



**State Term Contract  
No. 92121500-24-STC  
For  
Security Guard Services**

This Contract is between the State of Florida, Department of Management Services (Department), an agency of the State of Florida and **Universal Protection Service, LLC d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, LLC** (Contractor) with its principal place of business located at **161 Washington Street, Suite 600, Conshohocken, PA 19428**, collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

Pursuant to ITB No. 23-92121500-ITB-V3, the Contractor was awarded to provide Security Guard Services in the following Region(s): **1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10**

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 October 1, 2024, or on the last date this Contract is signed by all Parties, whichever is later. The Contract shall expire on September 30, 2027, unless terminated earlier or renewed in accordance with the Enterprise Standard Terms and Conditions.

**II. Renewal Term.**

Upon mutual written agreement, the Parties may renew this Contract, in whole or in part, pursuant to the incorporated Enterprise Standard Terms and 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 C, Enterprise Standard Terms and Conditions
- d) Exhibit B, Contractor's submitted Price Sheet
- e) Exhibit D, Region Map
- f) Exhibit E, SLA Document

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**IV. Contract Management.**

**Department's Contract Manager:**

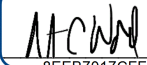
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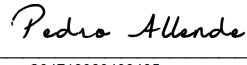
**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract, which includes the incorporated Attachments, to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized. This Contract is not valid and binding on all Parties until signed and dated by both Parties.

**UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE, LLC  
D/B/A ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY  
SERVICES, LLC**

Docusigned by:  
  
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**Robert C. Wood CPP, CFE,  
President, Florida Region**

10/22/2024 | 4:13 AM PDT  
**Date:**

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES**

Docusigned by:  
  
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**Pedro Allende, Secretary**

10/23/2024 | 2:29 PM EDT  
**Date:**

## Exhibit A Scope of Work

### 1. Purpose

To provide Customers with Security Guard Services, pursuant to the terms set forth in this Scope of Work (SOW). A map of the service regions is set forth in Exhibit D, Region Map.

### 2. Commodity Code List

| UNSPSC   | Class/Commodity Description  |
|----------|------------------------------|
| 92121500 | Guard services               |
| 92121502 | Burglary protection services |
| 92121504 | Security guard services      |

### 3. Definitions

Definitions contained in section 287.012, Florida Statutes (F.S.); Rule 60A-1.001, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); Exhibit C, Enterprise Standard Terms and 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.

**Ancillary Equipment** – May be provided to Customers in addition to Security Guards. Ancillary Equipment is considered optional and only the items listed on the Price Sheet can be purchased.

**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.

**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 for the Security Guard Services STC.

**Contractor** – A vendor that enters into a Contract with the Department as a result of ITB No. 23-92121500-ITB-V3.

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

**Customer** – A State Agency (inclusive of the Department) or Eligible User.

**Department** – The Department of Management Services, a State Agency.

**Duly Qualified** – possessing the requisite skills, abilities, credentials, and experience.

**Duty Roster** – The assigned Security Guards work schedule.

**Florida Law Enforcement Officer** – as defined in section 943.10 (1), F.S., any person who is elected, appointed, or employed full time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state.

**Off Duty** – not engaged in one's regular work.

**End User** – The person or entity that uses the commodity or service.

**Extraordinary Single Incident Report** – A report that is completed when a rare, unusual, significant, or uncommon event occurs during a shift.

**Facilities** – Those facilities for which the SLA shall apply as identified in Exhibit F, Facility List.

**Facility Manager** – The local Customer representative designated for a facility to oversee and manage a facility, who will serve in a contract management capacity for the applicable facility.

**Fire and Life Safety Program** – Instruction on protocol regarding fire and life safety.

**Guard Tour Patrol System** – An electronic patrolling system used to log the rounds conducted by the Security Guard on post at any given time during his or her assigned shift that documents the time and date that patrols have taken place.

**Post Orders** – Defines the security guard's duties – the "what, when, where, and why."

**Security Guard** – A person licensed to provide services as a Security Guard in accordance with Chapter 493, F.S. The term Security Guard, Security Officer, and Security Guard Officer may be used interchangeably.

**Security Guard Services or Services** – The enforcement of rules, regulations or procedures adopted to ensure prompt action is taken to prevent or minimize losses, accidents, fires, property damage, safety hazards, or security incidents. Includes provision of Security Guards, any Ancillary Equipment, and all obligations of Contractor under the Contract.

**Service Level Agreement (SLA)** – A document executed by a Customer and the Contractor which includes, but is not limited to, tasks, deliverables, expectations, timelines, and financial consequences for non-performance that a Contractor shall provide to the Customer.

**Site-Specific** – Specific to that particular location.

**State** – The State of Florida.

**United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC)** – A commodity code list used by the State.

#### **4. Scope of Work**

##### **4.1 Description of Scope**

The Contractor will provide Security Guard Services for the awarded regions of service as set forth in the Contract. The Contractor shall ensure Security Guards and any provided Security Guard Services properly carry out the primary duty of safeguarding Customer employees, the general public, and the applicable property. The Contractor shall provide all labor, supervision, materials, and equipment necessary to perform and complete the services in all respects in accordance with the Contract (including any Customer SLA). The Contractor shall perform all services in a timely and professional manner and in accordance with the terms of the Contract (including any Customer SLA).

##### **4.2 Compliance and Compatibility**

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the Services supplied are compliant with the requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions of the Contract (including any Customer SLA). Additionally, the Contractor shall ensure that all commodities ordered by the Customer are fully compatible with each other and with any associated pre-existing Commodity 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 Service(s) and/or commodity that is fully compliant and compatible with the Customer's order requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions.

##### **4.3 Request for Quote Requirements**

Customers shall use a Request for Quote in accordance with section 287.056(2), F.S., when making purchases off the Contract. The terms of the Customer's purchase shall not conflict with the terms and conditions established by the Contract. In accepting a Customer's purchase, the Contractor recognizes its responsibility for all tasks and deliverables contained therein, warrants that it has fully informed itself of all relevant factors affecting accomplishment of the tasks and deliverables, and agrees to be fully accountable for the performance thereof.

#### **5. Operational Hours**

**5.1** Contractor will maintain an administrative office during the term of the Contract, and any renewals, which shall be open from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the Customer's location, on business days. The administrative office does not need to be open on holidays observed by state agencies as defined in the Holidays section of the Scope of Work.

**5.2** Provision of Security Guard Services and Ancillary Equipment may vary based on each Customer's service needs. Security Guard positions, service lengths (long and short term) and hours (full time, part time and occasional) may vary. Service lengths are as follows:

**5.2.1 Long Term Commitment:** One or more years of Security Guard Services provided to a Customer

- 5.2.2 Short Term Commitment:** Less than one year of Security Guard Services provided to a Customer
- 5.2.3 Full Time:** 35 to 40 hours per week of Security Guard Services provided to a Customer
- 5.2.4 Part-Time:** 1 to 34 hours per week of Security Guard Services provided to a Customer
- 5.2.5 Occasional:** Days, hours, and frequency of Security Guard Services provided to a Customer may vary. This type of length of service includes regularly scheduled events held monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually, or single events or circumstances.

- 5.3** Security Guards may not work more than 40 hours a week unless authorized to do so by the Customer in writing prior to the provision of services in excess of 40 hours per week.
- 5.4** No Security Guard shall work more than 12 consecutive hours, in any 24-hour period. This limitation may be waived by the Customer in emergency situations that are beyond the control of the Contractor, i.e., weather conditions preventing the next shift from getting to the facility. The Contractor must notify the Facility Manager and the Customer's designated point of contact about any emergency situation as it occurs and request a written waiver of this term for each occurrence.

## **6. Licensing Requirements/Eligibility Requirements**

- 6.1** All armed and unarmed Security Guards must have the applicable state of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Security Guard Class license(s) necessary for the position they serve under the Contract, which are to be kept current and on the Security Guard's person while on duty.
- 6.2** The Contractor is to hold a current state of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "B" Security Agency license.
- 6.3** The Contractor shall ensure that its company, and all employees, have valid, current licenses in accordance with Chapter 493, Florida Statutes, to perform Security Guard Services throughout the Contract term, including any renewals. The Contractor shall provide copies of licenses and certificates to the Department or Customer upon request.
- 6.4** The Contract, and any Customer SLA, may be terminated if an unlicensed individual performs services under the Contract for any Customer.
- 6.5** All armed and unarmed Security Guards employed by the Contractor must have a minimum of one year of similar Security Guard Services experience.
- 6.6** All supervisory staff must have at least three years of similar Security Guard Services experience.
- 6.7** The Contractor must notify both the Customer's Facility Manager and Contract Manager, as well as the Department's Contract Manager, in writing within one calendar day upon discovering that any employed Security Guard no longer has a valid, active license

necessary to provide Security Guard Services. Upon such notification, the Contractor must immediately remove the unlicensed person from service and will arrange for a new Security Guard to provide Security Guard Services for the impacted Customers within a time frame mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the Customer.

## **7. Position Descriptions**

The following are descriptions of Security Guard positions which may be offered under the Contract for Customers:

- 7.1 Security Guard Level I:** An unarmed individual with a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license.
- 7.2 Security Guard Level II:** An unarmed individual with a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and a minimum of two years prior experience as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard Officer is required. A two-year background in law enforcement may be substituted for prior years of experience.
- 7.3 Security Guard Level III:** An armed individual with a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A minimum of two years prior experience as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard Officer is required. A two-year background in law enforcement may be substituted for prior years of experience.
- 7.4 Security Guard Level IV:** An armed individual with a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A minimum of five years prior experience as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard Officer and a minimum of two years prior experience serving as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard with a Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A five-year background in law enforcement may be substituted for prior years of experience.
- 7.5 Security Guard Level V:** An armed or unarmed individual with a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A minimum of five years prior experience as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard with a Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A five-year background in law enforcement may be substituted for prior years of experience. The individual shall also have the ability to supervise, monitor, and regulate individuals with a Class "D" Security Guard license and a Class "G" Statewide Firearm license in their performance of their assigned duties under the Contract. This level of Security Guard may be a site-supervisor when a Customer requires multiple Security Guards present at the same time to coordinate security service efforts.
- 7.6 Security Guard Level VI:** An armed or unarmed individual with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A minimum of ten years' experience as a Class "D" licensed Security Guard with a Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. A ten-year background in law enforcement may be substituted for prior years of experience. The individual shall have the ability to supervise, monitor, and regulate Security Guard individuals with a Class "D" Security Guard license and a Class "G" Statewide Firearm license in their performance of assigned duties. When a Customer requires multiple site-supervisors for large or complex

sites, this level of Security Guard may be a project manager responsible for coordination of all security service efforts, including managing site-supervisors.

