APPENDIX A

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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. "WDC" means the Workforce Development Corporation.
- B. "Agreement" means the various documents, including this Appendix A, that constitute the contract between the Contractor and the WDC.
 - C. "City" means the City of New York.
- D. "WDC Executive Director" or "duly authorized representative" means the position delegated authority by the WDC Board of Directors to coordinate and oversee all activities, including procurement activity of the WDC.
 - E. "Contractor" means the entity entering into this Agreement with the City.
- F. "Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specifically noted to mean business days.
- G. "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.
 - H. "SBS" means the New York City Department of Small Business Services.
 - I. "EDC" means the New York City Economic Development Corporation.
 - J. "State" means the State of New York.

ARTICLE 2 – REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND DISCLOSURES

Section 2.01 Conflicts of Interest

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.

Section 2.02 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 2.02.

Section 2.03 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 WDC within seven days of filing.

Section 2.04 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 WDC Executive Director or duly authorized representative. 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 WDC Executive Director or duly authorized representative giving the name and address of the proposed assignee. Upon the request of the WDC, 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 WDC 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 WDC Executive Director. The WDC 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 WDC to any corporation, agency, or instrumentality having authority to accept such assignment. The WDC shall provide the Contractor with written notice of any such assignment.

Section 3.02 Subcontracting

- A. All subcontractors must be approved by the WDC prior to commencing work under a subcontract. The WDC in its discretion may grant or deny preliminary approval for the Contractor to contract with the subcontractor.
- B. The WDC 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 WDC to show that the proposed subcontractor has the

necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience and financial resources to perform the required work.

- C. Upon receipt of all relevant documentation, the WDC 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 WDC.
- D. 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 WDC and the Contractor;
 - 2. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor shall impair the rights of the WDC, EDC, and/or the City;
 - 3. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor, or under the Agreement between the WDC and the Contractor, shall create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and the WDC; and
 - 4. The subcontractor specifically agrees to be bound by Section 4.05(B) and Article 5 of this Appendix A and specifically agrees that the WDC may enforce such provisions directly against the subcontractor as if the WDC were a party to the subcontract.
- E. The Contractor agrees that it is as fully responsible to the WDC 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.
- F. For determining the value of a subcontract, all subcontracts with the same subcontractor shall be aggregated.
- G. The WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC shall not incur any further obligation for services performed by such subcontractor pursuant to this Agreement beyond the effective date of the revocation. The WDC shall pay for services provided by the subcontractor in accordance with this Agreement prior to the effective date of revocation.
- H. The WDC'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 WDC, the Contractor shall provide the WDC a copy of any subcontract.

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

Section 3.03 Equipment

Unless otherwise directed by the WDC, title to all equipment or other property purchased at a price in excess of \$500 with funds obtained through this Agreement shall be in the name of the WDC. Contractor shall properly maintain and keep in good repair all equipment acquired with funds obtained through this Agreement. Contractor shall dispose of such equipment as directed by the WDC, and shall maintain detailed records concerning such dispositions. At the WDC's request, Contractor must execute a UCC-1 to evidence the WDC's interest in equipment purchased at a price in excess of \$5,000 and to enable the WDC to perfect that interest by filing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 4 - LABOR PROVISIONS

Section 4.01 Independent Contractor Status

The Contractor and the WDC agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, subsidiary, affiliate, division, department, agency, office, or unit of the WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or the City nor under contract with the WDC, EDC, and/or the City. The Contractor, and not the WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or the City, including any department, agency, office, or unit of the WDC, EDC, and/or the City, including any demand, application, or for the benefit of the Contractor, its employees, officers, or agents any demand, application, or claim upon or against the WDC, EDC, and/or the City for any right or benefit applicable to an official or employee of the WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC Executive Director 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 WDC Executive Director shall provide the Contractor an opportunity to be heard on no less than five Days' written notice. The WDC Executive Director may direct the Contractor to prohibit the individual from performing work under the Agreement pending the opportunity to be heard and the WDC Executive Director's determination.

Section 4.04 Minimum Wage; Living Wage

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.

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. 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 WDC Executive Director 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 WDC declaring the Contractor to be non-responsible.
- 4. The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of the foregoing Sections 4.05(B)(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(B).
- 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(B).
- 6. Nothing contained in this Section 4.05(B) 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.

