



**State Term Contract
No. 80141600-24-STC
for
Promotional Merchandise**

This Contract is between the State of Florida, Department of Management Services (Department), an agency of the State of Florida and **Vendy Group, LLC** (Contractor) with its principal place of business located at 21232 Harbor Way, Unit 264, Aventura, FL 33180, collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

Accordingly, the Parties agree as follows:

I. Initial Contract Term.

The Initial Contract Term shall be for three years. The Initial Contract Term shall begin on September 18, 2024. The Contract shall expire on August 25, 2027, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the Special Contract Conditions.

II. Renewal Term.

Upon mutual written agreement, the Parties may renew this Contract, in whole or in part, pursuant to the incorporated Special Contract Conditions.

III. Order of Precedence.

As used in this document, “Contract” (whether or not capitalized) shall, unless the context requires otherwise, include this document and all incorporated Exhibits, which set forth the entire understanding of the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements. All modifications to this Contract must be in writing and signed by all Parties.

All Exhibits listed below are incorporated in their entirety into, and form part of, this Contract. The Contract document and Exhibits shall have priority in the following order:

- a) This Contract document
- b) Exhibit A, Scope of Work
- c) Exhibit B, STC Additional Special Contract Conditions
- d) Exhibit C, Special Contract Conditions
- e) Exhibit D, Contractor’s submitted Discount Sheet(s)

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This Contract is executed by the undersigned officials as duly authorized. This Contract is not valid and binding on all Parties until signed and dated by both Parties.

VENDY GROUP, LLC

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Signed by:



Salomon Horowitz, Owner

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**Tom Berger, Deputy Secretary of
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Exhibit A

Scope of Work

1. Purpose

To provide Customers with a State Term Contract to purchase Promotional Merchandise on a statewide basis, pursuant to the terms set forth in this Scope of Work.

2. Definitions

Definitions contained in section 287.012, Florida Statutes (F.S.); Rule 60A-1.001, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); Exhibit C, Special Contract Conditions; and the PUR 1001, General Instructions to Respondents (10/06), are incorporated by reference. In the event of a conflict, the definitions listed in this section supersede the incorporated definitions for the purposes of this Scope of Work. All definitions apply in both their singular and plural sense.

Business Day – Monday through Friday, inclusive, except for those holidays specified in section 110.117, F.S., from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Customer's location.

Category – A collection of Promotional Merchandise that is described in this Scope of Work and Exhibit D, Discount Sheet(s).

Commodity Code – The State's numeric code for classifying commodities and contractual services which meet specific requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions herein. Florida has adopted the United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) for classifying commodities and services.

Confidential Information – Information that is trade secret or otherwise confidential or exempt from disclosure under Florida or federal law.

Contract – The written agreement between the Department and the Contractor.

Contract Manager – The representative designated by the Department who will oversee all aspects of the Contract, monitor performance expectations, and serve as the primary point of contact for the Contractor.

Contractor – A Vendor that enters into a Contract with the Department.

Customer – A State agency or Eligible User. If authorized in writing by the State Agency or Eligible User, Customer(s) shall also include employees or authorized representatives placing individual orders on their own behalf for the purchase of Promotional Merchandise.

Customization – The action of designing or producing Promotional Merchandise to meet the Customer's requirements.

Department – The Department of Management Services (DMS), a state agency.

Eligible User – As defined in Rule 60A-1.001, F.A.C.

List Price – List Price shall be defined as the current published price listed in the Contractor's catalog, as listed on the Contractor's website, or other usual and customary price that would be paid by the purchaser for Promotional Merchandise without benefit of the Contract. It must be publicly listed, available, and verifiable by the Department and Customer.

Logo – A graphic representation or symbol adopted by the Customer, often uniquely designed for ready recognition. Logos may include, but are not limited to, emblems and text.

Promotional Merchandise - Products branded with a Logo or Customization and distributed at the Customer's discretion. The term "Products" can be used interchangeably.

Setup Fee – The initial one-time cost associated with the creation of a Logo or Customization of the Products that meet the Customer's requirements. The initial Setup Fee may be charged per order. It shall not be charged per number of Products. In the event the Contractor already has the Customer's Logo or Customization on file, the Contractor shall not charge the Customer a Setup Fee again.

State – The State of Florida.

3. Scope of Work

3.1 Description of Scope

The Promotional Merchandise available for purchase through this Contract shall include the following Categories, which include but are not limited to:

Category Number	Category Name	Category Description
Category 1	Bags and Totes	Backpacks, cooler bags, drawstring sports packs, shopping/grocery totes, lunch bags, computer bags, and travel bags
Category 2	Beverage and Drinkware	Aluminum, plastic, and stainless bottles, sports bottles, travel mugs and tumblers, ceramic mugs, plastic cups, can coolers, and coasters
Category 3	Outdoor and Leisure	Blankets, hand fans, sunglasses, towels, and umbrellas
Category 4	Awards	Plaques and trophies
Category 5	Recognition	Challenge coins and lapel pins
Category 6	Wellness and Safety	Buttons, hand sanitizers, first aid kits, lip balm, pedometers, and sunscreen
Category 7	Customized Supplies	Badges, badge holders, lanyards, highlighters, key chains, markers, notepads, pencils, pens, phone accessories, and stress balls
Category 8	Miscellaneous Products	Decals, flashlights, stickers, and tools

The Contractor shall only provide Promotional Merchandise in Category(ies) which they have received an award. The Contractor may only provide Promotional Merchandise in Category 8 if

awarded in at least two Categories from 1-7. The Contractor shall only provide Promotional Merchandise in Category 8 that are not contemplated in Categories 1-7. Products purchased from this Contract are not to be used for resale. Clothing, shoes, and other apparel items are **NOT** included in this Contract.

Notwithstanding any awarded Categories and pursuant to section 946.515 of F.S., agency purchases of Promotional Merchandise of comparable price, quality, and performance specifications certified by or if available from Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE) shall be purchased from PRIDE.

Notwithstanding any awarded Categories and pursuant to section 413.036 of F.S., agency purchases of Promotional Merchandise of comparable price and quality, and available on the procurement list and available within a reasonable delivery time shall be from the Central Nonprofit Agency (CNA or RESPECT of Florida).

3.2 Delivery Requirements

Delivery shall be Free on Board (F.O.B.) destination to the Customer's location throughout the State of Florida. The Contractor is responsible for all delivery charges. Delivery of all Promotional Merchandise shall be within 45 calendar days after Contractor's receipt of the Customer's order. The Contractor shall notify the Customer of any potential delivery delays within three Business Days. Upon mutual agreement, the Customer may agree, but shall not be obligated in any event, to a revised delivery timeframe for a Customer's Promotional Merchandise order. The Contractor must receive written approval from the Customer for a revised delivery timeframe and shall only be applicable to the order(s) identified in the written approval from the Customer.

In the event of an emergency or rush delivery due to the Contractor's error, the Contractor is responsible for all additional costs. If the Customer requests an expedited or rush delivery, the Contractor may assess an additional fee which must be disclosed at the time of purchase and approved by the Customer prior to the order being placed.