- 7.7 Emergency Response Security Guards:** These are licensed Security Guards, either armed or unarmed, who provide services when an executive order has been issued by a governmental entity. An unarmed Emergency Response Security Guard shall have a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license. An armed Emergency Response Security Guard shall have a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Class "D" Security Guard license and Class "G" Statewide Firearm license. The Contractor will be required to provide Emergency Response Security Guards as specified by the Executive Order and/or at the Customer's request. Emergency Response Security Guards must have training in first response and may be required to work irregular hours, work more than eight hours per day, work extended periods (including weekends and holidays), work at locations other than their official headquarters, and/or work in adverse conditions. Travel expenses for the Emergency Response Security Guards shall be on a cost reimbursement basis, in accordance with Section 112.061, F.S. Customers may have additional policies regulating travel which the Emergency Response Security Guards may need to adhere to.

## **8. Tasks/Deliverables**

The Contractor will be responsible for the following tasks/deliverables at/for each location:

- 8.1** Furnish trained and qualified armed and unarmed Security Guards to provide services as requested by the Customer. This service will be continuous regardless of weather, disaster, or threatened or actual organized labor actions.
- 8.2** Provide supervision of Security Guards to ensure compliance with the Contract and Contractor's security policies, procedures, and orders.
- 8.3** Require Security Guards to enforce the Customer's and the Contractor's security policies, procedures, and orders and ensure Security Guards perform all duties in accordance with the terms of the Contract and the written instructions in a Customer's SLA.
- 8.4** Designate a single point of contact to be the liaison for the State and Contractor staff in order to handle the day-to-day operations.
- 8.5** Work with the Customer to develop site-specific instructions and Post Orders within 30 days from SLA execution. These instructions and Post Orders may include, but are not limited to; standing security post, roving security patrols, monitoring security systems, supervising other security guards maintaining security infrastructure, and carrying out other basic security tasks as required by individual properties. All site-specific instructions and Post Orders are to be approved by the Customer prior to finalizing and distributing to Security Guards. Security Guards are responsible for reviewing and complying with the instructions and Post Orders.
- 8.6** Create Standards of Conduct that the Security Guards must abide by and provide a copy of the Standards of Conduct document to the Department's Contract Manager or designee upon request.



- 8.7** Maintain a Duty Roster of all Security Guards and security management employees, to be provided to the Customer on a monthly basis. Any person(s) who reports for work and identifies themselves as someone other than a person listed upon the official Security Guard Duty Roster shall be denied access to the facility and reported to the proper authorities.
- 8.8** Ensure all Security Guards display a picture I.D. when working at a Customer's site.
- 8.9** The Security Guard Services provided to Customers will include, but not be limited to, ensuring Security Guards perform the following:
  - 8.9.1** Maintain discipline, professional appearance in accordance with the Uniforms and Equipment section of this SOW, professional demeanor, integrity, and attention to duty.
  - 8.9.2** Review and administer the Customer's site security procedures, instructions, and Post Orders.
  - 8.9.3** Review and comply with the applicable Customer standards of conduct and ethics.
  - 8.9.4** Perform access control of persons, vehicles, and other property.
  - 8.9.5** Perform site surveillance (by either foot or vehicle).
  - 8.9.6** Identify and provide a written report of security and safety violations within 24 hours to the Customer, unless immediate action is necessary. Security Guards are to have effective report writing skills.
  - 8.9.7** Ensure Security Guards maintain files for security-related documentation at each security station (Post Orders, Site-specific instructions, training materials, etc.).
  - 8.9.8** Assist the Customer's personnel in emergency situations as identified by the Customer. If an emergency extends beyond the normal working hours, the Security Guard will be paid for additional hours at the standard rate of pay. Security Guards may be diverted by the Customer from normal assignment duties to respond to emergency situations or special duty assignments. No additional costs shall be charged to the Customer for such diversion of Security Guards for emergency situations; however, the Contractor will not be penalized for any regular daily work task not completed by the Security Guard due to their participation in such emergency activities.
  - 8.9.9** Take prompt action to prevent or minimize losses, accidents, fires, property damages, safety hazards, and security incidents. The Security Guard will take appropriate action on any breach of security, suspicious activity, or safety hazard by notifying local Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the Customer's Facility Manager.
  - 8.9.10** Assist Customer staff in the execution of testing a facility's Fire and Life Safety Program.

- 8.9.11** Operate the Customer's security console, security system, elevator system, fire and life safety system, and other safety devices installed and maintained by the Customer as reviewed, discussed, and provided during on-the-job training.
- 8.9.12** Monitor alarms, surveillance screens, and recording devices. This includes monitoring the fire alarm system and responding to any sites where an alarm has been activated, taking appropriate action when needed, and communicating findings to the Customer to determine if the situation warrants contacting the police or the fire department.
- 8.9.13** Investigate unusual occurrences in and about the premises and maintain an awareness of special activities taking place throughout the facility and property.
- 8.9.14** Conduct random walking patrols at least two times every hour throughout the Customer's facility (including interior stair wells), grounds, and parking lots, being alert for suspicious persons, suspicious packages, personal and Customer's property exposed to theft, and safety concerns. Security Guards shall vary their rounds so as not to be predictable in the arrival times or the time spent at each location.
- 8.9.15** Inspect exterior doors for proper lock down at the facility's set closing time.
- 8.9.16** Where applicable, ensure availability as required for special events and situations where Customer provides Contractor with 24 hours advanced notice.
- 8.9.17** Be capable of performing their duties in response to any on-site call received from the Customer within five (minutes of receiving the call.
- 8.9.18** Where applicable, comply with the Customer's hazardous materials communication program and the Customer's asbestos operations and maintenance program, which the Customer will provide to the Contractor upon Contract execution.
- 8.9.19** Read and become familiar with applicable State of Florida and Customer's security policies and procedures, to include evacuation procedures.
- 8.9.20** Provide Customer with a replacement Security Guard(s) when Customer requests to rotate or transfer Security Guard(s) when deemed necessary, or at time intervals specified in the SLA.

## **9. Hiring Standards/Maintaining Employment**

The Contractor shall ensure the Security Guards meet or exceed the minimum hiring standards set forth below before assignment to a Customer. The Contractor shall ensure the Security Guards maintain these standards for employment throughout the Contract term, including any renewal term. The Customer reserves the right to request proof of compliance with standards, interview employees, and reject any employee that it deems unqualified.

## **9.1 Minimum Hiring Standards**

The Department requires the Contractor's Security Guards meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth below before assignment to the premises:

- 9.1.1** Must possess a state issued identification card.
- 9.1.2** Must possess a valid and active driver's license if assigned to drive a motor vehicle to provide security guard services.
- 9.1.3** Successfully pass a drug test upon hire.
- 9.1.4** Prior to assignment to the Customer premises, and when Contractor performs refresh background screening, successfully pass a background check, ordered and paid for by the Contractor, through a law enforcement agency or a Professional Background Screener accredited by the National Association of Professional Background Screeners or a comparable standard which will include a check of the following databases:
  - Social security number trace, and
  - Criminal records (Federal, State and County criminal felony and misdemeanor, national criminal database for all states which make such data available).
- 9.1.5** Successfully pass any other background investigations as required by the Customer SLA.
- 9.1.6** Successfully pass a pen and paper literacy test administered by the Contractor including, but not limited to, spelling and grammar. Contractor shall furnish results to Customer or DMS upon request.
- 9.1.7** Complete all required training courses as mandated in state and locality of employment.
- 9.1.8** Meet state licensing requirements for the applicable Security Guard position prior to placement in accordance with the applicable provisions in Chapter 943, F.S., and Chapter 5N-1, F.A.C.
- 9.1.9** The Contractor's employees must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English clearly. Additionally, upon Customer's request, Security Guards must be bilingual, with English as the primary language and Spanish as the secondary language. This requirement will be exercised on a case-by-case basis and will be specified in the Customer SLA.
- 9.1.10** Must be physically able to accomplish various tasks that must be performed including, but not limited to, quickly ascending and descending multiple flights of stairs and lifting weight of at least 40 pounds (unless written approval is obtained from the Department that either of or both of these physical requirements are not necessary).
- 9.1.11** Maintain a well-developed level of maturity necessary for professional interaction.

- 9.1.12** Maintain a neat, clean, well-groomed, and professional appearance while providing services in accordance with the Uniforms and Equipment section of this SOW.
  - 9.1.13** Act in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract (including the Customer SLAs).
  - 9.1.14** Be familiar with, and ensure the facilities are in compliance with, all existing standards, codes, rules and regulations. Report any failures or insufficiencies in the delivery of any service to the Customer.
  - 9.1.15** Be responsive at all levels of service to meet Customer needs.
- 9.3** The Contractor's hiring practices will be in conformance will all relevant federal and state employment laws.
- 9.2** The Contractor must have a written drug, alcohol, and other contraband policy pertaining to the use, possession, or transfer of illegal drugs, alcohol, and other contraband items, (including simulated (look-alike) drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, unapproved firearms, explosives, and other weapons). The written policy must include procedures for maintaining a comprehensive drug and alcohol testing program. The Contractor will be solely responsible for ensuring that employees assigned to a facility have been informed of and understand the Contractor's written policy. The Contractor will ensure that copies of said policy are provided to all Security Guards, to the Customer, and the Department upon request.
- 9.3** Security Guards found in violation of the Contractor's written policy, including personnel who return a positive test on a drug screen in violation of the Contractor's approved policy, will not be assigned to a facility or must immediately cease providing services under the Contract. It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to timely provide replacement services at the Customer location. The Contractor will be required to comply with and enforce this policy with respect to the Contractor's employees, as part of employment.
- 9.4** The use or possession of property belonging to the Department, Customer, or another person without the permission of the rightful owner of such property is not permitted. Security Guards found in violation of this term must immediately cease providing services under the Contract and it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to timely provide replacement services.
- 9.5** The Customer shall reserve the right to contact local authorities to conduct reasonable searches of Security Guards, including privately owned vehicles, while on the property at any time, if permissible under applicable state and local laws.
- 9.6** Security Guards will not leave assigned posts at any time during a shift, unless relieved by the appropriate duty personnel, or unless specifically authorized by the Customer's Contract Manager or Facility Manager to leave the post. Security Guards shall bring their necessary meals for consumption on the premises. Security Guards are allowed to eat at desk/post.

## **10. Service Level Agreement**

In regions where multiple Contractors have been awarded, Customers shall request a quote from all vendors awarded in the region. The Contractor is required to enter into an SLA with each Customer prior to providing any Security Guard Services for the Customer. Prior to the execution of the SLA, the Contractor shall discuss with the Customer the Security Guard Services requested and perform an on-site assessment, if necessary, to determine the most cost-effective methods of performing the required Security Guard Services. Customers shall create an SLA using Attachment H, Draft SLA, describing the specific Security Guard Services required by the Customer, as well as any unique requirements, prior to purchasing Security Guard Services from the Contract. Each Customer's SLA shall be attached to the purchase requisition in MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) or incorporated into a formal contract between the Customer and the Contractor. Customers are permitted to negotiate terms and conditions which supplement those contained in the Contract. Such additional terms shall not conflict with the terms and conditions established by the Contract. Specific terms and conditions within an SLA are only applicable to that SLA and shall not be construed as an amendment to the Contract. The Contractor agrees it will not subcontract any of the Security Guard Services it provides pursuant to the Contract.