ARTICLE 5 - RECORDS, AUDITS, REPORTS, AND INVESTIGATIONS

Section 5.01 Books and Records

- A. 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.
- B. Contractor shall retain proper and sufficient bills, vouchers, duplicate receipts and documentation for any payments, expenditures or refunds made to or received by Contractor in connection with this Agreement. Contractor shall make all procurement expenditures in excess of \$1,000 by check or credit card.

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 WDC, EDC, and/or City including the Comptroller and the Department of Investigation, as well as City, State, and federal auditors and any other persons duly authorized by the WDC 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 WDC, the Comptroller, and/or federal auditors without prior notice and at no additional cost to the WDC. The Contractor shall make such books, records documents, and other evidence available for inspection in the City of New York or shall reimburse the WDC for expenses associated with the out-of-City inspection.

- B. The WDC shall have the right to have representatives of the WDC; EDC; and/or City, State, and/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 WDC and/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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including the Comptroller; (ii) the State; (iii) the federal government; and (iv) other persons duly authorized by the WDC. 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, 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 (i) the WDC, EDC, and/or City, including the Comptroller; (ii) the State; (iii) the federal government in the exercise of its 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City books, records, documents, or data (in hard copy, or electronic or other format now known or developed in the future) at WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC's Executive Director or duty authorized representative. Upon the request by the WDC at any time during the Agreement or after the Agreement has expired or terminated, the Contractor shall return to the WDC any WDC, EDC, and/or City books, records, documents, or data that has been removed from WDC, EDC, and/or 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, federal government, 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, license, or agreement 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 WDC; EDC; City, State, and/or federal government; and/or any political subdivision or public authority thereof; and/or the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and/or any local development corporation within the City; and/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, State, or federal 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 WDC, City, State, federal government, or any political subdivision thereof, or any local development corporation within the City, then;

- C. The penalties that may attach after a final determination by the WDC Executive Director 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 WDC; and/or
 - 2. The cancellation or termination of any and all such existing WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC.
- D. The WDC Executive Director 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 WDC.
 - 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 WDC Executive Director 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.

E. 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 WDC, or otherwise transacts business with the WDC.
- 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.
- F. In addition to and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the WDC Executive Director 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 WDC Executive Director 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 WDC 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 WDC. 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 WDC Executive Director, 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 WDC, the Contractor shall not disclose such reports, information, or data until the WDC 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 WDC the disclosure demand for such reports, information or data.

- The Contractor shall provide notice to the WDC within three days of the В. 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 WDC of such steps. In the event of such breach of security, without limiting any other right of the WDC, the WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC shall provide the Contractor with written notice and an opportunity to comment on such measures prior to implementation. Alternatively, at the WDC'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 WDC, 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 WDC, the Contractor shall return to the WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC, in good faith, regarding any issues that arise from the Contractor retaining such confidential information. If the WDC 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 WDC may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 10. The WDC 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 WDC.
- 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 WDC 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 WDC, 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 WDC. The WDC may grant the Contractor a license to use the Copyrightable Materials on such terms as determined by the WDC and set forth in the license.
- C. The Contractor acknowledges that the WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such work for any purposes.

Section 6.02 Patents and Inventions

The Contractor shall promptly and fully report to the WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC, and as required by N.Y. Workers' Compensation Law, the Contractor shall submit proof of Contractor's workers' compensation insurance and disability benefits insurance (or proof of a legal exemption) to the WDC 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 WDC.

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 WDC, EDC, and City, together with their respective 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.
- 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.

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 WDC, evidence of such professional liability insurance on a form acceptable to the WDC.
- 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. 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 WDC 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 WDC, EDC, and City, together with their respective officials and employees, as additional insured.
- E. *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 WDC unless prior written approval is obtained from the WDC; and
 - 3. be primary (and non-contributing) to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees (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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees are 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 WDC Executive Director. Any such self-insurance program shall provide the WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees, 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 Article 7 and Schedule A of this Agreement, the Contractor shall file proof of insurance and, where applicable, proof that the WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees, is an additional insured 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 Article 7 and Schedule A of this Agreement must be submitted to the WDC prior to the expiration date of the coverage. Such proof must meet the requirements of Section 7.04(A).
- C. The Contractor shall provide the WDC with a copy of any policy required under this Article 7 upon the demand for such policy by the WDC Executive Director or a duly authorized representative.
- D. Acceptance by the WDC Executive Director or a duly authorized representative 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 addresses referred to in Section 7.06(A) and Schedule A.

