the Contractor contends the dispute was wrongly decided by the Agency Head; (ii) a copy of the decision of the Agency Head; and (iii) a copy of all materials submitted by the Contractor to the Agency, including the Notice of Dispute. The Contractor may not present to the Comptroller any material not presented to the Agency Head, except at the request of the Comptroller.

2. Agency Response. Within 30 Days of receipt of the Notice of Claim, the Agency shall make available to the Comptroller a copy of all material submitted by the Agency to the Agency Head in connection with the dispute. The Agency may not present to the Comptroller any material not presented to the Agency Head, except at the request of the Comptroller.

3. Comptroller Investigation. The Comptroller may investigate the claim in dispute and, in the course of such investigation, may exercise all powers provided in Admin. Code §§ 7-201 and 7-203. In addition, the Comptroller may demand of either party, and such party shall provide, whatever additional material the Comptroller deems pertinent to the claim, including original business records of the Contractor. Willful failure of the Contractor to produce within 15 Days any material requested by the Comptroller shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of its claim. The Comptroller may also schedule an informal conference to be attended by the Contractor, Agency representatives, and any other personnel desired by the Comptroller.

4. Opportunity of Comptroller to Compromise or Adjust Claim. The Comptroller shall have 45 Days from his or her receipt of all materials referred to in Paragraph (E)(3) above to investigate the disputed claim. The period for investigation and compromise may be further extended by agreement between the Contractor and the Comptroller, to a maximum of 90 Days from the Comptroller's receipt of all the materials. The Contractor may not present its petition to the CDRB until the period for investigation and compromise delineated in this Paragraph has expired. In compromising or adjusting any claim hereunder, the Comptroller may not revise or disregard the terms of the Agreement.

F. Contract Dispute Resolution Board. There shall be a Contract Dispute Resolution Board composed of:

1. the chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings ("OATH") or his or her designated OATH administrative law judge, who shall act as chairperson, and may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders consistent with this Section 12.03 as may be necessary in the execution of the CDRB's functions, including, but not limited to, granting extensions of time to present or respond to submissions;

2. the City Chief Procurement Officer ("CCPO") or his or her designee; any designee shall have the requisite background to consider and resolve the merits of the dispute and shall not have participated personally and substantially in the particular matter that is the subject of the dispute or report to anyone who so participated; and

3. a person with appropriate expertise who is not an employee of the City. This person shall be selected by the presiding administrative law judge from a prequalified panel of individuals, established, and administered by OATH, with appropriate background to act as decision-makers in a dispute. Such individuals may not



have a contract or dispute with the City or be an officer or employee of any company or organization that does, or regularly represent persons, companies, or organizations having disputes with the City.

G. Petition to CDRB. In the event the claim has not been settled or adjusted by the Comptroller within the period provided in this Section 12.03, the Contractor, within thirty (30) Days thereafter, may petition the CDRB to review the Agency Head determination.

1. Form and Content of Petition by the Contractor. The Contractor shall present its dispute to the CDRB in the form of a petition, which shall include (i) a brief statement of the substance of the dispute, the amount of money, if any, claimed, and the reason(s) the Contractor contends that the dispute was wrongly decided by the Agency Head; (ii) a copy of the decision of the Agency Head; (iii) copies of all materials submitted by the Contractor to the Agency; (iv) a copy of the decision of the Comptroller, if any, and (v) copies of all correspondence with, and material submitted by the Contractor to, the Comptroller's Office. The Contractor shall concurrently submit four complete sets of the petition: one to the Corporation Counsel (Attn: Commercial and Real Estate Litigation Division), and three to the CDRB at OATH's offices, with proof of service on the Corporation Counsel. In addition, the Contractor shall submit a copy of the statement of the substance of the dispute, cited in (i) above, to both the Agency Head and the Comptroller.

2. Agency Response. Within 30 Days of receipt of the petition by the Corporation Counsel, the Agency shall respond to the statement of the Contractor and make available to the CDRB all material it submitted to the Agency Head and Comptroller. Three complete copies of the Agency response shall be submitted to the CDRB at OATH's offices and one to the Contractor. Extensions of time for submittal of the Agency response shall be given as necessary upon a showing of good cause or, upon the consent of the parties, for an initial period of up to 30 Days.