3.3 Product Catalog

The product catalog is a digital listing which includes Product details. The Contractor shall create and maintain an online product catalog which includes Products available for purchase under this Contract. The Contractor shall only include Products in the Contractor's awarded Category(ies). At a minimum, the online Product catalog must provide the following:

- Detailed Product name and description
- Visual images of the Product
- SKU number
- List Price

The Contractor shall only provide Customers with Promotional Merchandise from its Product catalog in accordance with the applicable Exhibit D, Discount Sheet(s). Prior to Contract execution, the Contractor shall provide the Department with the Product catalog which will be published on the State Purchasing website.

3.4 Artwork and Files

All artwork and files, whether the original, edited, modified, or created for the purposes of creating Promotional Merchandise, shall be the property of the Customer and may not be used

by the Contractor for orders outside of this Contract, unless express written approval is provided by the Customer. Any additions, revisions, or deletions to artwork and files must have prior written approval of the Customer. The Contractor shall make the artwork and files readily available to the Customer upon request, at no cost to the Customer.

3.5 Digital Proof and Samples

The Contractor shall provide the Customer with digital proof of the requested Logo or Customization. The Contractor shall receive written approval from the Customer before the production of Products.

The Contractor may provide samples to the Customer at the Contractor's discretion.

3.6 Product Equivalents

If a Product is not available, the Contractor may provide an equivalent or superior Product option to the Customer, at no additional cost, which is subject to the Customer's prior approval. An equivalent Product is one that meets or exceeds the specifications of the Customer's order.

3.7 Silence of Specifications

Where the Contract is silent on specifications regarding Promotional Merchandise contemplated in the Contract, the Contractor shall use the best commercial practices and use the best quality materials and workmanship.

3.8 Pricing

The Contractor shall adhere to the Discount off List Price submitted in Exhibit D, Discount Sheet(s), which is incorporated into the Contract. The Contractor shall provide the lowest available List Price to the Customer which meets the specifications of this Scope of Work.

The Contractor may increase the Discount off List Price, but shall not decrease the Discount off List Price submitted in Exhibit D, Discount Sheet(s).

3.9 Setup Fee

The Contractor may charge an initial Setup Fee for the costs associated with preparing Products for Customization. No other fees are authorized. In the event the Contractor already has the Customer's Logo or Customization on file, the Contractor shall not charge the Customer a Setup Fee again. The Setup Fee will remain firm throughout the entire Initial Term and Renewal Term of the Contract. The Setup Fee shall not exceed the following amounts for each Category:

Categories	Setup Fee
Category 1: Bags and Totes	\$48
Category 2: Beverage and Drinkware	\$54
Category 3: Outdoor and Leisure	\$37
Category 4: Awards	\$48
Category 5: Recognition	\$73
Category 6: Wellness and Safety	\$46
Category 7: Customized Supplies	\$31
Category 8: Miscellaneous Products	\$36

3.10 Testing

Samples of delivered Products may be selected at random by Customers or Department and tested for compliance with the requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions.

3.11 Customer Service

Contractors shall have at least one authorized representative that will be available by phone or e-mail during Business Days. The representative will respond to inquiries within one Business Day. The representative will handle all inquiries related to ordering, returns, and quality.

3.12 Returns

For Products that meet one or more of the following conditions, the Contractor shall provide a full refund or replacement to the Customer equal to the purchase price:

- Products delivered to the Customer that are damaged or defective
- Additions, revisions, or deletions to artwork and files that were not approved by the Customer in writing
- Delivered Products that do not meet the specifications identified by the Customer for purchase

The Contractor will not charge any additional costs or fees to Customer including shipping costs for Products returned in accordance with this section. All costs associated with Product returns in accordance with this section shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

3.13 Recalled Products

In the event there is a recall of any Products offered on the Contract, or any part or component of a, or any parts incorporated into the Product, the Contractor shall provide assistance to the Department and Customers in developing a recall strategy and shall cooperate with the Department and the Customers in monitoring the recall operation and in preparing such reports as may be required. Each Contractor shall, at the request of the Department or any Customer, give the Department and each Customer all assistance in locating and obtaining any Products. Each Contractor shall immediately notify and provide copies to the Department of any communications, whether relating to recalls or otherwise, with any Customer. The Contractor shall ensure recalled Products are rectified, replaced and destroyed in compliance with all applicable laws, rules or regulations and the Department's instructions. All efforts relating to Recalled Products shall be at the Contractor's expense.

3.14 Warranty

The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor's standard warranty shall cover all Products available through the Contract. All Products shall be of good quality, new, free from defects, and carry the standard industry warranty for each Product. The Contractor's standard warranty is required to provide coverage against defective material, workmanship, and failure to perform in accordance with the specifications and required performance criteria. The Contractor's standard warranty coverage shall be identical to or exceed the most inclusive of those customarily provided for the Products specified herein that are sold to any federal, State, or local governments. Products must be fully warranted against defects for a minimum of 60 calendar days after delivery to the Customer.

Should the Contractor's standard warranty conflict with any requirements, specifications, terms, or conditions of the Contract, then the Contract requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions shall prevail.

3.15 Compliance and Compatibility

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the Products supplied are compliant with the Contract requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions. Additionally, the Contractor shall ensure that all Products ordered by the Customer are fully compatible with each other and with any associated pre-existing Products possessed by the Customer and disclosed to the Contractor by the Customer. The Contractor's acceptance of the Customer's order shall indicate that the Contractor agrees to deliver a Product that is fully compliant and compatible with the Customer's order requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions.

3.16 Request for a Quote Requirement

Customers shall use a Request for a Quote per section 287.056(2), Florida Statutes, when making purchases off this State Term Contract. Customer shall issue a Request for a Quote to all awarded Contractors in a Category.

3.17 Purchasing Card

The State has implemented a purchasing card (P-Card). The Contractor may receive payments via the State's P-Card. P-Card acceptance for purchase is a mandatory requirement for the Contract but is not the exclusive method of payment. If the State changes its P-Card platform during the term of Contract, the Contractor shall make all necessary changes to accept payment via the State's new P-Card platform within 30 calendar days of notification of such change. The Contractor shall not charge any fees for payments received via the State's P-Card.

3.18 Punchout Catalog and Electronic Invoicing

The Contractor is encouraged to provide an MFMP punchout catalog.

The punchout catalog provides an alternative mechanism for suppliers to offer the State access to Products awarded under the Contract. The punchout catalog also allows for direct communication between the MFMP eProcurement System and a supplier's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, which can reflect real-time Product inventory/availability information

The punchout catalog enables, Florida buyer to "punch out" to a supplier's website. Using the search tools on the supplier's Florida punchout catalog site, the user selects the desired Products. When complete, the user exits the supplier's punchout catalog site and the shopping cart (full of Products) is "brought back" to MFMP. No orders are sent to a supplier when the user exits the supplier's punchout catalog site. Instead, the chosen Products are "brought back" to MFMP as line items in a purchase order. The user can then proceed through the normal workflow steps, which may include adding, deleting, and editing Products (i.e., line items) in the purchase order. An order is not submitted to a supplier until the user approves and submits the purchase order, at which point the supplier receives an email with the order details.

The Contractor may supply electronic invoices in lieu of paper-based invoices for those transactions processed through MFMP. Electronic invoices may be submitted to the agency through one of the mechanisms as listed below:

1) EDI (Electronic Data Interchange)

This standard establishes the data contents of the Invoice Transaction Set (EDI 810) for use within the context of an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) environment. This transaction set can be used for invoicing via the Business Network (formerly known as Ariba Network) for catalog and non-catalog goods and services.