#### **10.1 The Contractor shall:**

- 10.1.1** Provide supervision of Security Guards to ensure compliance with the Contract and Contractor's security policies, procedures, and orders.
- 10.1.2** Ensure that current, applicable security licenses and driver's licenses or state identification cards are kept on the Security Guard's person while he/she is on duty.
- 10.1.3** Ensure that Security Guards perform all services in accordance with written instructions provided by the Customer's SLA.

#### **10.2 At a minimum, each Customer's SLA must include the following:**

- Term of services, not to exceed the term in the Contract,
- Contact information, including the Contract Manager, primary and secondary emergency call procedures,
- Additions to the Contract SOW (if applicable),
- Deliverables,
- Performance Measures, and
- Any Customer specific terms and conditions.

**10.3** All SLA changes, modifications, deletions, or additions shall be in writing and must be mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and Customer prior to any such change taking effect.

### **11. Contract Transition**

The Contractor will be required to perform, at no additional cost, transition services for Customers and the Department associated with the end of, or termination of, the Contract or a Customer's SLA to a replacement contract. The complete transition of existing services to replacement

services is hereby explicitly made a criterion for completing the Contract. As part of transition services, the Contractor shall:

1. Provide sufficient efforts and cooperation to ensure an orderly and efficient transition of services to any replacement contract.
2. Perform transition tasks for the Department or the Customer upon request, whether or not previously made available, including the following:
  - Provide all Customer documents, books, records, and other property relating to the applicable facility or facilities in Contractor's possession or control.
  - Provide current technical documentation, operations guides, and procedures the Contractor follows to provide the services.
  - Assist Customers with migration of databases and other repositories of information and all State of Florida data to the Customer in a format, method, and timeline acceptable to the Customer and that is consistent with current industry practices and standards.
  - Promptly answer all questions related to the transition and migration of the Contract and the Customer's SLA.
  - Provide such other services, functions, or responsibilities inherent or necessary to the transition of services to a replacement contract.

## **12. Customer Service**

In addition to all other Tasks/Deliverables listed in this SOW, Contractor will be responsible for the following customer service tasks/deliverables:

- 12.1** The Contractor is to provide Customers with contact information for both the Contractor's financial, operations, and Contract administrators. He/she must have the requisite authority to solve problems and respond to Customer representatives on behalf of the company for all matters concerning the Contract. This information shall include:
  - a. Name
  - b. Title
  - c. Email address
  - d. Office Telephone number(s)
  - e. Cellular Telephone number(s)
- 12.2** The Contractor shall maintain a 24-hours a day, 365 days per year call service so that Customers may order Security Guard Services and report any failures, insufficiencies, or other concerns in the delivery of Security Guard Services. This call center must be accessible by means of a single toll-free telephone number. This information must be displayed as signage on the Customer's premises at no additional cost to the Customer. Signage design, quantity, materials, and locations shall be approved by the Customer prior to posting in a Customer's facility, which will be outlined in the Customer's SLA.

- 12.3** The Contractor shall respond within one hour to a Customer's report of failures, insufficiencies, or other concerns in the delivery of Security Guard Services.
- 12.4** The Contractor shall promptly resolve all contractual and Customer concerns, issues, or complaints to the satisfaction of the Customer and the Department within the timeframe established by the Customer or the Department.
- 12.5** The Contractor shall notify the Customer and the Department's Contract Manager immediately if it believes it cannot meet the level of service required in a Customer's SLA.

### **13. Contractor Inspections**

In addition to all other Tasks/Deliverables listed in this SOW, Contractor will be responsible for the following inspection tasks/deliverables at/for each location:

- 13.1** The Contractor shall provide a manager (i.e., Regional and Corporate Headquarters) who will conduct regular, unannounced inspections to ensure Security Guards' compliance with established terms and conditions. The frequency of inspections will be determined in the Customer's SLA.
- 13.2** Inspections performed pursuant to the terms of the Customer's SLA will be documented by the Contractor and the observations from the inspections will be submitted monthly to the Customer Contract Manager.
- 13.3** The Contractor shall utilize inspections as an opportunity to identify areas requiring improvement and subsequently conduct further training and testing for the Security Guard(s) inspected and identified as needing additional improvement.

### **14. Uniforms and Equipment**

- 14.1** Security Guards providing services under the Contract shall report to work in uniforms provided and paid for by the Contractor, unless otherwise specified by the Customer in the SLA. All Security Guards shall be appropriately uniformed in accordance with section 493.6305, F.S. The uniform must clearly identify the employee as a Security Guard working for the Contractor and include a picture ID badge prominently placed on the uniform. Badges may not resemble those of local law enforcement agencies. The uniform shall be neat, clean, pressed, and present a professional appearance. Shoes shall be shined in a manner that is satisfactory to the Customer. Security personnel reporting to work with a uniform that does not meet this standard will be required to change before reporting to work. Time spent changing into the appropriate uniform will not be billed to the Customer. Customers will provide the Contractor with notice of a security personnel reporting to work who is not in compliance with the terms set forth herein, and the Contractor shall provide an immediate replacement, as necessary, to avoid any lapse in coverage.
- 14.2** If the Customer requires a nonuniformed Security Guard, the Customer may also choose to waive the name badge requirement for those Security Guards.

**14.3** Security Guards shall be equipped with redundant communication equipment, furnished by the Contractor at no additional cost to the Customer, to be able to communicate with their supervisor, their home office, 911, the local police, and the Customer's Contract Manager. The redundant communication equipment selected shall be in accordance with the Customer's SLA. This redundant communication equipment may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Stationary Telephone
- b. Cellular telephone with long-distance calling capabilities.
- c. Two-Way Radio
- d. Fax Machine

**14.4** Keys or access cards to the Customer's property may be issued to Security Guards by the Customer for specific sites. The Contractor is responsible for securing and maintaining the keys or access cards in good working condition. Customers will replace lost keys or access cards at the Contractor's expense. The Security Guard on duty shall document all lost keys or access cards in a written report and provide it to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager.

**14.5** Ancillary security vehicles, as set forth in Exhibit B, Price Sheet and the Ancillary Equipment section herein, requested by Customer are to be owned or leased, licensed, and insured by the Contractor. Vehicles used by the Contractor operated on Customer's premises shall prominently display the company's name and telephone number on the exterior of the vehicle. Security vehicles offered by the Contractor shall be operational, kept clean, in good repair, and well maintained at all times. The Customer shall not be responsible for any costs associated with Contractor's upkeep of the security vehicle(s). Parking terms for any security vehicles will be set forth in the Customer's SLA. The following insurance terms and conditions are applicable to the Contractor's service vehicles offered to the Customers through a Contract with the Department to provide ancillary service vehicles.

**14.5.1 Automobile Liability Insurance:**

Contractor shall obtain and maintain automobile liability insurance, including coverage for liability contractually assumed, which shall cover all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles used in connection with the Contract. The minimum combined limits (inclusive of any amounts provided by an umbrella or excess policy) shall be \$500,000 for each occurrence-bodily injury and property damage combined and \$5,000 medical payment.

**14.5.2 Self-Insurance:**

For any insurance coverage required hereby, the Contractor may use a self-insurance program, provided such program has received prior written approval of the Department.



**Insurance coverage as minimum liability:**

- Bodily injury - \$200,000 per individual
- Bodily injury - \$500,000 per accident
- Property Damage - \$500,000
- Medical Payment - \$5,000
- Comprehensive - Non-Deductible
- Collision – Non-Deductible

**14.6** The Customer will be responsible for making adequate workspace available for the Contractor at each facility. The Customer may furnish, without cost to the Contractor, materials, equipment, and space in connection with the Contractor's performance of Security Guard Services. Such materials, equipment, and space will be detailed in the Customer's SLA. The Contractor assumes full responsibility for all equipment and materials issued by the Customer for the performance of the services specified in the Customer's SLA. The Security Guards will keep the Customer's space provided in connection with the Contractor's performance of Security Guard Services clean and will not damage the Customer's space. The Contractor shall reimburse the Customer for any repairs to the Customer's space necessary due to the fault of the Contractor or Contractor's agents or employees. Upon termination of the Contract or any SLA, all Customer provided materials, equipment, and space shall be returned to the Customer in good operating condition, less reasonable wear, and tear.

**14.7** The Contractor warrants that all products furnished under the Contract by the Contractor shall be free of defective material and workmanship for the life of the Contract, including renewal terms, and will be done so, as to avoid noncompliance.

**14.8** If the Contractor damages the Customer's equipment, the Contractor shall replace all equipment and materials lost, damaged, or otherwise unavailable due to the fault of the Contractor or the Contractor's agents or employees:

**14.8.1** In addition, the Contractor will be charged a \$100.00 per day penalty for equipment damage that results in any disruption of facility operations or the inability of the Contractor to perform the required contracted services, plus the cost of any employee productivity lost if the facility must be shut down or employees furloughed. The Customer, in coordination with the tenants of the facility affected, shall determine the costs of this productivity interruption. However, the Customer shall make the final decision on the costs. All such costs will be deducted from the Contractor's invoice.

## **15. Training**

In addition to all other Tasks/Deliverables listed in this SOW, Contractor will be responsible for the following training tasks/deliverables:

**15.1** Each Security Guard shall complete all trainings as required by the Contract and the Customer prior to being assigned to a facility. The Contractor shall be responsible for submitting all lesson plans for Contractor training courses and training records of employees to Customer's Contract Manager on a quarterly basis, and upon request.

**15.2** The Contractor shall provide a designated Training Coordinator to serve as a point of contact for Customer representatives to ensure adequate training is conducted for all the Contractor's personnel. The Training Coordinator position may be held by a branch trainer or account manager as appropriate to the Contractor size. All formal training of Security Guards is to be administered by an appropriately certified (by an accredited institution of learning or governmental/educational certification body) and experienced individual with strong subject matter expertise. All training will be at the sole cost and expense of the Contractor, unless stipulated otherwise in the Customer's SLA. The Training Coordinator is responsible for the following:

**15.2.1** Ensuring Security Guards receive ongoing training to maintain licensure in accordance with Chapter 493, Part III, F.S.

**15.2.2** Training all staff in the Customer's initiative, customer service, code of conduct, ethics, conflict management, and sexual harassment prevention.

**15.2.3** Coordinating and facilitating staff development, licenses, permits, and certifications.

**15.2.4** Administering monthly tests as determined by the Customer for staff and re-training any Security Guard who fails an administered test.

**15.2.5** Conducting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training, to include service animal training.

**15.2.6** Conducting Emergency Operation Procedures (EOP) training specific to the Customer's property/building.

**15.2.7** Ensuring each Security Guard completes 16 hours of orientation and basic security training related to general high-rise and mid-rise building issues.

**15.2.8** Ensuring each Security Guard completes 16 hours of Contractor supervised on-the-job training to include the Customer's designed training on an as needed basis.