3. Further Proceedings. The CDRB shall permit the Contractor to present its case by submission of memoranda, briefs, and oral argument. The CDRB shall also permit the Agency to present its case in response to the Contractor by submission of memoranda, briefs, and oral argument. If requested by the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller shall provide reasonable assistance in the preparation of the Agency's case. Neither the Contractor nor the Agency may support its case with any documentation or other material that was not considered by the Comptroller, unless requested by the CDRB. The CDRB, in its discretion, may seek such technical or other expert advice as it shall deem appropriate and may seek, on its own or upon application of a party, any such additional material from any party as it deems fit. The CDRB, in its discretion, may combine more than one dispute between the parties for concurrent resolution.

4. CDRB Determination. Within 45 Days of the conclusion of all submissions and oral arguments, the CDRB shall render a decision resolving the dispute. In an unusually complex case, the CDRB may render its decision in a longer period of

time, not to exceed 90 Days, and shall so advise the parties at the commencement of this period. The CDRB's decision must be consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Decisions of the CDRB shall only resolve matters before the CDRB and shall not have precedential effect with respect to matters not before the CDRB.

5. Notification of CDRB Decision. The CDRB shall send a copy of its decision to the Contractor, the ACCO, the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller, the CCPO, and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head. A decision in favor of the Contractor shall be subject to the prompt payment provisions of the PPB Rules. The required payment date shall be 30 Days after the date the parties are formally notified of the CDRB's decision.

6. Finality of CDRB Decision. The CDRB's decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any party may seek review of the CDRB's decision solely in the form of a challenge, filed within four months of the date of the CDRB's decision, in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York, County of New York pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Such review by the court shall be limited to the question of whether or not the CDRB's decision was made in violation of lawful procedure, was affected by an error of Law, or was arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion. No evidence or information shall be introduced or relied upon in such proceeding that was not presented to the CDRB in accordance with PPB Rules § 4-09.

H. Any termination, cancellation, or alleged breach of the Agreement prior to or during the pendency of any proceedings pursuant to this Section 12.03 shall not affect or impair the ability of the Agency Head or CDRB to make a binding and final decision pursuant to this Section 12.03.

#### **Section 12.04 Claims and Actions**

A. Any claim, that is not subject to dispute resolution under the PPB Rules or this Agreement, against the City for damages for breach of contract shall not be made or asserted in any action, unless the Contractor shall have strictly complied with all requirements relating to the giving of notice and of information with respect to such claims, as provided in this Agreement.

B. No action shall be instituted or maintained on any such claims unless such action shall be commenced within six months after the final payment under this Agreement, or within six months of the termination or expiration of this Agreement, or within six months after the accrual of the cause of action, whichever first occurs.

#### **Section 12.05 No Claim Against Officials, Agents, or Employees**

No claim shall be made by the Contractor against any official, agent, or employee of the City in their personal capacity for, or on account of, anything done or omitted in connection with this Agreement.

### **Section 12.06 General Release**

The acceptance by the Contractor or its assignees of the final payment under this Agreement, whether by check, wire transfer, or other means, and whether pursuant to invoice, voucher, judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction or any other administrative means, shall constitute and operate as a release of the City from any and all claims of and liability to the Contractor, of which the Contractor was aware or should reasonably have been aware, arising out of the performance of this Agreement based on actions of the City prior to such acceptance of final payment, excepting any disputes that are the subject of pending dispute resolution procedures.

### **Section 12.07 No Waiver**

Waiver by either the Department or the Contractor of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Agreement unless and until the same shall be agreed to in writing by the parties as set forth in Section 9.01.

## **ARTICLE 13 - APPLICABLE LAWS**

### **Section 13.01 PPB Rules**

This Agreement is subject to the PPB Rules. If there is a conflict between the PPB Rules and a provision of this Agreement, the PPB Rules shall take precedence.