2) PO Flip via BN

This online process allows Contractors to submit invoices via the BN for catalog and non-catalog goods and services. Contractors are able to create an invoice directly from their inbox in their BN account by simply "flipping" the PO into an invoice. This option does not require any special software or technical capabilities.

The Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider of MFMP, a State Contractor, the right and license to use, reproduce, transmit, distribute, and publicly display within MFMP. In addition, the Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider the right and license to reproduce and display within MFMP the Contractor's trademarks, system marks, logos, trade dress, or other branding designation that identifies the Products made available by the Contractor under the Contract.

The Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider of MFMP, a State Contractor, the right and license to use, reproduce, transmit, distribute, and publicly display within MFMP. In addition, the Contractor warrants and represents that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the third-party provider the right and license to reproduce and display within MFMP the Contractor's trademarks, system marks, Logos, trade dress, or other branding designation that identifies the products made available by the Contractor under the Contract.

3.19 MFMP Transaction Fee Report

The Contractor is required to submit complete monthly MFMP Transaction Fee Reports to the Department. Reports are due 15 calendar days after the end of each month. Information on how to submit MFMP Transaction Fee Reports online can be located at [Transaction Fee and Reporting / MFMP Vendors / MyFloridaMarketPlace / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS](#). Assistance with transaction fee reporting is also available by email at feeprocessing@myfloridamarketplace.com or telephone at 866-FLA-EPRO (866-352-3776) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

3.20 Quarterly Sales Report

The Contractor shall submit Quarterly Sales Reports in the manner and format required by the Department within 30 calendar days after the close of each State fiscal quarter (the State's fiscal quarters close on September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30).

The Quarterly Sales Report template can be found here: [Quarterly Sales Report Format / Vendor Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations / Florida Department of Management Services - DMS \(myflorida.com\)](#). Initiation and submission of the most recent version of the Quarterly Sales Report posted on the DMS website is the responsibility of the Contractor without prompting or notification from the Department. Sales will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. If no sales are recorded in two consecutive quarters, the Contractor may be placed on probationary status, or the Department may terminate the Contract. Failure to provide the Quarterly Sales Report, or other reports requested by the Department, will result in the imposition of financial

consequences and may result in the Contractor being found in default and the termination of the Contract.

Quarter 1 – (July-September) – due 30 calendar days after the close of the period.

Quarter 2 – (October-December) – due 30 calendar days after the close of the period.

Quarter 3 – (January-March) – due 30 calendar days after the close of the period.

Quarter 4 – (April-June) – due 30 calendar days after the close of the period.

3.21 Certified and Minority Business Enterprises Reports

Upon Customer request, the Contractor shall report to each Customer, spend with certified and other minority business enterprises in the provision of commodities related to the Customer orders. These reports shall include the period covered, the name, minority code, and Federal Employer Identification Number of each minority business utilized during the period; commodities Provided by the minority business enterprise, and the amount paid to each minority business enterprise on behalf of the Customer.

3.22 Ad Hoc Reports

The Department may require additional Contract sales information such as copies of purchase orders or ad hoc sales reports. The Contractor shall submit these documents and reports in the form acceptable to the Department within the timeframe specified by the Department.

3.23 Financial Consequences

The Department reserves the right to impose financial consequences when the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Contract. The following financial consequences will apply for the Contractor's non-performance under the Contract. The Customer and the Contractor may agree to add additional Financial Consequences on an as-needed basis beyond those stated herein to apply to that Customer's resultant Contract or purchase order. The State of Florida reserves the right to withhold payment or implement other appropriate remedies, such as Contract termination or nonrenewal, when the Contractor has failed to comply with the provisions of the Contract. The Contractor and the Department agree that financial consequences for non-performance are an estimate of damages which are difficult to ascertain and are not penalties.

The financial consequences below will be paid and received by the Department of Management Services within 30 calendar days from the due date specified by the Department. These financial consequences below are individually assessed for failures over each target period beginning with the first full month or quarter of the Contract performance and every month or quarter, respectively, thereafter

Deliverable	Performance Metric	Performance Due Date	Financial Consequence for Non-Performance
Contractor will timely submit complete Quarterly Sales Reports in the MFMP Vendor Information Portal (VIP) and to the Department's Contract Manager	All Quarterly Sales Reports will be submitted timely with the required information	Completed reports are due on or before the 30 th calendar day after the close of each State fiscal quarter	\$250 for each calendar day late

Deliverable	Performance Metric	Performance Due Date	Financial Consequence for Non-Performance
Contractor will timely submit complete MFMP Transaction Fee Reports	All MFMP Transaction Fee Reports will be submitted timely with the required information	Completed reports are due on or before the 15 th calendar day after the end of each month	\$100 for each calendar day late
Timely delivery of Promotional Merchandise	Delivery of Promotional Merchandise shall be within 45 calendar days after receipt of the order	As ordered by Customers	\$100 for each calendar day late

Failure to timely provide Quarterly Sales Reports, transaction fee reports, or other reports as required will result in the imposition of financial consequences and repeated failures or non- payment of financial consequences owed under this Contract may result in the Contractor being found in default and the termination of the Contract.

No favorable action will be considered when Contractor has outstanding Contract Quarterly Sales Reports, MFMP Transaction Fee Reports, or any other documentation owed to the Department or Customer, to include fees / monies, that is required under this Contract.

Business Review Meetings

Both the Department and Customer reserve the right to schedule business review meetings, which Contractor shall attend either virtually or in person. The Department or Customer may specify the format or agenda for the meeting. At a minimum, the Business Review Meeting may include the following topics:

- a. Contract compliance.
- b. Contract savings (in dollar amount and cost avoidance)
- c. Spend reports by Customer
- d. Recommendations for improved compliance and performance



Exhibit B

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

A. Special Contract Conditions revisions: the corresponding subsections of the Special Contract Conditions referenced below are replaced in their entirety with the following:

2.2 Renewal.

Upon written agreement, the Department and the Contractor may renew the Contract in whole or in part only as set forth in the Contract documents, and in accordance with section 287.057(14), F.S.

3.4 Purchase Order.

A Customer may use purchase orders to buy commodities or contractual services pursuant to the Contract and, if applicable, the Contractor must provide commodities or contractual services pursuant to purchase orders. Purchase orders issued pursuant to the Contract must be received by the Contractor no later than the close of business on the last day of the Contract's term. The Contractor is required to accept timely purchase orders specifying delivery schedules that extend beyond the Contract term even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the Contract. Purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract and apply to the Contractor's performance. The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliverables shall not exceed the expiration of the Contract by more than twelve months. However, if an extended pricing plan offered in the state term or agency contract is selected by the ordering entity, the contract terms on pricing plans and renewals shall govern the maximum duration of purchase orders reflecting such pricing plans and renewals. Any purchase order terms and conditions conflicting with these Special Contract Conditions shall not become a part of the Contract.

3.7 Transaction Fees.

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system. Pursuant to Section 287.057(24), F.S., all payments shall be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%), or as may otherwise be established by law, which the vendor shall pay to the State.

For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee shall, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the vendor. If automatic deduction is not possible, the vendor shall pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to subsection 60A-1.031(2), F.A.C. By submission of these reports and corresponding

payments, vendor certifies their correctness. All such reports and payments shall be subject to audit by the State or its designee.