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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees. Such notice shall be given even where the Contractor may not be

covered under such policy if this Agreement requires that the WDC, EDC, and the City, including its officials and employees, 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 Workforce Development Corporation, Economic Development Corporation, and 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 both the address referred to in Schedule A and 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 WDC, EDC, and City, together with their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, together with their 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, 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 WDC, EDC, and City Property

The Contractor assumes the risk of, and shall be responsible for, any loss or damage to WDC, EDC, and/or City property, including property and equipment leased by the WDC, EDC, or 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including their respective officials or employees from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective officials and employees, from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and City, including their respective 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including their respective 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 WDC and the Contractor, the Contractor shall diligently render to the WDC without additional compensation all assistance that the WDC may reasonably require of the Contractor.
- B. The Contractor shall report to the WDC 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 WDC, EDC, and City for which the Contractor may be required to indemnify the WDC, EDC, and City pursuant to this Agreement, the WDC 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City property is lost or damaged as set forth in Section 8.02, except for normal wear and tear, the WDC 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 WDC shall not, however, impose a set-off in the event that an insurance company that provided insurance pursuant to Article 7 above has accepted the WDC's tender of the claim or action without a reservation of rights.
- D. The WDC 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 WDC, EDC, and 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

- A. 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City, including their respective officials and employees.
- B. Contractor, without recourse to the WDC, EDC, or the City, or their respective officials and employees, shall be responsible for the settlement and satisfaction of all contractual obligations and administrative issues arising out of any procurement or leasing contracts paid with funds obtained through this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACT CHANGES

Section 9.01 Contract Changes

Changes to this Agreement may be made only as duly authorized by the WDC Executive Director or duly authorized representative. 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC terminates this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.01, the following provisions apply. The WDC shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date set by the WDC pursuant to Section 10.05. The WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC shall not be bound to utilize any of the Contractor's suggestions and that the WDC shall have sole discretion as to how to effectuate the reductions.
- C. If the WDC reduces funding pursuant to this Section 10.02, the following provisions apply. The WDC 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 WDC 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 10.03 Contractor Default

- A. The WDC 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 WDC Executive Director or duly authorized representative;
- 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 WDC 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 WDC, EDC, 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 WDC Executive Director, 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 WDC Executive Director 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 WDC Executive Director may declare the Contractor in default pursuant to this Section 10.03. Before the WDC Executive Director may exercise his or her right to declare the Contractor in default, the WDC Executive Director shall give the Contractor an opportunity to be heard upon not less than five business days' notice. The WDC Executive Director 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 WDC Executive Director 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 WDC Executive Director, after declaring the Contractor in default, may have the services under the Agreement completed by such means and in such manner as he or she may deem advisable. Should the expense of such completion, as certified by the WDC Executive Director, 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 WDC. The excess expense of such completion, including any and all related and incidental costs, as so certified by the WDC Executive Director, 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 WDC Executive Director to excuse the nonperformance and/or terminate the Agreement. If the WDC Executive Director, 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 WDC Executive Director shall excuse the nonperformance and may terminate the Agreement. Such a termination shall be deemed to be without cause.
- F. If the WDC terminates the Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.04, the following provisions apply. The WDC shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date. The WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 13.03. 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 prepaid 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 WDC Executive Director may determine. If the WDC 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 WDC close-out procedures, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Accounting for and refunding to the WDC, 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 WDC of all equipment, appurtenances and property purchased through or provided under this Agreement and carrying out any WDC directive concerning the disposition of such equipment, appurtenances and property;
- 3. Turning over to the WDC or its designees all books, records, documents and material specifically relating to this Agreement that the WDC has requested be turned over;
- 4. Submitting to the WDC, 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 WDC waives, in writing, the requirement that a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant make such report; and
- 5. Providing reasonable assistance to the WDC in the transition, if any, to a new contractor.