**15.2.9** Conducting quarterly Customer training for account managers as required.

**15.2.10** Coordinating any specialized Security Guard training that is required by a Customer, which must be specified in the SLA. Customers shall cover the cost of specialized training under this section and the hourly rate for the Security Guard attending the specialized training.

**15.3** The Customer's premises shall not be used as a training site for the Contractor's personnel, unless mutually agreed upon and specified in the Customer's SLA.

#### **15.4 Mandatory Guard and Supervisor Training**

The Contractor, at the Contractor's expense, shall ensure that newly assigned Security Guards and supervisors are trained at a minimum in the following areas:

- 15.4.1** Orientation and basic security training related to general high-rise and mid-rise building issues.
- 15.4.2** Patrol and observation techniques.
- 15.4.3** Report writing.
- 15.4.4** Customer services and public relations.
- 15.4.5** Fire safety and prevention.
- 15.4.6** Bomb recognition.
- 15.4.7** Conflict management.
- 15.4.8** Interpersonal skills.
- 15.4.9** Incident investigation.
- 15.4.10** Crime prevention.
- 15.4.11** Handling threatening or hostile individuals.
- 15.4.12** Handling violence in the workplace.
- 15.4.13** Computer operations.
- 15.4.14** Emergency call procedures to notify the police/sheriff department of appropriate jurisdiction.
- 15.4.15** Compiling employee log sheets to log the inspections and observations of rounds.
- 15.4.16** Operation of a two-way radio, cellular telephone or other device, to be able to call into the Contractor's headquarters.
- 15.4.17** Emergency call procedures to notify the Customer of a problem.
- 15.4.18** Procedures for identifying and handling suspicious packages.
- 15.4.19** Procedures for identifying and safely responding to bio-medical hazards.
- 15.4.20** Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- 15.4.21** Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training, to include service animal training.
- 15.4.22** Emergency Operation Procedures (EOP) training specific to the Customer's property/building.
- 15.4.23** Where required by Customer, Contractor supervised on the job training to include Customer's designed trainings.

## **15.5 Mandatory On-Going Guard Training**

Each Security Guard shall also receive a minimum of four hours of training every 12 months at the sole cost and expense of the Contractor. Subjects shall include, but are not limited to:

- 15.5.1** Customer service

- 15.5.2** Conflict management.
- 15.5.3** Report writing.
- 15.5.4** Interpersonal skills, including sexual harassment prevention training.
- 15.5.5** Incident investigation.
- 15.5.6** Crime prevention.
- 15.5.7** Handling threatening/hostile individuals.
- 15.5.8** Computer operations.
- 15.5.9** Fire prevention.
- 15.5.10** Observation skills.
- 15.5.11** Effective patrol techniques.
- 15.5.12** Vehicle Operating Training
- 15.5.13** Defensive driving training for all vehicle operators is required.

## **16. Ancillary Equipment**

The Contractor may provide Ancillary Equipment in addition to Security Guards. Ancillary Equipment must support the Customer's Security Guard Services. Such equipment shall be detailed in the Customer's SLA and is limited to the following:

### **16.1 Vehicles**

Equipment, to include motorized and non-motorized, used in conjunction with providing security guard services. The type of vehicles may vary depending upon the location of services: bicycle, golf cart, automobile, SUV, and 4WD truck.

## **17. Background Screening and Record Retention**

All the Contractor's employees, approved subcontractors, and approved agents performing work under the Contract must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Customer, as described in the Background Screening and Security section of Exhibit C, Enterprise Standard Terms and Conditions.

### **17.1 Self-Disclosure**

The Contractor shall ensure that all persons have a responsibility to self-report within three calendar days to the Contractor any updated court disposition regarding any disqualifying offense, regardless of adjudication (adjudication withheld, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a guilty verdict). The Contractor shall immediately reassess whether to disallow that person access to any State of Florida premises or from directly performing services under the Contract. Additionally, the Contractor shall require that the person complete an annual certification that they have not received any additional criminal misdemeanor or felony records regardless of adjudication (adjudication withheld, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or a guilty verdict) for the disqualifying offenses and shall maintain that certification in the employment file.

In addition, the Contractor shall ensure that all persons have a responsibility to self-report to the Contractor within three calendar days, any arrest for any disqualifying

offense. The Contractor shall notify the Contract Manager within 24 hours of all details concerning any reported arrest.

## **17.2 Duty to Provide Secure Data**

The Contractor will maintain the security of State of Florida data including, but not limited to, maintaining a secure area around any display of such data or data that is otherwise visible. The Contractor will also comply with all HIPAA requirements and any other state and federal rules and regulations regarding security of information. Data cannot be disclosed to any person or entity who is not directly approved to participate in the scope of work set forth in the Contract.

## **17.3 Customer's Ability to Audit Background Screenings, Inspect Locations and Ensure Contract Compliance**

To ensure the Contractor is in compliance with the Contract and adhering to all applicable state and federal rules and regulations, the Customer or the Department reserves the right to audit or inspect the Contractor's background screening process, working area, location, or guard tour patrol system during the term of the Contract. For an audit or inspection to take place, the Customer shall notify the Contractor in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start date of any audit or inspection.

## **17.4 Record Retention**

The Contractor shall retain a list of all persons with access to data, including a statement confirming that each person has passed the background screening required herein. Such a statement shall not include the substance of the screening results, only that the person has passed the screening. The Contractor shall create a written policy for the protection of data, including a policy and procedure for access to data. The Customer reserves the right to provide its own data policy for the Contractor to adhere to. The Contractor shall document and record, with respect to each instance of access to data:

- 1) The identity of all individuals who accessed data in any way, whether those individuals are authorized persons or not.
- 2) The duration of the individuals' access to data, including the time and date at which the access began and ended.
- 3) The identity, form, and extent of data accessed, including, but not limited to, whether the individual accessed partial or redacted versions of data, read-only versions of data, or editable versions of data; and
- 4) The nature of the access to data, including whether data was edited or shared with any other individual or entity during the duration of the access, and, if so, the identity of the individual or entity.

The Contractor shall retain the written policy and information required in this subsection for the duration of the Contract and a period of no less than five years from the date of termination of the Contract and any Contract extensions. The written policy and information required in this subsection shall be included in the Customer's audit and screening abilities as defined in subsection 17.3 of this SOW. The written policy and information required in this subsection shall also be subject to immediate disclosure upon written or oral demand at any time by the Customer or its designated agents or auditors.

Failure to compile, retain, and disclose the written policy and information as required in this subsection shall be considered a breach of the Contract. The resulting damages to the Customer from a breach of this subsection are by their nature impossible to ascertain presently and will be difficult to ascertain in the future. The issues involved in determining such damage will be numerous, complex, and unreasonably burdensome to prove. The Parties acknowledge these financial consequences are liquidated damages, exclusive of any other right to damages, not intended to be a penalty and solely intended to compensate for unknown and unascertainable damages. The Contractor therefore agrees to credit the Customer the sum of \$1,000 for each breach of this subsection.

## **18. Staff Assignments**

- 18.1** The Contractor shall maintain Security Guards and supervisors that are ready to assist the Customer immediately in the event of flood, fire, natural/manmade disaster, or any other emergency. The Contractor will provide evidence of available utility/reinforcement Security Guards to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager when requested.
- 18.2** The Contractor is responsible for creating a master schedule for Security Guards provided in accordance with a Customer's SLA and providing it to the Customer in writing when requested. Prior to a Security Guard being assigned to a facility, whether a permanent employee or temporary replacement, the Contractor shall certify that all requirements of the Contract have been met. The Customer reserves the right to interview all new permanent or temporary employees prior to placement. The Contractor will supply the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager with notification of any changes to the master schedule or vacation schedules no less than seven days in advance.
- 18.3** Contractor will maintain a group of substitute/alternate Security Guards trained on the Customer's facility for assignment as required. The Contractor will supply an updated list of trained Security Guards trained to perform security guard services at the Customer's facility on a quarterly basis or as requested by the Customer.
- 18.4** In the event the assigned Security Guard is unable to perform the services as required, the Contractor shall supply another Security Guard(s), as necessary, at no additional cost to the Customer, to ensure that all assignments are performed.
- 18.5** The Contractor shall provide coverage of additional shifts or special requests as approved by the Customer pursuant to this section and the Staffing Requirement and Security Guard Turnover Rate section of this SOW, at standard hourly billing rates.

## **19. Staffing Requirement and Security Guard Turnover Rate**

- 19.1** It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure the Customer facility(ies) are staffed in accordance with the Customer's facility list as incorporated through the SLA for all scheduled shifts. Allowances shall not be granted to compensate for additional costs or personnel required to satisfy the staffing requirements in the event of illness, personnel absence, tardiness, or relief. The Contractor shall be solely responsible and liable for filling these positions including, but not limited to, finding replacement Security Guard(s) to work at a Customer facility(ies) as needed. A one-week advanced notification is required for any Security Guard taking approved leave time. The Contractor must provide

the name of the replacement Security Guard to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager, at least seven days in advance. In the event a scheduled Security Guard is unexpectedly not available for a duty shift, the Contractor shall ensure the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager are notified immediately and the Customer's facility is timely provided a replacement Security Guard to cover the shift. The Contractor will not be compensated for any additional services performed, unless approved and authorized in a written SLA modification by the Customer.

- 19.2** The Contractor shall make Security Guard Services available to the Customer based on established scheduled hours for the proposed length of the Contract. Security Guards are not to work more than 40 hours in a work week unless overtime is requested and authorized in advance by the Customer in writing. For authorized overtime work, Customer may be invoiced up to one and one-half times the applicable contracted hourly rate. The Contractor will not invoice the Customer for unauthorized overtime hours worked and will be financially responsible for any additional compensation owed to an individual for overtime hours worked, beyond that invoiced to the Customer, in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act as set forth in 29 U.S.C. Chapter 8. This includes when Contractor employees are called in by Contractor to re-staff vacated shifts that do not have a permanent Security Guard stationed. The Customer reserves the right to add or subtract hours from a schedule as identified in the Customer's SLA with a 30 day written notice.
- 19.3** The Customer reserves the right to add facilities to each awarded region of service under the Contract. Security Guard Services at added facilities will be charged at the same established hourly rate for the Region. The Customer also reserves the right to delete facilities from Customer's facility list resulting in a price reduction equal to the amount set forth in the Contract pricing.
- 19.4** The Contractor may be authorized or required to furnish unscheduled uniformed Security Guards for the premises or other location(s) designated by the Customer according to the rates established in the pricing schedules and pursuant to all other provisions of the Contract.
- 19.5** If required by the Customer's SLA, the Contractor shall submit job descriptions for all positions to be approved by the Customer's Contract Manager.
- 19.6** Security Guard turnover rates are of primary concern to the Customer. The Contractor agrees to employ a continuous effort to achieve minimal turnover rates. Turnover shall mean the number of Security Guards hired to replace those leaving or dropped from the Contractor's work force. Turnover rates shall include Security Guards who willingly leave the company, are laid off from the work force, or are terminated for cause (not to include personnel changes at the Customer's request).
- 19.7** The Customer reserves the right to reject any employee of the Contractor whom the Customer deems is not qualified.