The vendor shall receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the vendor for the purchase of any item(s) if such item(s) are returned to the vendor through no fault, act, or omission of the vendor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the agreement.

Vendors will submit any monthly reports required pursuant to the rule. All such reports and payments will be subject to audit. Failure to comply with the payment of the Transaction Fees or submission of required reporting of transactions shall constitute grounds for declaring the Vendor in default.

5.1 Conduct of Business.

The Contractor must comply with all laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority. For example, the Contractor must comply with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, if applicable, and all prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, national origin, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status. The provisions of subparagraphs 287.058(1)(a)-(c) and (g), F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference.

Nothing contained within this Contract shall be construed to prohibit the Contractor from disclosing information relevant to performance of the Contract or purchase order to members or staff of the Florida Senate or Florida House of Representatives.

Pursuant to section 287.057(26), F.S., the Contractor shall answer all questions of, and ensure a representative will be available to, a continuing oversight team.

The Contractor will comply with all applicable disclosure requirements set forth in section 286.101, F.S. In the event the Department of Financial Services issues the Contractor a final order determining a third or subsequent violation pursuant to section 286.101(7)(c), F.S., the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and applicable Customers and shall be disqualified from Contract eligibility.

5.4 Convicted, Discriminatory, Antitrust Violator, and Suspended Vendor Lists.

In accordance with sections 287.133, 287.134, and 287.137, F.S., the Contractor is hereby informed of the provisions of sections 287.133(2)(a), 287.134(2)(a), and 287.137(2)(a), F.S. For purposes of this Contract, a person or affiliate who is on the Convicted Vendor List, the Discriminatory Vendor List, or the Antitrust Violator Vendor List may not perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under the Contract. The Contractor must notify the Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the Convicted Vendor List, the Discriminatory Vendor List, or the Antitrust Violator Vendor List during the term of the Contract.

In accordance with section 287.1351, F.S., a vendor placed on the Suspended Vendor List may not enter into or renew a contract to provide any goods or services to an agency after its placement on the Suspended Vendor List.

A firm or individual placed on the Suspended Vendor List pursuant to section 287.1351, F.S., the Convicted Vendor List pursuant to section 287.133, F.S., the Antitrust Violator Vendor List pursuant to section 287.137, F.S., or the Discriminatory Vendor List pursuant to section 287.134, F.S., is immediately disqualified from Contract eligibility.

5.5 Scrutinized Companies - Termination by the Department.

The Department may, at its option, terminate the Contract if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), F.S., or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

5.6 Cooperation with Inspector General and Records Retention.

Pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., the Contractor understands and will comply with its duty to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Inspector General or any other authorized State official, the Contractor must provide any information the Inspector General deems relevant. Such information may include, but will not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor will retain such records for the longer of five years after the expiration or termination of the Contract, or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State, at the Department of State's Records Management website. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State of Florida for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State of Florida official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State of Florida which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs will include but will not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor agrees to impose the same obligations to cooperate with the Inspector General and retain records on any subcontractors used to provide goods or services under the Contract.

5.7 The Contractor is hereby informed of the provisions of section 287.1346, F.S. that identify the impacts to a vendor's ability to respond to the competitive solicitations of a state agency; to be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a state agency; or to transact business for the provision of commodities with a state agency if it, or entities under the control of the vendor, is placed on the forced labor list in accordance with section 287.1346, F.S. The Contractor will submit, prior to entering into or renewing the Contract, a written certification from senior management, as defined in section 287.1346(1)(c), F.S., which certifies to the best of their knowledge the commodities being offered pursuant to this solicitation have not been produced, in whole or in part, by forced labor. In accordance with section 287.1346, F.S., the vendor certifies it, and any entity under the control of vendor, has not been placed on the Forced Vendor List within the past 365 days or, if placed on the Forced Vendor List, has been removed pursuant to section 287.1346(5)(d), F.S. The Department may, at its option, terminate the Contract if the Contractor is placed on the forced labor vendor list.

5.8 The Contractor will submit, prior to executing, renewing, or extending the Contract, an affidavit from an officer or representative of the nongovernmental entity, attesting that the

nongovernmental entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, F.S.

6.10 Cooperative Purchasing. Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, governmental entities that are not Customers may make purchases under the terms and conditions contained herein, if agreed to by Contractor. Such purchases are independent of the Contract between the Department and the Contractor, and the Department is not a party to these transactions. Agencies seeking to make purchases under this Contract are required to follow the requirements of Rule 60A-1.045(6), F.A.C.

8.1.1 Termination of Contract.

The Department may terminate the Contract for refusal by the Contractor to comply with this section by not allowing access to all public records, as defined in Chapter 119, F.S., made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Contract unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and section 119.071(1), F.S.

8.1.2 Statutory Notice.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency, as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the following applies:

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT PUBLICRECORDS@DMS.FL.GOV, (850) 487-1082 OR 4050 ESPLANADE WAY, SUITE 160, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0950.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(b), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the Contractor shall:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following the completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- (d) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the

Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

12.1 Performance or Compliance Audits.

The Department may conduct or have conducted performance and/or compliance audits of the Contractor and subcontractors as determined by the Department. The Department may conduct an audit and review all the Contractor's and subcontractors' data and records that directly relate to the Contract. To the extent necessary to verify the Contractor's fees and claims for payment under the Contract, the Contractor's agreements or contracts with subcontractors, partners, or agents of the Contractor, pertaining to the Contract, may be inspected by the Department upon fifteen (15) calendar days' notice, during normal working hours and in accordance with the Contractor's facility access procedures where facility access is required. Release statements from its subcontractors, partners, or agents are not required for the Department or its designee to conduct compliance and performance audits on any of the Contractor's contracts relating to this Contract. The Inspector General, in accordance with section 5.6, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, and the Office of the Auditor General shall also have authority to perform audits and inspections.

13.2 E-Verify.

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the contractor or subcontractor in accordance with section 448.095, F.S. The Contractor shall obtain an affidavit from its subcontractors in accordance with paragraph (5)(b) of section 448.095, F.S., and maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Contract.

B. Special Contract Conditions additions: the following subsections are added to the Special Contract Conditions:

5.7 Foreign Country of Concern Attestation.

If the Contract or Customer's purchase order issued pursuant to this Contract grants the Contractor access to an individual's personal identifying information as defined in section 501.171, Florida Statutes, the Contractor must, prior to execution, extension, or renewal of this Contract or Customer purchase order, complete and submit to the applicable Governmental Entity the Form PUR 1355, "Foreign Country of Concern Attestation Form," available at:

https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/state_agency_resources/state_purchasing_pur_forms.

5.8 Common Carrier Attestation.

The Contractor as a Common Carrier, as defined in section 908.111, Florida Statutes, or contracted carrier must, prior to execution, amendment, or renewal of this Contract or Customer purchase order issued pursuant to this Contract, complete and submit to the applicable Governmental Entity the Form PUR 1808, "Common Carrier or Contracted Carrier Attestation Form," available at:

https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/state_agency_resources/state_purchasing_pur_forms.

This Contract or a Customer purchase order may be terminated if the Contractor is found to be in violation of the submitted attestation.