### **Section 13.02 All Legal Provisions Deemed Included**

Each and every provision required by Law to be inserted in this Agreement is hereby deemed to be a part of this Agreement, whether actually inserted or not.

### **Section 13.03 Severability / Unlawful Provisions Deemed Stricken**

If this Agreement contains any unlawful provision not an essential part of the Agreement and which shall not appear to have been a controlling or material inducement to the making of this Agreement, the unlawful provision shall be deemed of no effect and shall, upon notice by either party, be deemed stricken from the Agreement without affecting the binding force of the remainder.

### **Section 13.04 Compliance With Laws**

The Contractor shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable Laws as are in effect at the time such services are performed.

### **Section 13.05 Unlawful Discrimination in the Provision of Services**

A. *Discrimination in Public Accommodations.* With respect to services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of actual or perceived age, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, partnership status, marital status, disability, presence of a service animal, race, color, national origin, alienage, citizenship status, or military status, or any other class of individuals protected from discrimination in public accommodations by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

B. *Discrimination in Housing Accommodations.* With respect to services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of actual or perceived age, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses, partnership status, marital status, presence of children, disability, presence of a service or emotional support animal, race, color, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, lawful occupation, or lawful source of income (including income derived from social security, or any form of federal, state, or local public government assistance or housing assistance including Section 8 vouchers), or any other class of individuals protected from discrimination in housing accommodations by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

C. *Admin. Code § 6-123.* In accordance with Admin. Code § 6-123, the Contractor will not engage in any unlawful discriminatory practice as defined in and pursuant to the terms of Title 8 of the Admin. Code. The Contractor shall include a provision in any agreement with a first-level subcontractor performing services under this Agreement for an amount in excess of \$50,000.00 that such subcontractor shall not engage in any such unlawful discriminatory practice.

D. *Immigration status.* In connection with the services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not inquire about the immigration status of a recipient or potential recipient of such services unless (i) it is necessary for the determination of program, service or benefit eligibility or the provision of City services or (ii) the Contractor is required by law to inquire about such person's immigration status.

### **Section 13.06 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

A. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 *et seq.* ("ADA") and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, see 28 CFR Part 35. The Contractor shall not discriminate against an individual with a disability, as defined in the ADA, in providing services, programs, or activities pursuant to this Agreement. If directed to do so by the Department to ensure the

Contractor's compliance with the ADA during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall prepare a plan ("Compliance Plan") which lists its program site(s) and describes in detail, how it intends to make the services, programs and activities set forth in the scope of services herein readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities at such site(s). If the program site is not readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, contractor shall also include in the Compliance Plan, a description of reasonable alternative means and methods that result in making the services, programs or activities provided under this Agreement, readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to people with visual, auditory or mobility disabilities. The Contractor shall submit the Compliance Plan to the ACCO for review within ten Days after being directed to do so and shall abide by the Compliance Plan and implement any action detailed in the Compliance Plan to make the services, programs, or activities accessible and usable by the disabled.

B. The Contractor's failure to either submit a Compliance Plan as required herein or implement an approved Compliance Plan may be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and result in the City terminating this Agreement.

### **Section 13.07 Voter Registration**

A. *Participating Agencies.* Pursuant to Charter § 1057-a, if this Agreement is made by and through a participating City agency and the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor must comply with the requirements of this Section 13.06. The participating City agencies are: the Administration for Children's Services; the City Clerk; the Civilian Complaint Review Board; the Commission on Human Rights; Community Boards; SBS; the Department of Citywide Administrative Services; the Department of Consumer Affairs; the Department of Correction; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Finance; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Department of Homeless Services; the Department of Housing Preservation and Development; the Department of Parks and Recreation; the Department of Probation; the Taxi and Limousine Commission; the Department of Transportation; and the Department of Youth and Community Development.

B. *Distribution of Voter Registration Forms.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor, if it has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business under this Agreement, hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall provide and distribute voter registration forms to all persons together with written applications for services, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services. Such voter registration forms shall be provided to the Contractor by the City. The Contractor should be prepared to provide forms written in Spanish or Chinese, and shall obtain a sufficient supply of such forms from the City.