## **20. Coverage**

The Contractor is responsible for maintaining sufficient staffing to ensure Security Guards are available to work at the Customer's facility list as incorporated through the SLA. Customer's

facility(ies) shall be staffed in accordance with the Customer's SLA. In the event there is no Security Guard available for any duty shift, the Contractor shall hire and pay a Duly Qualified Off Duty Florida Law Enforcement Officer to cover the shift at no additional cost to the Customer. An off-duty Florida Law Enforcement Officer will provide services wearing a law enforcement issued uniform.

## **20.1 Security Guard Supervision**

The Contractor will provide assigned operations manager(s) to assure adequate supervision of all Contractor's personnel. All operations managers shall have earned their positions with proven performance records and may be interviewed by the Customer's Contract Manager prior to assignment. Operations managers' duties/responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

**20.1.1** Interview and approve all newly hired staff for the Customer's property portfolio.

**20.1.2** Participate in the creation and quarterly updates of the Building Fire/Disaster Plans and Building Post Orders.

**20.1.3** Ensure Security Guards maintain Contract compliance (i.e., training, licenses, certifications, etc.).

**20.1.4** Facilitate effective communication with the Customer's on-site Facility Manager and Security Guards.

**20.1.5** Recommend staffing, as needed.

## **21. Reporting and Documenting Procedures**

**21.1** The Contractor shall provide the Customer monthly written reports relating to key performance indicators and other matters including, but not limited to, cost minimization activities, service exception reports, satisfaction and performance surveys, periodic service requests, and monthly call center logs (with issue status reports).

**21.2** The Contractor shall prepare written monthly reports for the Customer detailing the previous month's security-related activity and crime incidents that occurred at each post. Specific tables, charts, summaries, etc., will be included in these reports. The Contractor shall also summarize and submit these reports to the Customer on an annual basis on the anniversary date of the commencement of the Contract.

**21.3** An Extraordinary Single Incident Report must be completed by the Contractor when a firearm is discharged, someone is injured, or a major criminal act or significant event occurs. An incident that requires an Extraordinary Single Incident Report will also be verbally reported by the Contractor to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager immediately after the incident occurs, with a preliminary report provided to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager the same day the incident occurs. A finalized Extraordinary Single Incident Report will be provided to the Customer's Contract Manager and Facility Manager within one business day of the incident occurring.

**21.4** On a monthly basis, the Contractor shall provide a spreadsheet to the Customer listing



the name and other unique identifier for each employee assigned to each facility, indicating the location of deployment. As part of the Contractor's hiring process, the Contractor shall be responsible for screening prospective employees in order to be able to certify to the Customer in writing that each new employee has met the minimum requirements of the Contract. The Contractor shall use and shall make available to the Customer at no additional cost, internet and intranet solutions to provide all such reports to the Customer upon demand for any applicable period during the term of the Contract.

- 21.5** Any unusual or significant events occurring during a shift (for example a flood, fire, stabbing, homicide) will be briefly summarized by the Security Guard in the post logbook maintained at each facility for identification of the principals later if further investigation is needed. Each shift will start with a new log entry, indicating whether conditions were normal or abnormal upon arrival to the security guard post. The log shall reflect at a minimum all security, safety, or building maintenance events, the time that they occurred and the corrective actions that were taken. The bound post logbook will become the property of the Customer upon termination of the Contract. The Contractor shall preserve the bound post logbooks for each post from the inception of the Contract and must make the post logbooks immediately available to the Customer upon request.
- 21.6** Upon request, the Contractor must provide, at no additional expense to the Customer, an electronic Guard Tour Patrol System that will be utilized by the Security Guard(s) assigned to the Customer's facility. All records of such patrols must be made reviewable and available to the Customer upon request.
- 21.7** The Contractor shall provide to the Customer a detailed tracking and investigation system ensuring the thorough and professional monitoring and resolution of all complaints brought forth regarding the performance of the work pursuant to the Contract.
- 21.8** The Contractor shall issue quarterly reports to the Customer detailing a professional observation of current security practices maintained by the Contractor and, if applicable, any recommended changes to the current security practices. Any recommended changes may or may not be implemented at the discretion of the Customer.
- 21.9** In the case of any action or unusual incidents, the Customer's Contract Manager will be notified by the Security Guard and the action or unusual incident will be recorded in the security log. The security log will be copied and sent to the Customer's designee after any action or unusual incident.
- 21.10** All reports, documents, and tables shall be submitted to the Customer in a timely manner and in accordance with the method of choice as described in the Customer SLA.
- 21.11** Security Guards shall log in and out of each facility.

## **22.0 Contractor's Responsibilities**

- 22.1** The Contractor shall provide all management, administrative, clerical, and supervisory functions required for the effective and efficient performance of all Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and shall have sole responsibility for the supervision, daily direction

and control, payment of salary (including withholding of income taxes and social security), and any benefits for its personnel. The Contractor is accountable to the Customer for the actions of its personnel. Contractor's management responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring personnel understand the work to be performed on the Customer scope of work to which they are assigned.
2. Ensuring personnel know their management chain and adhere to Contractor policies and exhibit professional conduct to perform in the best interest of the Customer.
3. Ensuring personnel adhere to applicable laws, regulations, and Contract conditions governing Contractor performance and relationships with the Customer.
4. Regularly assessing personnel performance and providing feedback to improve overall task performance; and
5. Ensuring high quality results are achieved through task performance.

## **22.2 Holidays**

The Contractor shall provide Customers all services during business days. The following days are observed as holidays by state agencies in accordance with section 110.117, F.S.:

- New Year's Day
- Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans' Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

If any of these holidays falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday. If any of these holidays fall on Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday.

Customers may have additional holiday(s) observed specifically by the Customer which will be detailed in the Customer's SLA.

## **22.3 Routine Communications**

All routine communications and reports related to the Contract shall be sent to the Department's Contract Manager. All routine communications and reports related to the Customer's SLA shall be sent to the Customer's Contract Manager. If any of Contractor's contact information changes during the life of the Contract, then the Contractor shall provide written notice of such change to the Customer's Contract Manager.

Communications relating to a specific order should be addressed to the contact person identified on the order. Communications may be by e-mail, regular mail, or telephone.

## 22.4 Contract Reporting

The Contractor shall report information on orders received from Customers associated with the Contract. The Contractor shall submit reports to the Department's Contract Manager in accordance with the following schedule:

| Report                                       | Period Covered       | Due Dates                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| MFMP Transaction Fee Report                  | Calendar month       | 15 calendar days after the end of each month                  |
| Quarterly Sales Report                       | State Fiscal Quarter | 30 calendar days after the close of each State fiscal quarter |
| Diversity Report (submitted to the Customer) | State Fiscal Year    | 30 business days after the close of the period                |
| Proof of Insurance                           | Annual               | Upon policy renewal                                           |

## 22.5 MFMP Transaction Fee Report

The Contractor is required to submit monthly MFMP Transaction Fee Reports in the Department's electronic format. Reports are due 15 calendar days after the end of each month. For information on how to submit Transaction Fee Reports online, please reference the detailed fee reporting instructions and vendor training presentations available online at the [Transaction Fee & Reporting](#) section and [Training for Vendors](#) section on the MFMP website. Assistance with Transaction Fee Reporting is also available from the MFMP Customer Service Desk by email at:

[VendorHelp@myfloridamarketplace.com](mailto:VendorHelp@myfloridamarketplace.com) or telephone 866-FLA-EPRO (866-352-3776) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

## 22.6 Quarterly Sales Reports

The Contractor shall submit a Quarterly Sales Report in the manner and format required by the Department within 30 calendar days after the close of each quarter. The Quarterly Sales Report template can be found here:

[https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/state\\_purchasing/vendor\\_resources/quarterly\\_sales\\_report\\_format](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/vendor_resources/quarterly_sales_report_format).

Initiation and submission of the most recent version of the Quarterly Sales Report posted on the DMS website are the responsibility of the Contractor without prompting or notification by the Department. If no sales are recorded during the period, the Contractor shall confirm that there was no reportable activity in the manner required by 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.

## **22.7 Certified and Minority Business Enterprise Reports (Diversity Report)**

Upon Customer request, the Contractor shall report to each Customer spend with certified and other minority business enterprises in the provision of commodities or services 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 and services provided by the minority business enterprise, and the amount paid to each minority business enterprise on behalf of the Customer.

## **22.8 Ad-hoc Report**

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.

## **22.9 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. 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

## **22.10 Financial Consequences**

The Department will impose financial consequences when the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of the Contract. The following financial consequences below 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 SLA. 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 the 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. The 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. See the financial consequences table below:

| <b>Performance Metric</b>                                                                                                | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Period Covered</b>  | <b>Financial Consequences for Non-Performance; Per Occurrence</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Timely submission of complete and accurate Quarterly Sales Report                                                        | Completed reports are due on or before the 30th calendar day after the close of each State fiscal quarter                                                                                                          | State's Fiscal Quarter | \$250 for each calendar day late                                  |
| Timely submission of complete and accurate MFMP Transaction Fee Report                                                   | Submit Monthly Transaction Fee Report 15 calendar days after the end of each month                                                                                                                                 | Calendar Month         | \$100 for each calendar day late                                  |
| Timely submission of Proof of Insurance                                                                                  | Submit Proof of Insurance upon policy renewal                                                                                                                                                                      | Annual                 | \$100 for each calendar day late                                  |
| Staff Customer facility(ies) in accordance with the Customer's SLA                                                       | Unless otherwise specified in a Customer's SLA, Contractor will provide the Customer facility with a replacement Security Guard within four hours of a scheduled Security Guard not arriving for their duty shift. | Per Occurrence         | \$500                                                             |
| Contractor's timely submission and implementation of an acceptable Corrective Action Plan to the Department upon request | Failure to timely submit to the Department an acceptable Corrective Action Plan or timely implement an acceptable corrective action to resolve performance deficiencies when requested                             | Per Occurrence         | \$10,000                                                          |

Failure to adhere to the above performance metrics will result in the imposition of financial consequences and repeated failures or non - payment of financial consequences owed under the 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 the Contract.

## 22.11 Price Adjustments

Prices may be adjusted no earlier than 12 months after the start date of the Contract and no earlier than 12 months after the effective date of the previous price adjustment, whichever is later. All other pricing shall be in accordance with the initial and renewal term pricing. Price increases must be supported by a change in the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the Series ID(s) shown in the table below. This information is published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and is available at <http://www.bls.gov/data/>.

| Series ID    | Product                             |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 561612561612 | Security guards and patrol services |

The change in PPI for the first price adjustment after the start date of the contract period shall be determined using the PPI for the month in which the start date of the contract period began and the latest available non-preliminary PPI at the time of the price adjustment request; a preliminary PPI is indicated on the BLS website with a "(P)" notation. The change in PPI for second and subsequent price adjustments shall be determined using the latest PPI that was used to support the previous price adjustment and the latest available non-preliminary PPI at the time of the request.