12.3 Document Inspection.

In accordance with section 216.1366, F.S., the Department or a state agency is authorized to inspect the: (a) financial records, papers, and documents of the Contractor that are directly related to the performance of the Contract or the expenditure of state funds; and (b) programmatic records, papers, and documents of the Contractor which the Department or state agency determines are necessary to monitor the performance of the Contract or to ensure that the terms of the Contract are being met. The Contractor shall provide such records, papers, and documents requested by the Department or a state agency within 10 Business Days after the request is made.

EXHIBIT C
SPECIAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS
JULY 1, 2019 VERSION

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In accordance with Rule 60A-1.002(7), F.A.C., Form PUR 1000 is included herein by reference but is superseded in its entirety by these Special Contract Conditions.

SECTION 1. DEFINITION.

The following definition applies in addition to the definitions in Chapter 287, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule Chapter 60A-1, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.):

1.1 Customer.

The agency or eligible user that purchases commodities or contractual services pursuant to the Contract.

SECTION 2. CONTRACT TERM AND TERMINATION.

2.1 Initial Term.

The initial term will begin on the date set forth in the Contract documents or on the date the Contract is signed by all Parties, whichever is later.

2.2 Renewal.

Upon written agreement, the Department and the Contractor may renew the Contract in whole or in part only as set forth in the Contract documents, and in accordance with section 287.057(13), F.S.

2.3 Suspension of Work and Termination.

2.3.1 Suspension of Work.

The Department may, at its sole discretion, suspend any or all activities under the Contract, at any time, when it is in the best interest of the State of Florida to do so. The Customer may suspend a resulting contract or purchase order, at any time, when in the best interest of the Customer to do so. The Department or Customer will provide the Contractor written notice outlining the particulars of the suspension. After receiving a suspension notice, the Contractor must comply with the notice and will cease the performance of the Contract or purchase order. Suspension of work will not entitle the Contractor to any additional compensation. The Contractor will not resume performance of the Contract or purchase order until so authorized by the Department.

2.3.2 Termination for Convenience.

The Contract may be terminated by the Department in whole or in part at any time, in the best interest of the State of Florida. If the Contract is terminated before performance is completed, the Contractor will be paid only for that work satisfactorily performed for which costs can be substantiated. Such payment, however, may not exceed an amount which is the same percentage of the Contract price as the amount of work satisfactorily performed. All work in progress will become the property of the Customer and will be turned over promptly by the Contractor.

2.3.3 Termination for Cause.

If the performance of the Contractor is not in compliance with the Contract requirements or the Contractor has defaulted, the Department may:

- (a) immediately terminate the Contract;
- (b) notify the Contractor of the noncompliance or default, require correction, and specify the date by which the correction must be completed before the Contract is terminated; or
- (c) take other action deemed appropriate by the Department.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT AND FEES.

3.1 Pricing.

The Contractor will not exceed the pricing set forth in the Contract documents.

3.2 Price Decreases.

The following price decrease terms will apply to the Contract:

3.2.1 Quantity Discounts. Contractor may offer additional discounts for one-time delivery of large single orders;

3.2.2 Preferred Pricing. The Contractor guarantees that the pricing indicated in this Contract is a maximum price. Additionally, Contractor's pricing will not exceed the pricing offered under comparable contracts. Comparable contracts are those that are similar in size, scope, and terms. In compliance with section 216.0113, F.S., Contractor must annually submit an affidavit from the Contractor's authorized representative attesting that the Contract complies with this clause.

3.2.3 Sales Promotions. In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Contract term due to a change in market conditions, the Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. The Contractor must submit documentation identifying the proposed: (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) commodities or contractual services involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices.

3.3 Payment Invoicing.

The Contractor will be paid upon submission of invoices to the Customer after delivery and acceptance of commodities or contractual services is confirmed by the Customer. Invoices must contain sufficient detail for an audit and contain the Contract Number and the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number.

3.4 Purchase Order.

A Customer may use purchase orders to buy commodities or contractual services pursuant to the Contract and, if applicable, the Contractor must provide commodities or contractual services pursuant to purchase orders. Purchase orders issued pursuant to the Contract must be received by the Contractor no later than the close of business on the last day of the Contract's term. The Contractor is required to accept timely purchase orders specifying delivery schedules that extend beyond the Contract term even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the Contract. Purchase orders shall be valid through their specified term and performance by the Contractor, and all terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract and apply to the Contractor's performance. The duration of purchase orders for recurring deliverables shall not exceed the expiration of the Contract by more than twelve months. Any purchase order terms and conditions conflicting with these Special Contract Conditions shall not become a part of the Contract.

3.5 Travel.

Travel expenses are not reimbursable unless specifically authorized by the Customer in writing and may be reimbursed only in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.

3.6 Annual Appropriation.

Pursuant to section 287.0582, F.S., if the Contract binds the State of Florida or an agency for the purchase of services or tangible personal property for a period in excess of one fiscal year, the State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under the Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

3.7 Transaction Fees.

The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services, has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system pursuant to section 287.057(22), F.S. All payments issued by Customers to registered Vendors for purchases of commodities or contractual services will be assessed Transaction Fees as prescribed by rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C., or as may otherwise be established by law. Vendors must pay the Transaction Fees and agree to automatic deduction of the Transaction Fees when automatic deduction becomes available. Vendors will submit any monthly reports required pursuant to the rule. All such reports and payments will be subject to audit. Failure to comply with the payment of the Transaction Fees or reporting of transactions will constitute grounds for declaring the Vendor in default and subject the Vendor to exclusion from business with the State of Florida.

3.8 Taxes.

Taxes, customs, and tariffs on commodities or contractual services purchased under the Contract will not be assessed against the Customer or Department unless authorized by Florida law.

3.9 Return of Funds.

Contractor will return any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of the Contract that were disbursed to the Contractor. The Contractor must return any overpayment within forty (40) calendar days after either discovery by the Contractor, its independent auditor, or notification by the Department or Customer of the overpayment.

SECTION 4. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.

4.1 Composition and Priority.

The Contractor agrees to provide commodities or contractual services to the Customer as specified in the Contract. Additionally, the terms of the Contract supersede the terms of all prior agreements between the Parties on this subject matter.

4.2 Notices.

All notices required under the Contract must be delivered to the designated Contract Manager in a manner identified by the Department.

4.3 Department's Contract Manager.

The Department's Contract Manager, who is primarily responsible for the Department's oversight of the Contract, will be identified in a separate writing to the Contractor upon Contract signing in the following format:

Department's Contract Manager Name

Department's Name
Department's Physical Address
Department's Telephone #
Department's Email Address

If the Department changes the Contract Manager, the Department will notify the Contractor. Such a change does not require an amendment to the Contract.

4.4 Contractor's Contract Manager.

The Contractor's Contract Manager, who is primarily responsible for the Contractor's oversight of the Contract performance, will be identified in a separate writing to the Department upon Contract signing in the following format:

Contractor's Contract Manager Name
Contractor's Name
Contractor's Physical Address
Contractor's Telephone #
Contractor's Email Address

If the Contractor changes its Contract Manager, the Contractor will notify the Department. Such a change does not require an amendment to the Contract.

4.5 Diversity.

4.5.1 Office of Supplier Diversity.

The State of Florida supports its diverse business community by creating opportunities for woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small business enterprises to participate in procurements and contracts. The Department encourages supplier diversity through certification of woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small business enterprises and provides advocacy, outreach, and networking through regional business events. For additional information, please contact the Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) at osdinfo@dms.myflorida.com.