2. The Contractor shall also include a voter registration form with any Contractor communication sent through the United States mail for the purpose of

supplying clients with materials for application, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services. If forms written in Spanish or Chinese are not provided in such mailing, the Contractor shall provide such forms upon the Department's request.

3. The Contractor shall, subject to approval by the Department, incorporate an opportunity to request a voter registration application into any application for services, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services provided on computer terminals, the World Wide Web or the Internet. Any person indicating that they wish to be sent a voter registration form via computer terminals, the World Wide Web or the Internet shall be sent such a form by the Contractor or be directed, in a manner subject to approval by the Department, to a link on that system where such a form may be downloaded.

4. The Contractor shall, at the earliest practicable or next regularly scheduled printing of its own forms, subject to approval by the Department, physically incorporate the voter registration forms with its own application forms in a manner that permits the voter registration portion to be detached therefrom. Until such time when the Contractor amends its form, the Contractor should affix or include a postage-paid City Board of Elections voter registration form to or with its application, renewal, recertification, and change of address forms.

5. The Contractor shall prominently display in its public office, subject to approval by the Department, promotional materials designed and approved by the City or State Board of Elections.

6. For the purposes of Paragraph A of this Section 13.06, the word "Contractor" shall be deemed to include subcontractors having regular contact with the public in the daily administration of their business.

7. The provisions of Paragraph A of this Section 13.06 shall not apply to services that must be provided to prevent actual or potential danger to life, health, or safety of any individual or of the public.

C. *Assistance in Completing Voter Registration Forms.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. In the event the Department provides assistance in completing distributed voter registration forms, the Contractor shall also provide such assistance, in the manner and to the extent specified by the Department.

2. In the event the Department receives and transmits completed registration forms from applicants who wish to have the forms transmitted to the City Board of Elections, the Contractor shall similarly provide such service, in the manner and to the extent specified by the Department.

3. If, in connection with the provision of services under this Agreement, the Contractor intends to provide assistance in completing distributed voter registration forms or to receive and transmit completed registration forms from applicants who wish to have the forms transmitted to the City Board of Elections, the Contractor shall do so only by prior arrangement with the Department.

4. The provision of Paragraph B services by the Contractor may be subject to Department protocols, including protocols regarding confidentiality.

D. *Required Statements.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall advise all persons seeking voter registration forms and information, in writing together with other written materials provided by the Contractor or by appropriate publicity, that the Contractor's or government services are not conditioned on being registered to vote.

2. No statement shall be made and no action shall be taken by the Contractor or an employee of the Contractor to discourage an applicant from registering to vote or to encourage or discourage an applicant from enrolling in any particular political party.

3. The Contractor shall communicate to applicants that the completion of voter registration forms is voluntary.

4. The Contractor and the Contractor's employees shall not:

- a. seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party designation;
- b. display any political preference or party allegiance;
- c. make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote; or
- d. make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

E. The Contractor, as defined above and in this Agreement, agrees that the covenants and representations in this Section 13.06 are material conditions of this Agreement.

F. The provisions of this Section 13.06 do not apply where the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal or State grant of funds and the source of funds prohibits the use of federal or State funds for the purposes of this Section.

### **Section 13.08 Political Activity**

The Contractor's provision of services under this Agreement shall not include any partisan political activity or any activity to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public, political, or party office, nor shall any of the funds provided under this Agreement be used for such purposes.

### **Section 13.09 Religious Activity**

There shall be no religious worship, instruction, or proselytizing as part of or in connection with the Contractor's provision of services under this Agreement, nor shall any of the funds provided under this Agreement be used for such purposes.

### **Section 13.10 Participation in an International Boycott**

A. The Contractor agrees that neither the Contractor nor any substantially-owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, 50 U.S.C. Appendix. §§ 2401 *et seq.*, or the regulations of the United States Department of Commerce promulgated thereunder.