When requesting a price increase, the Contractor shall submit a written justification to the Contract Manager detailing the reason(s) for the request; an increase in the PPI is not sufficient justification for a price increase by itself. Price increases shall not exceed the percent change in PPI or five percent, whichever is less. The percent change in PPI shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$(B - A) / A = Z$$

Where:

A = earliest PPI (PPI at time of initial Contract or renewal execution or previous price adjustment)

B = latest PPI (latest available non-preliminary PPI at time of price adjustment request)

Z = percent change in PPI

The Department reserves the exclusive right to accept or reject any price adjustment request. Price adjustments will not be considered for any Contractor with any contractual non-performance issues including, but not limited to, outstanding fees or monies due under the Contract or overdue reports or documentation including, but not limited to, a Quarterly Sales Report or an MFMP Transaction Fee Report. Price adjustments are effective only upon written approval by the Department and may not be applied retroactively. The Department reserves the right to request price decreases at any time during the term of the Contract if it is found to be in the best interest of the State. Price

decreases issued by the Contractor are permissible at any time during the initial and renewal terms.

## **22.12 Purchasing Card**

The state of Florida has implemented a purchasing card program, using the Visa platform. The Contractor may receive payments via the state's Purchasing Card in the same manner as any other Visa purchases. Purchasing Card/Visa acceptance for purchase is a mandatory requirement for the Contract but is not the exclusive method of payment. If the state of Florida changes its Purchasing Card platform during the term of Contract, the Contractor shall make any necessary changes to accommodate the State of Florida's new Purchasing Card platform within 30 days of notification of such change.

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# ENTERPRISE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**These Enterprise Standard Terms and Conditions set forth the terms and conditions regarding the administration of the Term Contract, including the provision of Products to Customers. Customer specific terms for purchases off this Term Contract shall be set forth in the Customer specific agreement.**



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### SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used herein are defined as follows:

**“Attachments”** means the attachments, addenda, schedules, exhibits, and other documents, however so titled, attached hereto or incorporated by reference herein.

**“Business Days”** means Monday through Friday, inclusive, excluding State holidays specified in section 110.117, Florida Statutes (“F.S.”).

**“Contractor”** means the person or entity that is a party to the Term Contract and is offering Products for purchase.

**“Customer”** means the agency, as defined in section 287.012, F.S., or eligible user, as defined in Rule 60A-1.001, Florida Administrative Code (“F.A.C.”), that makes a purchase off the Term Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, this also includes the Department when it purchases off the Term Contract.

**“Department”** means the Department of Management Services, an agency as defined in section 287.012, F.S., responsible for the administration of this Term Contract.

**“Enterprise Alternate Contract Source”** means a contract authorized pursuant to section 287.042(16), F.S., or approved pursuant to section 287.057(3)(b), F.S., for statewide use.

**“Product”** means any deliverable under the Term Contract, which may include commodities and contractual services, as each is defined in section 287.012, F.S. “Product” does not include, and no State funding under the Term Contract is being provided for, promoting, advocating for, or providing training or education on “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” (“DEI”). DEI is any program, activity, or policy that classifies individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, gender identity, or sexual orientation and promotes differential or preferential treatment of individuals on the basis of such classification, or promotes the position that a group or an individual’s action is inherently, unconsciously, or implicitly biased on the basis of such classification.

**“State”** means the State of Florida

**“State Term Contract”** means a term contract that is competitively procured by the department pursuant to section 287.057, F.S. and that is used by agencies and eligible users pursuant to section 287.056, F.S.

**“Term Contract”** means the legally enforceable term contract, as defined in section 287.012, F.S., between the Department and Contractor to which these Enterprise Standard Terms and Conditions apply, including all Attachments thereto. The Term Contract is either a State Term Contract or an Enterprise Alternate Contract Source.

### SECTION 2. CONTRACT AMENDMENT

**2.1 Amendment.** The Term Contract contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. Unless otherwise stated in Term Contract, the Term Contract may only be amended upon mutual written agreement signed by the parties. No oral agreements or representations will be valid or binding upon the Department or the Contractor. Unless explicitly agreed to by the Department in the Term Contract, no unilateral alteration or modification of the Term

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Contract terms, including substitution of Product, will be valid or binding against the Customer.

The Department and Contractor may modify the Term Contract to alter, add to, or deduct from the Term Contract specifications, provided that such changes are within the general scope of the Term Contract. The parties may make an equitable adjustment in the Term Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance.

### SECTION 3. CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION

**3.1 Construction.** Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) the words "include," "includes," and "including" are deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation;" (ii) the word "or" is not exclusive; and (iii) the words "herein," "hereof," "hereby," "hereto," and "hereunder" refer to the Term Contract as a whole, inclusive of all Attachments. Unless the context requires otherwise, references herein to (i) sections or Attachments mean the sections of, or Attachments to, the Term Contract; (ii) an agreement, instrument, or other document means such agreement, instrument, or other document as amended, supplemented, and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof; and (iii) a statute, rule, or other law or regulation means such statute, rule, or other law or regulation as amended from time to time and includes any successor legislation thereto and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

Unless the context requires otherwise, whenever the masculine is used in the Term Contract, the same will include the feminine and whenever the feminine is used herein, the same will include the masculine. Unless the context requires otherwise, whenever the singular is used in the Term Contract, the same will include the plural, and whenever the plural is used herein, the same will include the singular, where appropriate. All references to "\$" or "dollars" means the United States Dollar, the official and lawful currency of the United States of America.

The Term Contract will be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction or interpretation against the party drafting an instrument or causing any instrument to be drafted. The Attachments referred to herein will be construed with, and as an integral part of, the Term Contract to the same extent as if they were set forth verbatim herein.

**3.2 Administration.** Execution in Counterparts. The Term Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original and all of which will constitute but one and the same instrument.

**3.2.1 Notices.** Where the term "written notice" is used to specify a notice requirement herein, said notice will be deemed to have been given (i) when personally delivered; (ii) email (with confirmation of receipt) the day immediately following the day (except if not a Business Day then the next Business Day) on which the notice or communication has been provided prepaid by the sender to a recognized overnight delivery service; or (iii) on the date actually received except where there is a date of the certification of receipt.

Unless otherwise specified, the Contractor shall deliver all notices to the Department's Contract Manager and the Department shall deliver all notices to the Contractor's Contract Manager.

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- 3.2.2 **Severability.** If a court deems any non-material provision of the Term Contract void or unenforceable, all other provisions will remain in full force and effect. Upon a determination that any material provision is void or unenforceable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Term Contract to give effect to the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.
- 3.2.3 **Waiver.** The delay or failure by the Department to exercise or enforce any of its rights under the Term Contract will not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the Department's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor will any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.
- 3.2.4 **Survivability.** The Term Contract and any and all promises, covenants, and representations made herein are binding upon the parties hereto and any and all respective heirs, assigns, and successors in interest. The respective obligations of the parties, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of the Term Contract, including without limitation, the obligations regarding confidentiality, proprietary interests, reporting, and public records, will survive termination or expiration of the Term Contract.
- 3.2.5 **Third Party Beneficiaries.** The parties acknowledge and agree that the Term Contract is for the benefit of the parties hereto. The Term Contract is not intended to confer any legal rights or benefits on any other party, except such rights and benefits associated with a purchase made by a Customer off this Term Contract.

### SECTION 4. CONTRACT TERM, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION.

- 4.1 **Term.** The initial term will begin on the date set forth in the Term Contract documents or on the date the Term Contract is signed by all parties, whichever is later.

Upon written agreement, the Department and the Contractor may renew the Term Contract in whole or in part only as set forth in the Term Contract documents, and in accordance with section 287.057(13), F.S. No costs may be charged for the renewals.

#### 4.2 **Suspension of Work and Termination.**

- 4.2.1 **Suspension of Work.** The Department may, in its sole discretion, suspend any or all activities under the Term Contract, at any time, when it is in the best interest of the State of Florida to do so. The Department 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 Term Contract. Suspension of work will not entitle the Contractor to any compensation for services not performed or commodities not delivered during the suspension period nor for any additional compensation.
- 4.2.2 **Termination for Convenience.** The Term Contract may be terminated by the Department, by written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) calendar days in advance, in whole or in part at any time, when the Department determines in its sole discretion that it is in the Department's interest to do so. The Contractor shall not furnish any Product after it receives the notice of termination, except as necessary to complete

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the continued portion of the Term Contract, or a continued purchase off the Term Contract, if any. The Contractor will not be entitled to recover any cancellation charges or lost profits. If the Term 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 any Customer 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.

- 4.2.3 **Termination for Cause.** The Department may terminate the Term Contract if the Contractor fails to (i) on multiple occasions, timely deliver Products purchased by Customers, (ii) on multiple occasions, maintain adequate progress on Customer purchases, thus endangering performance, (iii) honor any term of the Term Contract, or (iv) abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement. The Department may, at its sole discretion, (i) immediately terminate the Term Contract, (ii) notify the Contractor of the deficiency and require that the deficiency be corrected within a specified time, otherwise the Term Contract will terminate at the end of such time, or (iii) take other action deemed appropriate by the Department. The Contractor shall continue work on any work not terminated.

Except for defaults of subcontractors at any tier, the Contractor will not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform arises from events completely beyond the control, and without the fault or negligence, of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a subcontractor at any tier, and if the cause of the default is completely beyond the control of both the Contractor and the subcontractor, and without the fault or negligence of either, the Contractor will not be liable for any excess costs for failure to perform, unless the subcontracted Products were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time for the Contractor to meet the required delivery schedule. If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties will be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the Department. The rights and remedies of the Department in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under the Term Contract. The Customer will notify the Department of any vendor that has met the grounds for placement of the vendor on the Department of Management Services' Suspended Vendor List, as required in section 287.1351, F.S.

- 4.2.4 **Termination for Non-Compliance with E-Verify.** Pursuant to section 448.095(5)(c)1., F.S., the Department shall terminate the Term Contract if it has a good faith belief that the Contractor has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S. Pursuant to section 448.095(5)(c)2., F.S., if the Department has a good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated section 448.09(1), F.S., the Department shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
- 4.2.5 **Termination Related to Statutory Certifications.** At the Department's option, the Term Contract may be terminated if the Contractor is placed on any of the lists referenced in the attached PUR 7801, Vendor Certification Form, or would otherwise be prohibited from entering into or renewing the Term Contract based on the statutory provisions referenced therein.

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- 4.2.6 **Termination for Refusing Access to Public Records.** In accordance with section 287.058, F.S., the Department may unilaterally terminate the Term Contract for refusal by the Contractor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the Term Contract, unless the records are exempt from s. 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and section 119.071(1), F.S.