4.5.2 Diversity Reporting.

Upon request, the Contractor will report to the Department its spend with business enterprises certified by the OSD. These reports must include the time period covered, the name and Federal Employer Identification Number of each business enterprise utilized during the period, commodities and contractual services provided by the business enterprise, and the amount paid to the business enterprise on behalf of each agency purchasing under the Contract.

4.6 RESPECT.

Subject to the agency determination provided for in section 413.036, F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM A NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE BLIND OR FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 413, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 413.036(1) AND (2), FLORIDA STATUTES;

AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE STATE AGENCY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about RESPECT and the commodities or contractual services it offers is available at <https://www.respectofflorida.org>.

4.7 PRIDE.

Subject to the agency determination provided for in sections 287.042(1) and 946.515, F.S., the following statement applies:

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 946.515(2) AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE PERSON, FIRM, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THIS AGENCY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED.

Additional information about PRIDE and the commodities or contractual services it offers is available at <https://www.pride-enterprises.org>.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.

5.1 Conduct of Business.

The Contractor must comply with all laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority. For example, the Contractor must comply with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, if applicable, and all prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, creed, national origin, handicap, marital status, or veteran's status. The provisions of subparagraphs 287.058(1)(a)-(c), and (g), F.S., are hereby incorporated by reference.

5.2 Dispute Resolution, Governing Law, and Venue.

Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be decided by the Department's designated Contract Manager, who will reduce the decision to writing and serve a copy on the Contractor. The decision of the Contract Manager shall be final and conclusive. Exhaustion of this administrative remedy is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to pursue legal action related to the Contract or any other form of dispute resolution. The laws of the State of Florida govern the Contract. The Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Florida exclusively for any legal action related to the Contract. Further, the Contractor hereby waives all privileges and rights relating to venue it may have under Chapter 47, F.S., and all such venue privileges and rights it may have under any other statute, rule, or case law, including, but not limited to, those based on convenience. The Contractor hereby submits to venue in the county chosen by the Department.

5.3 Department of State Registration.

Consistent with Title XXXVI, F.S., the Contractor and any subcontractors that assert status, other than a sole proprietor, must provide the Department with conclusive evidence of a certificate of status, not subject to qualification, if a Florida business entity, or of a certificate of authorization if a foreign business entity.

5.4 Suspended, Convicted, and Discriminatory Vendor Lists.

In accordance with sections 287.042, 287.133, and 287.134, F.S., an entity or affiliate who is on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or Discriminatory Vendor List may not perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under the Contract. The Contractor must notify the Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or Discriminatory Vendor List during the term of the Contract.

5.5 Scrutinized Companies - Termination by the Department.

The Department may, at its option, terminate the Contract if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under section 287.135(5), F.S., or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, or to have been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

5.6 Cooperation with Inspector General and Records Retention.

Pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., the Contractor understands and will comply with its duty to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Inspector General or any other authorized State official, the Contractor must provide any information the Inspector General deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but will not be limited to, the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Contract. The Contractor will retain such records for the longer of five years after the expiration of the Contract, or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State, at the Department of State's Records Management website. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State of Florida for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State of Florida official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State of Florida which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs will include but will not be limited to: salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor agrees to impose the same obligations to cooperate with the Inspector General and retain records on any subcontractors used to provide goods or services under the Contract.

SECTION 6. MISCELLANEOUS.

6.1 Subcontractors.

The Contractor will not subcontract any work under the Contract without prior written consent of the Department. The Contractor is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all its subcontracted work. The Department supports diversity in its procurements and contracts, and requests that the Contractor offer subcontracting opportunities to certified woman-, veteran-, and minority-owned small businesses. The

Contractor may contact the OSD at osdhelp@dms.myflorida.com for information on certified small business enterprises available for subcontracting opportunities.

6.2 Assignment.

The Contractor will not sell, assign, or transfer any of its rights, duties, or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Department. However, the Contractor may waive its right to receive payment and assign same upon notice to the Department. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains responsible for performance of the Contract, unless such responsibility is expressly waived by the Department. The Department may assign the Contract with prior written notice to the Contractor.

6.3 Independent Contractor.

The Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors are independent contractors and not employees or agents of the State of Florida and are not entitled to State of Florida benefits. The Department and Customer will not be bound by any acts or conduct of the Contractor or its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors. The Contractor agrees to include this provision in all its subcontracts under the Contract.

6.4 Inspection and Acceptance of Commodities.

6.4.1 Risk of Loss.

Matters of inspection and acceptance are addressed in section 215.422, F.S. Until acceptance, risk of loss or damage will remain with the Contractor. The Contractor will be responsible for filing, processing, and collecting all damage claims. To assist the Contractor with damage claims, the Customer will: record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's bill of lading; report damages to the carrier and the Contractor; and provide the Contractor with a copy of the carrier's bill of lading and damage inspection report.

6.4.2 Rejected Commodities.

When a Customer rejects a commodity, Contractor will remove the commodity from the premises within ten (10) calendar days after notification of rejection, and the risk of loss will remain with the Contractor. Commodities not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) calendar days will be deemed abandoned by the Contractor, and the Customer will have the right to dispose of such commodities. Contractor will reimburse the Customer for costs and expenses incurred in storing or effecting removal or disposition of rejected commodities.

6.5 Safety Standards.

Performance of the Contract for all commodities or contractual services must comply with requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and other applicable State of Florida and federal requirements.

6.6 Ombudsman.

A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this office are found in section 215.422, F.S., which include disseminating information relative to prompt payment and assisting contractors in receiving their payments in a timely manner from a Customer. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516.

6.7 Time is of the Essence.

Time is of the essence regarding every obligation of the Contractor under the Contract. Each obligation is deemed material, and a breach of any such obligation (including a breach resulting from untimely performance) is a material breach.

6.8 Waiver.

The delay or failure by the Department or the Customer to exercise or enforce any rights under the Contract will not constitute waiver of such rights.

6.9 Modification and Severability.

The Contract may only be modified by written agreement between the Department and the Contractor. Should a court determine any provision of the Contract is invalid, the remaining provisions will not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the Parties will be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the provision held invalid.

6.10 Cooperative Purchasing.

Pursuant to their own governing laws, and subject to the agreement of the Contractor, governmental entities that are not Customers may make purchases under the terms and conditions contained herein, if agreed to by Contractor. Such purchases are independent of the Contract between the Department and the Contractor, and the Department is not a party to these transactions. Agencies seeking to make purchases under this Contract are required to follow the requirements of Rule 60A-1.045(5), F.A.C.

SECTION 7. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE.

7.1 Workers' Compensation Insurance.

The Contractor shall maintain workers' compensation insurance as required under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law or the workers' compensation law of another jurisdiction where applicable. The Contractor must require all subcontractors to similarly provide workers' compensation insurance for all of the latter's employees. In the event work is being performed by the Contractor under the Contract and any class of employees performing the work is not protected under Workers' Compensation statutes, the Contractor must provide, and cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate insurance satisfactory to the Department, for the protection of employees not otherwise protected.