B. Upon the final determination by the Commerce Department or any other agency of the United States as to, or conviction of, the Contractor or a substantially-owned affiliated company thereof, of participation in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Comptroller may, at his or her option, render forfeit and void this Agreement.

C. The Contractor shall comply in all respects, with the provisions of Admin. Code § 6-114 and the rules issued by the Comptroller thereunder.

### **Section 13.11 MacBride Principles**

A. In accordance with and to the extent required by Admin. Code § 6-115.1, the Contractor stipulates that the Contractor and any individual or legal entity in which the Contractor holds a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest and any individual or legal entity that holds a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest in the Contractor either (a) have no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations they have in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such principles.

B. The Contractor agrees that the covenants and representations in Paragraph A above are material conditions to this Agreement.

C. This Section does not apply if the Contractor is a not-for-profit corporation.



### **Section 13.12 Access to Public Health Insurance Coverage Information**

A. Participating Agencies. Pursuant to Charter § 1069, if this Agreement is with a participating City agency and the Contractor is one to whom this Section 13.11 applies as provided in Paragraph B of this Section 13.11, the Contractor hereby agrees to fulfill the obligations in Paragraph C of this Section 13.11. The participating City agencies are: the Administration for Children's Services; the City Clerk; the Commission on Human Rights; the Department for the Aging; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Homeless Services; the Department of Housing Preservation and Development; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Department of Probation; the Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration; the Taxi and Limousine Commission; the Department of Youth and Community Development; the Office to Combat Domestic Violence; and the Office of Immigrant Affairs.

B. Applicability to Certain Contractors. This Section 13.11 shall be applicable to a Contractor operating pursuant to an Agreement which (i) is in excess of \$250,000.00 and (ii) requires such Contractor to supply individuals with a written application for, or written renewal or recertification of services, or request for change of address form in the daily administration of its contractual obligation to such participating City agency. "Contractors" to whom this Section 13.11 applies shall be deemed to include subcontractors if the subcontract requires the subcontractor to supply individuals with a written application for, or written renewal or recertification of services, or request for change of address form in the daily administration of the subcontractor's contractual obligation.

C. Distribution of Public Health Insurance Pamphlet. In accordance with Charter § 1069, when the participating City agency supplies the Contractor with the public health insurance program options pamphlet published by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene pursuant to Section 17-183 of the Admin. Code (hereinafter "pamphlet"), the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor will distribute the pamphlet to all persons requesting a written application for services, renewal or recertification of services or request for a change of address relating to the provision of services.

2. The Contractor will include a pamphlet with any Contractor communication sent through the United States mail for the purpose of supplying an individual with a written application for services, renewal or recertification of services or with a request for a change of address form relating to the provision of services.

3. The Contractor will provide an opportunity for an individual requesting a written application for services, renewal or recertification for services or change of address form relating to the provision of services via the Internet to request a pamphlet, and will provide such pamphlet by United States mail or an Internet address where such

pamphlet may be viewed or downloaded, to any person who indicates via the Internet that they wish to be sent a pamphlet.

4. The Contractor will ensure that its employees do not make any statement to an applicant for services or client or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant or client to believe that a decision to request public health insurance or a pamphlet has any bearing on their eligibility to receive or the availability of services or benefits.

5. The Contractor will comply with: (i) any procedures established by the participating City agency to implement Charter § 1069; (ii) any determination of the commissioner or head of the participating City agency (which is concurred in by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) to exclude a program, in whole or in part, from the requirements of Charter § 1069; and (iii) any determination of the commissioner or head of the participating City agency (which is concurred in by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) as to which Workforce Investment Act of 1998 offices providing workforce development services shall be required to fulfill the obligations under Charter § 1069.

D. Non-applicability to Certain Services. The provisions of this Section 13.11 shall not apply to services that must be provided to prevent actual or potential danger to the life, health or safety of any individual or to the public.

### **Section 13.13 Distribution of Personal Identification Materials**

A. Participating Agencies. Pursuant to City Executive Order No. 150 of 2011 (“E.O. 150”), if this Agreement is with a participating City agency and the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor must comply with the requirements of this Section 13.12. The participating City agencies are: Administration for Children’s Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Correction, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Human Resources Administration, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Probation, and Department of Youth and Community Development.