### SECTION 5. PURCHASES OFF THE TERM CONTRACT.

- 5.1 **Purchases.** By executing the Term Contract, the Contractor agrees to allow Customers to make purchases off the Term Contract. Purchases from Customers other than the Department are independent of the agreement between the Department and the Contractor, and the Department shall not be a party to such transaction. Customers' purchases off the Term Contract are limited to Products offered under the Term Contract, and no additional Products may be provided under a purchase off the Term Contract.
- 5.2 **Purchase Submission.** For any purchases off the Term Contract, either the contract (as defined in Rule 60A-1.001, F.A.C.) must be executed between the Customer and Contractor, or the purchase order (as defined in Rule 60A-1.001, F.A.C.) must be issued by the Customer to the Contractor, no later than the last day of the Term Contract's term to be considered timely. Contracts executed, or purchase orders issued, after the last day of the Term Contract's term shall be considered void.
- 5.3 **Terms.** The terms of the Form PUR 1000, General Contract Conditions, incorporated in Rule 60A-1.002, F.A.C., and linked here <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16731>, are hereby incorporated by reference herein and will apply to all purchases made by a Customer off the Term Contract. The Customer may attach additional terms and conditions specific to its particular purchase made off the Term Contract, which are considered Special Conditions. The term "Special Conditions" does not include any Contractor-provided documents, including attachments or standard preprinted forms, service agreements, end user agreements, product literature, or "shrink wrap" terms accompanying or affixed to a Product, whether written or electronic, or terms incorporated onto the Contractor's order or fiscal forms or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment. Any Customer Special Conditions shall not become a part of the Term Contract.
- 5.3.1 **Term.** The term of the Customer purchase off the Term Contract will be as specified in the purchase, except that if renewals of the purchase are permitted, the Customer and Contractor shall not renew the purchase if the Term Contract expires prior to the effective date of the renewal. Any existing term of a purchase off the Term Contract shall not extend more than forty-eight (48) months beyond the end of the Term Contract. However, if an extended pricing plan offered in the Term Contract is agreed upon by the Customer and Contractor and extends more than forty-eight (48) months beyond the end of the Term Contract, the agreed upon extended pricing plan terms shall govern the maximum duration of the purchase. The Contractor is required to fulfill timely purchases that extend performance beyond the Term Contract term even when such extended delivery will occur after expiration of the Term Contract. For such purchases, all terms and conditions of the Term Contract shall survive the termination or expiration of the Term Contract and apply to the Contractor's continued performance.
- 5.3.2 **Additional Requirements.** All Customer purchases off the Term Contract shall

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contain the Term Contract name and number and shall be placed by the Customer. Delivery or furnishing Products shall not occur until the Customer executes their contract or transmits the purchase order, as defined in Rule 60A-1.001, F.A.C.

### SECTION 6. PAYMENT AND FEES.

**6.1 Pricing.** The Contractor shall not exceed the pricing set forth in the Term Contract documents.

**6.2 Best Pricing Offer.** During the term of the Term Contract, if the Department or Customer becomes aware of better pricing offered by the Contractor for substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a Product outside the Term Contract, but upon the same or similar terms of the Term Contract, then the Department or Customer may request that the Contractor immediately reduce to the lower price.

**6.3 Price Decreases.** The following price decrease terms will apply to the Term Contract:

**6.3.1 Quantity Discounts.** The Contractor may offer additional discounts for one-time delivery of large single orders. The Customer should seek to negotiate additional price concessions on quantity purchases of any Products offered under the Term Contract.

**6.3.2 Sales Promotions.** In addition to decreasing prices for the balance of the Term Contract term due to a change in market conditions, the Contractor may conduct sales promotions involving price reductions for a specified lesser period. If conducting a sales promotion, the Contractor must submit documentation to the Department's Contract Manager identifying the proposed: (1) starting and ending dates of the promotion, (2) Products involved, and (3) promotional prices compared to then-authorized prices. The Contractor shall provide notice to Customers of the promotion and shall make the promotional prices available to all Customers.

**6.3.3 Equitable Adjustment.** The Department may, in its sole discretion, make an equitable adjustment in the Term Contract terms or pricing if pricing or availability of supply is affected by extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace, that is, by circumstances that satisfy all the following criteria: (1) the volatility is due to causes wholly beyond the Contractor's control, (2) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Term Contract source of supply, (3) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial, and (4) the volatility so affects the Contractor that continued performance of the Term Contract would result in a substantial loss.

**6.4 Purchase Prerequisites.** The Contractor may be required to accept the State of Florida Purchasing Card and MyFloridaMarketPlace (MFMP) purchase orders. The Contractor must ensure that entities receiving payment directly from Customers under this Term Contract must have met the following requirements:

- Have an active registration with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations ([www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)), or, if exempt from the registration requirements, provide the Department with the basis for such exemption.
- Be registered in the MFMP Vendor Information Portal (<https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com>).
- Have a current W-9 filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services (<https://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com>)

**6.5 Transaction Fees.** The State of Florida, through the Department of Management Services,

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has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide eProcurement system pursuant to section 287.057(24), Florida Statutes (F.S.). All payments issued by Agencies to registered vendors for purchases of Commodities or Contractual Services under Chapter 287, F.S., shall be assessed the Transaction Fee of one percent (1.0%) of the total amount of the payments received from the State or Eligible Users, as prescribed by Rule 60A-1.031, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), or as may otherwise be established by law. Vendors shall pay the Transaction Fee and are subject to automatic deduction of the Transaction Fee, when automatic deduction becomes available. Vendors shall submit any monthly reports required pursuant to Rule 60A-1.031, F.A.C. All such reports and payments are subject to audit. The Agency will have grounds for declaring the vendor in default if the vendor fails to comply with the payment of the Transaction Fee or reporting of payments, which may subject the vendor to being suspended from business with the State of Florida.

- 6.6 Exclusivity.** The Term Contract is not an exclusive license to provide the Products described in the Term Contract. The Department may, without limitation and without recourse by the Contractor, contract with other vendors to provide the same or similar Products.

### SECTION 7. PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 Warranty of Ability to Perform.** Upon the effective date of the Term Contract, and each year on the anniversary date of the Term Contract, the Contractor shall submit to the Department a completed PUR 7801, Vendor Certification Form. 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 Term Contract obligations.

Additionally, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Department in writing if its ability to perform is compromised in any manner during the term of the Term Contract (including potential inability to renew the Term Contract due to section 287.138 or 908.111, F.S.) or if it or its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants under the Term Contract are placed on the Suspended Vendor, Convicted Vendor, Discriminatory Vendor, Forced Labor Vendor, or Antitrust Violator Vendor Lists. The Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid or minimize any delays in performance and shall inform the Department 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 has caused or will cause the Contractor to be unable to perform its obligations on time, the Contractor shall promptly so notify the Department and use commercially reasonable efforts to perform its obligations on time notwithstanding the Department's delay.

- 7.2 Further Assurances.** The parties shall, with reasonable diligence, do all things and provide all reasonable assurances as may be necessary to complete the requirements of the Term Contract, and each party shall provide such further documents or instruments requested by the other party as may be reasonably necessary or desirable to give effect to the Term Contract and to carry out its provisions. The Department is entitled at all times, upon request, to be advised as to the status of work being done by the Contractor and the details thereof.
- 7.3 Assignment.** The Contractor shall not sell, assign or transfer any of its rights, duties or obligations under the Term Contract without the prior written consent of the Department. In the event of any assignment, the Contractor remains secondarily liable for performance of

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the Term Contract, unless the Department expressly waives such secondary liability. The Department may assign the Term Contract with prior written notice to Contractor of its intent to do so.

### 7.4 **Employees, Subcontractors, and Agents.**

7.4.1 **Subcontractors.** The Contractor will not subcontract any work under the Term Contract without prior written consent of the Department. The Contractor shall obtain prior written consent using the process identified on the Department's website: [Subcontractor/Dealer/Reseller Forms / Vendor Resources / State Purchasing / Business Operations - Florida Department of Management Services \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/procurement/subcontractor-dealer-reseller-forms/). The use of the term "subcontractor" may refer to affiliates, resellers, dealers, distributors, partners, teammates, and all other third parties utilized by the Contractor at any tier under the Term Contract. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that its subcontractors providing commodities and performing services in furtherance of the Term Contract do so in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Term Contract. By execution of the Term Contract, the Contractor acknowledges that it will not be released of its contractual obligations to Customers because of any failure of a subcontractor. The Contractor is fully responsible for satisfactory completion of all work performed under the Term Contract. The Contractor's use of a subcontractor not approved by the Department will be considered a material breach of the Term Contract.

7.4.2 **Independent Contractor.** The Contractor and its employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors are not employees or agents of the Department or the State and are not entitled to the benefits of Department or State employees. Neither the Customer nor the State will be bound by any acts or conduct of the Contractor or its employees, subcontractors, or agents. The Contractor shall include this provision in all of its subcontracts under the Term Contract.

7.5 **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, subcontractors, or agents contributed to the delay and the delay is due directly to acts of God, wars, acts of public enemies, lightning strikes, fires, floods, or other similar cause wholly beyond the Contractor's control, or for any of the foregoing that affect suppliers if no alternate source of supply is available to the Contractor.

In case of any delay the Contractor believes is excusable, the Contractor shall notify the Department in writing of the delay or potential delay and describe the cause of the delay either (i) within ten (10) calendar days after the cause that creates or will create the delay first arose, if the Contractor could reasonably foresee that a delay could occur as a result; or (ii) if a 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 ANY DELAY except if such delay is caused by the fraud, bad faith, or active interference of the Department. Providing notice in strict accordance with this paragraph is a condition precedent to such remedy, and a rebuttable presumption of prejudice will exist based on Contractor's untimely notice. The Contractor shall not assert any claim for damages related to such delay. The Contractor will not be entitled to an increase in the Term Contract price or payment of any kind from the Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses, or damages, including costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising



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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 subsection, the Department may unilaterally (and with no recourse on the part of the Contractor) identify and use an alternate source to complete any work under the Term Contract as the Department deems necessary, in its sole discretion. After the causes have ceased to exist, the Contractor shall 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 Department or State, in which case the Department may (i) accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor, provided that the Contractor grants preferential treatment to the Department with respect to Products subjected to allocation; or (ii) terminate the Term Contract in whole or in part.

### SECTION 8. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

**8.1 Department's Contract Manager.** The Department's Contract Manager for the Term Contract, who is primarily responsible for the Department's oversight of the Term Contract, will be identified in a separate writing to the Contractor upon Term 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

**8.2 Contractor's Contract Manager.** The Contractor's Contract Manager, who is primarily responsible for the Contractor's oversight of the Term Contract performance, will be identified in a separate writing to the Department upon Term 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

Either party may notify the other by email of a change to a designated contact providing the contact information for the newly designated contact, and such notice is sufficient to effectuate this change without requiring a written amendment to the Term Contract.

### SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.

**9.1 Conduct of Business.** The Contractor shall comply with all laws, rules, codes, ordinances, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business and that are applicable to the Term Contract, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and authority, and shall ensure that any and all subcontractors utilized do the same. The Contractor represents and warrants that no part of the funding under the Term Contract will be used in violation of any state or federal law, including, but not limited to, 8 U.S.C. § 1324 or 8 U.S.C. § 1325, or to aid or abet another in violating state or federal law. The Department may terminate the Term Contract at any time if the Contractor violates, or aids or abets another in violating, any state or federal law.