7.2 General Liability Insurance.

The Contractor must secure and maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance, including bodily injury, property damage, products, personal and advertising injury, and completed operations. This insurance must provide coverage for all claims that may arise from performance of the Contract or completed operations, whether by the Contractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor. Such insurance must include the State of Florida as an additional insured for the entire length of the resulting contract. The Contractor is responsible for determining the minimum limits of liability necessary to provide reasonable financial protections to the Contractor and the State of Florida under the resulting contract.

7.3 Florida Authorized Insurers.

All insurance shall be with insurers authorized and eligible to transact the applicable line of insurance business in the State of Florida. The Contractor shall provide Certification(s) of Insurance evidencing that all appropriate coverage is in place and showing the Department to be an additional insured.

7.4 Performance Bond.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Department may require the Contractor to furnish, without additional cost to the Department, a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the satisfactory performance of work hereunder. The Department shall determine the type and amount of security.

7.5 Indemnification.

To the extent permitted by Florida law, the Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Customer and the State of Florida, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from all fines, claims, assessments, suits, judgments, or damages, including consequential, special, indirect, and punitive damages, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising from or relating to violation or infringement of a trademark, copyright, patent, trade secret, or intellectual property right or out of any acts, actions, breaches, neglect, or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates related to the Contract, as well as for any determination arising out of or related to the Contract that the Contractor or Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates are not independent contractors in relation to the Customer. The Contract does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity or consent by the Customer or the State of Florida or its subdivisions to suit by third parties. Without limiting this indemnification, the Customer may provide the Contractor (1) written notice of any action or threatened action, (2) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at Contractor's sole expense, and (3) assistance in defending the action at Contractor's sole expense.

7.6 Limitation of Liability.

Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract or in the purchase order, neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contract or purchase order requires the Contractor to back-up data or records), even if the Department or Customer has been advised that such damages are possible. Neither the Department nor the Customer shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The Department or Customer may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like asserted by or against them. The State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the State against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC RECORDS, TRADE SECRETS, DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

8.1 Public Records.

8.1.1 Termination of Contract.

The Department may terminate the Contract for refusal by the Contractor to comply with this section by not allowing access to all public records, as defined in Chapter 119, F. S., made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Contract.

8.1.2 Statutory Notice.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(a), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency, as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the following applies:

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND MAILING ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE RESULTING CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER.

Pursuant to section 119.0701(2)(b), F.S., for contracts for services with a contractor acting on behalf of a public agency as defined in section 119.011(2), F.S., the Contractor shall:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following the completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- (d) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

8.2 Protection of Trade Secrets or Otherwise Confidential Information.

8.2.1 Contractor Designation of Trade Secrets or Otherwise Confidential Information. If the Contractor considers any portion of materials to be trade secret under section 688.002 or 812.081, F.S., or otherwise confidential under Florida or federal law, the Contractor must clearly designate that portion of the materials as trade secret or otherwise confidential when submitted to the Department. The Contractor will be

responsible for responding to and resolving all claims for access to Contract-related materials it has designated trade secret or otherwise confidential.

8.2.2 Public Records Requests.

If the Department receives a public records request for materials designated by the Contractor as trade secret or otherwise confidential under Florida or federal law, the Contractor will be responsible for taking the appropriate legal action in response to the request. If the Contractor fails to take appropriate and timely action to protect the materials designated as trade secret or otherwise confidential, the Department will provide the materials to the requester.

8.2.3 Indemnification Related to Confidentiality of Materials.

The Contractor will protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Department for claims, costs, fines, and attorney's fees arising from or relating to its designation of materials as trade secret or otherwise confidential.

8.3 Document Management.

The Contractor must retain sufficient documentation to substantiate claims for payment under the Contract and all other records, electronic files, papers, and documents that were made in relation to this Contract. The Contractor must retain all documents related to the Contract for five (5) years after expiration of the Contract or, if longer, the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State available at the Department of State's Records Management website.

8.4 Intellectual Property.

8.4.1 Ownership.

Unless specifically addressed otherwise in the Contract, the State of Florida shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights to all property created or developed in connection with the Contract.

8.4.2 Patentable Inventions or Discoveries.

Any inventions or discoveries developed in the course, or as a result, of services in connection with the Contract that are patentable pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101 are the sole property of the State of Florida. Contractor must inform the Customer of any inventions or discoveries developed or made through performance of the Contract, and such inventions or discoveries will be referred to the Florida Department of State for a determination on whether patent protection will be sought. The State of Florida will be the sole owner of all patents resulting from any invention or discovery made through performance of the Contract.

8.4.3 Copyrightable Works.

Contractor must notify the Department or State of Florida of any publications, artwork, or other copyrightable works developed in connection with the Contract. All copyrights created or developed through performance of the Contract are owned solely by the State of Florida.

SECTION 9. DATA SECURITY.

The Contractor will maintain the security of State of Florida data including, but not limited to, maintaining a secure area around any displayed visible data and ensuring data is stored and secured when not in use. The Contractor and subcontractors will not perform any of the services from outside of the United States, and the Contractor will not allow any State of Florida data to be sent by any medium, transmitted, or accessed outside the United States due to Contractor's action or inaction. In the event of a security breach involving State of Florida data, the Contractor shall give notice to the Customer and the Department within one business day. "Security breach" for purposes of this section will refer to a confirmed event that compromises the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of data. Once a data breach has been contained, the Contractor must provide the Department with a post-incident report documenting all containment, eradication, and recovery measures taken. The Department reserves the right in its sole discretion to enlist a third party to audit Contractor's findings and produce an independent report, and the Contractor will fully cooperate with the third party. The Contractor will also comply with all HIPAA requirements and any other state and federal rules and regulations regarding security of information.

SECTION 10. GRATUITIES, LOBBYING, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

10.1 Gratuities.

The Contractor will not, in connection with this Contract, directly or indirectly (1) offer, give, or agree to give anything of value to anyone as consideration for any State of Florida officer's or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty, or (2) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone anything of value for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State of Florida officer or employee.

10.2 Lobbying.

In accordance with sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S., Contract funds are not to be used for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or the Department. Pursuant to section 287.058(6), F.S., the Contract does not prohibit the Contractor from lobbying the executive or legislative branch concerning the scope of services, performance, term, or compensation regarding the Contract after the Contract is executed and during the Contract term.

10.3 Communications.

10.3.1 Contractor Communication or Disclosure.

The Contractor shall not make any public statements, press releases, publicity releases, or other similar communications concerning the Contract or its subject matter or otherwise disclose or permit to be disclosed any of the data or other information obtained or furnished in compliance with the Contract, without first notifying the Customer's Contract Manager and securing the Customer's prior written consent.

10.3.2 Use of Customer Statements.

The Contractor shall not use any statement attributable to the Customer or its employees for the Contractor's promotions, press releases, publicity releases, marketing, corporate communications, or other similar communications, without first notifying the Customer's Contract Manager and securing the Customer's prior written consent.

SECTION 11. CONTRACT MONITORING.

11.1 Performance Standards.

The Contractor agrees to perform all tasks and provide deliverables as set forth in the Contract. The Department and the Customer will be entitled at all times, upon request, to be advised as to the status of work being done by the Contractor and of the details thereof.

11.2 Performance Deficiencies and Financial Consequences of Non-Performance.

11.2.1 Proposal of Corrective Action Plan.

In addition to the processes set forth in the Contract (e.g., service level agreements), if the Department or Customer determines that there is a performance deficiency that requires correction by the Contractor, then the Department or Customer will notify the Contractor. The correction must be made within a time-frame specified by the Department or Customer. The Contractor must provide the Department or Customer with a corrective action plan describing how the Contractor will address all performance deficiencies identified by the Department or Customer.