B. Policy. As expressed in E.O. 150, it is the policy of the City to provide information to individuals about how they can obtain the various forms of City, State, and Federal government-issued identification and, where appropriate, to assist them with the process for applying for such identification.

C. Distribution of Materials. If the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor hereby agrees to provide and distribute materials and information related to whether and how to obtain various forms of City, State, and Federal government-issued identification as the Agency directs in accordance with the Agency’s plans developed pursuant to E.O. 150.

## **ARTICLE 14 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Section 14.01 Conditions Precedent**

A. This Agreement shall be neither binding nor effective unless and until it is registered pursuant to Charter § 328.

B. The requirements of this Section 14.01 shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any approval or authorization otherwise required for this Agreement to be effective and for the expenditure of City funds.

### **Section 14.02 Merger**

This written Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and no other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties, or to modify any of the terms contained in this Agreement, other than a written change, amendment or modification duly executed by both parties pursuant to Article 9 of this Appendix A.

### **Section 14.03 Headings**

Headings are inserted only as a matter of convenience and therefore are not a part of and do not affect the substance of this Agreement.

### **Section 14.04 Notice**

A. The Contractor and the Department hereby designate the business addresses and email addresses specified in Schedule A (and if not specified in Schedule A, as specified at the beginning of this Agreement) as the places where all notices, directions, or communications from one such party to the other party shall be delivered, or to which they shall be mailed. Either party may change its notice address at any time by an instrument in writing executed and acknowledged by the party making such change and delivered to the other party in the manner as specified below.

B. Any notice, direction, or communication from either party to the other shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when (i) delivered personally; (ii) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; (iii) delivered by overnight or same day courier service in a properly addressed envelope with confirmation; or (iv) sent by email and, unless receipt of the e-mail is acknowledged by the recipient by email, deposited in a post office box regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service in a properly addressed, postage pre-paid envelope.

C. Nothing in this Section 14.04 shall be deemed to serve as a waiver of any requirements for the service of notice or process in the institution of an action or proceeding as provided by Law, including the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

### AFFIRMATION

The undersigned proposer or bidder affirms and declares that said proposer or bidder is not in arrears to the City of New York upon debt, contract or taxes and is not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon obligation to the City of New York, and has not been declared not responsible, or disqualified, by any agency of the City of New York, nor is there any proceeding pending relating to the responsibility or qualification of the proposer or bidder to receive public contract except \_\_\_\_\_.

Full name of Proposer or Bidder *[below]*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK ONE BOX AND INCLUDE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

☐ A - ☐ Individual or Sole Proprietorships

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

☐ B - ☐ Partnership, Joint Venture or other unincorporated organization

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

☐ C - ☐ Corporation

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

If a corporation place seal here

Must be signed by an officer or duly authorized representative.

\* Under the Federal Privacy Act, the furnishing of Social Security numbers by bidders or proposers on City contracts is voluntary. Failure to provide a Social Security number will not result in a bidder's/proposer's disqualification. Social Security numbers will be used to identify bidders, proposers, or vendors to ensure their compliance with laws, to assist the City in enforcement of laws, as well as to provide the City a means of identifying businesses seeking City contracts.

## SCHEDULE A

Article 7 -- Insurance		
Types of Insurance (per Article 7 in its entirety, including listed paragraph)		Minimum Limits and Special Conditions
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.02 </div> </div>		Statutory amounts.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability Benefits Insurance </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.02 </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employers' Liability </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.02 </div> </div>		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.03(A) </div> </div>		<p><u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per occurrence</p> <p><u>\$1,000,000.00</u> personal &amp; advertising injury (unless waived in writing by the Department)</p> <p><u>\$2,000,000.00</u> aggregate</p> <p><u>\$0</u> products/completed operations</p> <p>Additional Insureds:</p> <p>1. City of New York, including its officials and employees, and</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Auto Liability </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.03(B) </div> </div>		<p><u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per accident combined single limit</p> <p>If vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the Contractor shall provide pollution liability broadened coverage for covered vehicles (endorsement CA 99 48) as well as proof of MCS 90</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability/Errors &amp; Omissions </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.03(C) </div> </div>		<p><u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per claim</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 35%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Insurance </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> §7.03(D) </div> </div>		<p>\$_____ Employee Theft/Dishonesty</p>