Section 10.06 Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. The WDC, 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 WDC. If the WDC suspends this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.06, the WDC shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the suspension date until such suspension is lifted. The WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City for damages sustained by the WDC, EDC, and/or City by virtue of the Contractor's breach of the Agreement, and the WDC may withhold payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off in the amount of damages due to the WDC, EDC, and/or City from the Contractor.
- C. The rights and remedies of the WDC, EDC, and/or 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 WDC, EDC, and/or City will suffer by reason of such noncompliance and not as a penalty.

ARTICLE 11 - CLAIMS

Section 11.01 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 11.02 Jurisdiction and Venue

Subject to Section 11.03, the parties agree that any and all claims asserted by or against the WDC, EDC, and/or 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 11.02, the Contractor shall be responsible for and shall promptly reimburse the WDC, EDC, and/or City for any attorneys' fees incurred by the WDC, EDC, and/or City in removing the action to a proper court consistent with this Section 11.02.

Section 11.03 Claims and Actions

- A. Any claim against the WDC 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 11.04 No Claim Against Officials, Agents, or Employees

No claim shall be made by the Contractor against any official, agent, or employee of the WDC, EDC, and/or City in their personal capacity for, or on account of, anything done or omitted in connection with this Agreement.

Section 11.05 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 WDC, EDC, and 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 WDC prior to such acceptance of final payment, excepting any disputes that are the subject of pending dispute resolution procedures.

Section 11.06 No Waiver

Waiver by either the WDC 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 12 - APPLICABLE LAWS

Section 12.01 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 12.02 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 12.03 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 12.03 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. *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 12.04 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- 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 WDC 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 WDC 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 WDC terminating this Agreement.

Section 12.05 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 12.06 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 12.07 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 WDC Executive Director may, at his or her option, render forfeit and void this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 13.01 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 13.02 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 13.03 Notice

- A. The Contractor and the WDC 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

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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 13.03 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 except Full name of Proposer or Bidder [below] Address_______ 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

If a corporation place seal here

Title

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 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 WDC in enforcement of laws, as well as to provide the WDC a means of identifying businesses seeking WDC contracts.

SCHEDULE A

Article 7 Insurance				
Types of Insurance (per Article 7 in its entirety, including listed paragraph)	Minimum Limits and Special Conditions			
■ Workers' Compensation §7.02	Statutory amounts.			
Disability Benefits Insurance §7.02				
Employers' Liability §7.02				
Commercial General Liability §7.03(A)	\$ <u>1,000,000.00</u> per occurrence			
	\$1,000,000.00 personal & advertising injury			
	\$ <u>2,000,000.00</u> annual aggregate			
	\$\overline{0}\$ products/completed operations			
	Additional Insureds:			
	1. Workforce Development Corporation, and			
	2. Economic Development Corporation, and			
	3. City of New York, and			
	4. Their respective officials and employees.			
☐ Commercial Auto Liability §7.03(B)	\$1,000,000.00 per accident combined single limit			
☐ Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions §7.03(C)	\$ <u>1,000,000.00</u> per claim			
☐ Cyber Liability Insurance §7.03(E)	TBD			
Section 10.07 – Liquidated Damages				
Section 13.03 – Notice				
WDC's Mailing Address and Email Address Workforce Development Corporation				

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for Notices	c/o NYC Department of Small Business Services 110 William Street, 7th Floor New York, NY 10038 Email: cdennis@sbs.nyc.gov creel@sbs.nyc.gov
Contractor's Mailing Address and Email Address for Notices	

CERTIFICATION BY INSURANCE BROKER OR AGENT

The undersigned insurance broker or agent represents to the Workforce Development Corporation 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) ss.:)
Sworn to b	efore me this day of 20
NOTAR	Y PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF



REPORT

CORRUPTION, FRAUD, UNETHICAL CONDUCT RELATING TO A NYC-FUNDED CONTRACT OR PROJECT CALL THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION

212-825-5959

DOI CAN ALSO BE REACHED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON AT:

New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) 80 Maiden Lane, 17th floor New York, New York 10038 Attention: COMPLAINT BUREAU

OR FILE A COMPLAINT ON-LINE AT: www.nyc.gov/doi

All communications are confidential



Or scan the QR Code above to make a complaint

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