11.2.2 Retainage for Unacceptable Corrective Action Plan or Plan Failure.

If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Department or Customer, or implementation of the plan fails to remedy the performance deficiencies, the Department or Customer will retain ten percent (10%) of the total invoice amount. The retainage will be withheld until the Contractor resolves the performance deficiencies. If the performance deficiencies are resolved, the Contractor may invoice the Department or Customer for the retained amount. If the Contractor fails to resolve the performance deficiencies, the retained amount will be forfeited to compensate the Department or Customer for the performance deficiencies.

11.3 Performance Delay.

11.3.1 Notification.

The Contractor will promptly notify the Department or Customer upon becoming aware of any circumstances that may reasonably be expected to jeopardize the timely and successful completion (or delivery) of any commodity or contractual service. The Contractor will use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid or minimize any delays in performance and will inform the Department or the Customer of the steps the Contractor is taking or will take to do so, and the projected actual completion (or delivery) time. If the Contractor believes a delay in performance by the Department or the Customer has caused or will cause the Contractor to be unable to perform its obligations on time, the Contractor will promptly so notify the Department and use commercially reasonable efforts to perform its obligations on time notwithstanding the Department's delay.

11.3.2 Liquidated Damages.

The Contractor acknowledges that delayed performance will damage the Department/Customer, but by their nature such damages are difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, the liquidated damages provisions stated in the Contract documents will apply. Liquidated damages are not intended to be a penalty and are solely intended to compensate for damages.

11.4 Force Majeure, Notice of Delay, and No Damages for Delay.

The Contractor will not be responsible for delay resulting from its failure to perform if neither the fault nor the negligence of the Contractor or its employees or agents contributed to the delay, and the delay is due directly to fire, explosion, earthquake, windstorm, flood, radioactive or toxic chemical hazard, war, military hostilities, terrorism, civil emergency, embargo, riot, strike, violent civil unrest, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or for any of the foregoing that affect subcontractors or suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor. The foregoing does not excuse delay which could have been avoided if the Contractor implemented any risk mitigation required by the Contract. In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor will notify the Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (1) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that created or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result, or (2) if delay is not reasonably foreseeable, within five (5) calendar days after the date the Contractor first had reason to believe that a delay could result. The foregoing will constitute the Contractor's sole remedy or excuse with respect to delay. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy. No claim for damages will be asserted by the Contractor. The Contractor will not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. If performance is suspended or delayed, in whole or in part, due to any of the causes described in this paragraph, after the causes have ceased to exist the Contractor will perform at no increased cost, unless the Department determines, in its sole discretion, that the delay will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State of Florida or to Customers, in which case the Department may (1) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to Customers and the Department with respect to commodities or contractual services subjected to allocation, or (2) purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the related costs and expenses) to replace all or part of the commodity or contractual services that are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantity, or (3) terminate the Contract in whole or in part.

SECTION 12. CONTRACT AUDITS.

12.1 Performance or Compliance Audits.

The Department may conduct or have conducted performance and/or compliance audits of the Contractor and subcontractors as determined by the Department. The Department may conduct an audit and review all the Contractor's and subcontractors' data and records that directly relate to the Contract. To the extent necessary to verify the Contractor's fees and claims for payment under the Contract, the Contractor's agreements or contracts with subcontractors, partners, or agents of the Contractor, pertaining to the Contract, may be inspected by the Department upon fifteen (15) calendar days' notice, during normal working hours and in accordance with the Contractor's facility access procedures where facility access is required. Release statements from its subcontractors, partners, or agents are not required for the Department or its designee to conduct compliance and performance audits on any of the Contractor's contracts relating to this Contract. The Inspector General, in accordance with section 5.6, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, the Office of the Auditor General also have authority to perform audits and inspections.

12.2 Payment Audit.

Records of costs incurred under terms of the Contract will be maintained in accordance with section 8.3 of these Special Contract Conditions. Records of costs incurred will include the Contractor's general accounting records, together with supporting documents and records of the Contractor and all subcontractors performing work, and all other records of the Contractor and subcontractors considered necessary by the Department, the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer, or the Office of the Auditor General.

SECTION 13. BACKGROUND SCREENING AND SECURITY.

13.1 Background Check.

The Department or Customer may require the Contractor to conduct background checks of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors as directed by the Department or Customer. The cost of the background checks will be borne by the Contractor. The Department or Customer may require the Contractor to exclude the Contractor's employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors based on the background check results. In addition, the Contractor must ensure that all persons have a responsibility to self-report to the Contractor within three (3) calendar days any arrest for any disqualifying offense. The Contractor must notify the Contract Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of all details concerning any reported arrest. Upon the request of the Department or Customer, the Contractor will re-screen any of its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors during the term of the Contract.

13.2 E-Verify.

The Contractor must use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the term of the Contract for the services specified in the Contract. The Contractor must also include a requirement in subcontracts that the subcontractor must utilize the E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractor during the Contract term. In order to implement this provision, the Contractor must provide a copy of its DHS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the Contract Manager within five (5) calendar days of Contract execution. If the Contractor is not enrolled in DHS E-Verify System, it will do so within five (5) calendar days of notice of Contract award and provide the Contract Manager a copy of its MOU within five (5) calendar days of Contract execution. The link to E-Verify is <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>. Upon each Contractor or subcontractor new hire, the Contractor must provide a statement within five (5) calendar days to the Contract Manager identifying the new hire with its E-Verify case number.

13.3 Disqualifying Offenses.

If at any time it is determined that a person has been found guilty of a misdemeanor or felony offense as a result of a trial or has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, within the last six (6) years from the date of the court's determination for the crimes listed below, or their equivalent in any jurisdiction, the Contractor is required to immediately remove that person from any position with access to State of Florida data or directly performing services under the Contract. The disqualifying offenses are as follows:

- (a) Computer related crimes;
- (b) Information technology crimes;

- (c) Fraudulent practices;
- (d) False pretenses;
- (e) Frauds;
- (f) Credit card crimes;
- (g) Forgery;
- (h) Counterfeiting;
- (i) Violations involving checks or drafts;
- (j) Misuse of medical or personnel records; and
- (k) Felony theft.

13.4 Confidentiality.

The Contractor must maintain confidentiality of all confidential data, files, and records related to the commodities or contractual services provided pursuant to the Contract and must comply with all state and federal laws, including, but not limited to sections 381.004, 384.29, 392.65, and 456.057, F.S. The Contractor's confidentiality procedures must be consistent with the most recent version of the Department security policies, protocols, and procedures. The Contractor must also comply with any applicable professional standards with respect to confidentiality of information.

SECTION 14. WARRANTY OF CONTRACTOR'S ABILITY TO PERFORM.

The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no pending or threatened action, proceeding, or investigation, or any other legal or financial condition, that would in any way prohibit, restrain, or diminish the Contractor's ability to satisfy its Contract obligations. The Contractor warrants that neither it nor any affiliate is currently on the Suspended Vendor List, Convicted Vendor List, or the Discriminatory Vendor List, or on any similar list maintained by any other state or the federal government. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Department in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Contract.