	\$_____ Computer Fraud \$_____ Funds Transfer Fraud \$_____ Client Coverage \$_____ Forgery or Alteration \$_____ Inside the Premises (theft of money and securities) \$_____ Inside the Premises (robbery or safe burglary of other property) \$_____ Outside the Premises \$_____ Money Orders and Counterfeit Money  City of New York is a loss payee as its interests may appear
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyber Liability Insurance §7.03(E)	<i>[If there is a significant cyber risk, please consult with the Law Department about specific insurance requirements.]</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> [OTHER]	<i>[If other type(s) of insurance need to be required under the Contract, the Contracting Agency should (a) check the box and fill in the type of insurance in left-hand column, and (b) in this right-hand column, specify appropriate limit(s) and appropriate Named Insured and Additional Insured(s).]</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> [OTHER]	<i>[If other type(s) of insurance need to be required under the Contract, the Contracting Agency should (a) check the box and fill in the type of insurance in left-hand column, and (b) in this right-hand column, specify appropriate limit(s) and appropriate Named Insured and Additional Insured(s).]</i>
<b>Section 10.07 – Liquidated Damages</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violation of Section 3.02(H), reporting subcontractors in the City’s Payee Information Portal</li> </ul>	<b>\$100 per day</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____</li> </ul>	\$_____
<b>Section 14.04 – Notice</b>	

Department's Mailing Address and Email Address for Notices	
Contractor's Mailing Address and Email Address for Notices	



## **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

### **Instructions to New York City Agencies, Departments, and Offices**

All certificates of insurance (except certificates of insurance solely evidencing Workers' Compensation Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance, and/or Disability Benefits Insurance) must be accompanied by one of the following:

- (1) the Certification by Insurance Broker or Agent on the following page setting forth the required information and signatures;

-- OR --

- (2) copies of all policies as certified by an authorized representative of the issuing insurance carrier that are referenced in such certificate of insurance. If any policy is not available at the time of submission, certified binders may be submitted until such time as the policy is available, at which time a certified copy of the policy shall be submitted.

**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**CERTIFICATION BY INSURANCE BROKER OR AGENT**

The undersigned insurance broker or agent represents to the City of New York that the attached Certificate of Insurance is accurate in all material respects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of broker or agent (typewritten)]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Address of broker or agent (typewritten)]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Email address of broker or agent (typewritten)]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Phone number/Fax number of broker or agent (typewritten)]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature of authorized official, broker, or agent]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name and title of authorized official, broker, or agent (typewritten)]

State of .....)

) ss.:

County of .....)

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## **WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION EXPANSION ACT POSTER**



**REPORT**  
***CORRUPTION, FRAUD, UNETHICAL CONDUCT***  
**RELATING TO A NYC-FUNDED CONTRACT**  
**OR PROJECT**  
**CALL THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**212-825-5959**

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Investigation (DOI)  
80 Maiden Lane, 17th floor  
New York, New York 10038  
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**THE LAW PROTECTS EMPLOYEES OF  
CITY CONTRACTORS WHO REPORT CORRUPTION**

- Any employee of a City contractor, or subcontractor of the City, or a City contractor with a contract valued at more than \$100,000 is protected under the law from retaliation by his or her employer if the employee reports wrongdoing related to the contract to the DOI.
- **To be protected by this law**, an employee must report to DOI – or to certain other specified government officials – information about fraud, false claims, corruption, criminality, conflict of interest, gross mismanagement, or abuse of authority relating to a City contract valued at more than \$100,000.
- Any employee who makes such a report and who believes he or she has been dismissed, demoted, suspended, or otherwise subject to an adverse personnel action because of that report is entitled to bring a lawsuit against the contractor and recover damages