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If the requirements of the Term Contract conflict with any governing law, codes or regulations, the Contractor shall notify the Department in writing and the parties shall amend the Term Contract to comply with the applicable code or regulation. Similarly, if the Contractor believes that any governmental restrictions have been imposed that require alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the Products offered under the Term Contract, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department in writing, indicating the specific restriction. The Department reserves the right and the complete discretion to accept any such alteration or to cancel the Term Contract at no further expense to the Department.

Pursuant to section 287.057(26), F.S., the Contractor shall answer all questions of, and ensure a representative will be available to, a Customer's continuing oversight team for purchases off this Term Contract.

**9.2 Integrity.** In addition to any applicable statutory restrictions, the Contractor shall not, in connection with this or any other agreement with the State, directly or indirectly (i) offer, confer, or agree to confer any pecuniary benefit on anyone as consideration for any State officer or employee's decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, other exercise of discretion, or violation of a known legal duty; or (ii) offer, give, or agree to give to anyone any gratuity for the benefit of, or at the direction or request of, any State officer or employee. For purposes of clause (ii), "gratuity" means any payment in the form of cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind.

## SECTION 10. DISPUTES AND LIABILITIES.

**10.1 Dispute Resolution.** Should any disputes arise between the Department and the Contractor with respect to the Term Contract, the Contractor and the Department shall act immediately to resolve any such disputes. Time is of the essence in the resolution of disputes.

Exhaustion of this administrative remedy detailed in the Dispute Resolution Process contemplated in this Term Contract is an absolute condition precedent to the Contractor's ability to seek other remedies related to the Term Contract.

### **10.2 Dispute Resolution Process.**

- (a) Department Review. The parties shall resolve disputes through written submission of their dispute to the Department's Contract Manager. The Department shall respond to the dispute in writing within ten (10) Business Days from the date that the Department's Contract Manager receives the dispute. The Department's decision shall be final unless a party provides the other party with written notice of the party's disagreement with the decision within ten (10) Business Days from the date of the Department's decision. If a party disagrees with the Department's decision, the party may proceed to subsection (b) below.
- (b) Meeting between the Principals. If either party disagrees with the Department's decision, such disagreeing party shall notify the other party of the disagreement within ten (10) Business Days. The parties shall then schedule a meeting between each party's principal (for the Department, the Department head or designee; for the Contractor, the Chief Executive Officer or designee) on a mutually agreed upon date, no later than ten (10) Business Days after the provision of the notice. The principals shall attempt to mutually resolve the disagreement at such meeting.
- (c) Mediation. If the dispute is not resolved through a meeting of the Principals, the parties, upon mutual agreement, may mediate such dispute. If such mediation is not completed

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within 100 calendar days from receipt of the Department's decision, then either party may seek other remedies.

If the dispute is not resolved through the full process in subsections (a) - (c) above (or (a) – (b), if mediation is not agreed to), either party may pursue any other remedies.

- 10.3 Contractor's Obligation to Perform While Disputes are Pending.** The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance under the Term Contract pending the final resolution of any dispute or request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the Term Contract and shall comply with directions to perform from the Department. Should the Contractor not perform while a dispute is pending, including by not performing disputed work, such nonperformance by the Contractor may be deemed to be an unexcused breach of the Term Contract which is separate and apart from any other dispute.
- 10.4 Governing Law and Venue.** The Term Contract will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State. Jurisdiction and venue for suit arising under the terms of the Term Contract will exclusively be in the appropriate State court located in Leon County, Florida. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney's fees and costs incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of the Term Contract.
- 10.5 Remedies Cumulative.** No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to either party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy will be cumulative, and will be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity.
- 10.6 JURY WAIVER.** THE PARTIES, ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND ASSIGNS, WAIVE ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FOR ANY ACTION, APPEAL, CLAIM, OR PROCEEDING, WHETHER IN LAW IN OR IN EQUITY, WHICH IN ANY WAY ARISES OUT OF OR RELATES TO THE TERM CONTRACT OR ITS SUBJECT MATTER.
- 10.7 Indemnification.** For any and all third-party claims, actions, demands, liabilities, and expenses of any kind which are caused by, related to, growing out of or happening in connection with the Term Contract (including any determination arising out of or related to the Term Contract that the Contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors, assignees, or delegates are not independent contractors in relation to the Department or State), the Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its employees, subcontractors, and agents and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Department and the State (including each of their current and former officers, agents, and employees) for any and all loss, damage, injury, costs, reasonable expenses, or other casualty to person or property. Without limiting this indemnification requirement, the Department may provide the Contractor (i) written notice of any action or threatened action, (ii) the opportunity to take over and settle or defend any such action at the Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in defending the action at the Contractor's sole expense. The above indemnity requirement does not apply to that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of the Department or the State. Nothing herein is intended to act as a waiver of the Department's or State's sovereign immunity or to be deemed consent by the Department or State or its subdivisions to suit by third parties.

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- 11.1 Department of State Registration.** Consistent with Title XXXVI, F.S., if the Contractor asserts status other than that of a sole proprietor, it must provide the Department with i) conclusive evidence of a certificate of status, not subject to qualification, if a Florida business entity; ii) a certificate of authorization if a foreign business entity; or iii) if exempt from the registration requirements, a basis for such exemption.
- 11.2 Time is of the Essence.** Time is of the essence regarding every obligation of the Contractor under the Term Contract. Each obligation is deemed material, and a breach of any such obligation (including a breach resulting from untimely performance) is a material breach.
- 11.3 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 the Contractor. Such purchases are independent of the Term Contract between the Department and the Contractor, and the Department is not a party to these transactions.

### SECTION 12. PUBLIC RECORDS, TRADE SECRETS, DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

- 12.1 General Record Management and Retention.** The Contractor shall retain all records that were made in relation to the Term Contract for the longer of five (5) years after expiration of the Term Contract or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State available at: <https://dos.fl.gov/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>.
- 12.2 Identification and Protection of Confidential Information.** Article 1, section 24, of the Florida Constitution, guarantees every person access to public records, and section 119.011, F.S., provides a broad definition of “public record.” As such, records submitted to the Department (or any other State agency) are public records and are subject to disclosure unless exempt from disclosure by law. If the Contractor considers any portion of a record it provides to the Department (or any other State agency) to be trade secret or otherwise confidential or exempt from disclosure under Florida or federal law (“Confidential Information”), the Contractor shall mark as “confidential” each page of a document or specific portion of a document containing Confidential Information and simultaneously provide the Department (or other State agency) with a separate, redacted copy of the record. The Contractor shall state the basis of the exemption that the Contractor contends is applicable to each portion of the record redacted, including the specific statutory citation for such exemption. The Contractor shall only redact portions of records that it claims contains Confidential Information. If the Contractor fails to mark a record it claims contains Confidential Information as “confidential,” or fails to submit a redacted copy in accordance with this section of a record it claims contains Confidential Information, the Department (or other State agency) shall have no liability for release of such record. The foregoing will apply to every instance in which the Contractor fails to both mark a record “confidential” and redact it in accordance with this section, regardless of whether the Contractor may have properly marked and redacted the same or similar Confidential Information in another instance or record submitted to the Department (or any other State agency).

In the event of a public records request, to which records the Contractor marked as “confidential” are responsive to the request, the Department shall provide the Contractor-redacted copy to the requestor. If the Contractor has marked a record as “confidential” but

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failed to provide a Contractor-redacted copy to the Department, the Customer may notify the Contractor of the request and the Contractor may have up to ten (10) Business Days from the date of the notice to provide a Contractor-redacted copy, or else the Department may release the unredacted record to the requestor without liability. If the Department provides a Contractor-redacted copy of the documents and the requestor asserts a right to the Contractor-redacted Confidential Information, the Department shall promptly notify the Contractor such an assertion has been made. The notice will provide that if the Contractor seeks to protect the Contractor-redacted Confidential Information from release it must, within thirty (30) days after the date of the notice and at its own expense, file a cause of action seeking a declaratory judgment that the information in question is exempt from section 119.07(1), F.S., or other applicable law and an order prohibiting the Department from publicly disclosing the information. The Contractor shall provide written notice to the Department of any cause of action filed. If the Contractor fails to file a cause of action within thirty (30) days the Department may release the unredacted copy of the record to the requestor without liability.

If the Department is requested or compelled in any legal proceeding to disclose documents that are marked as "confidential" (whether by oral questions, interrogatories, requests for information or documents, subpoena, or similar process), unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Department shall give the Contractor prompt written notice of the demand or request prior to disclosing any Confidential Information to allow the Contractor to seek a protective order or other appropriate relief at the Contractor's sole discretion and expense. If the Contractor fails to take appropriate and timely action to protect the Confidential Information contained within documents it has marked as "confidential" or fails to provide a redacted copy that may be disclosed, the Department may provide the unredacted records in response to the demand without liability.

The Contractor shall protect, defend, and indemnify the Department for all claims, costs, fines, settlement fees, and attorneys' fees, at both the trial and appellate levels, arising from or relating to the Contractor's determination that its records contain Confidential Information. In the event of a third-party claim brought against the Department for failure to release the Contractor's redacted Confidential Information, the Contractor shall assume, at its sole expense, the defense or settlement of such claim, including attorney's fees and costs at both the trial and appellate levels. If the Contractor fails to continuously undertake the defense or settlement of such claim or if the Contractor and Department mutually agree that the Department is best suited to undertake the defense or settlement, the Department will have the right, but not the obligation, to undertake the defense or settlement of such claim, at its discretion. The Contractor shall be bound by any defense or settlement the Department may make as to such claim, and the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for the expense, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs at both the trial and appellate levels associated with any defense or settlement that the Department may undertake to defend Contractor's Confidential Information. The Department will also be entitled to join the Contractor in any third-party claim for the purpose of enforcing any right of indemnity under this section.

If at any point the Department is reasonably advised by its counsel that disclosure of the Confidential Information is required by law, including but not limited to Florida's public records laws, the Department may disclose such Confidential Information without liability hereunder.

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**12.3 Public Records Requirements Pursuant to Section 119.0701, F.S.** Solely for the purpose of this section, the Department's Contract Manager is the agency custodian of public records. If, under the Term Contract, the Contractor is providing services and is acting on behalf of the public agency, as provided in section 119.0701, F.S., the Contractor shall:

- i. Keep and maintain public records required by the Department to perform the service.
- ii. Upon request from the Department's custodian of public records, provide the Department 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.
- iii. 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 Term Contract term and following the completion of the Term Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the Department.
- iv. Upon completion of the Term Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the Department all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the Department to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the Department 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 Term Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Department, upon request from the Department's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Department.

**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 TERM CONTRACT, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT [PUBLICRECORDS@DMS.FL.GOV](mailto:PUBLICRECORDS@DMS.FL.GOV), (850) 487-1082 OR 4050 ESPLANADE WAY, SUITE 160, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0950.**

**12.4 Advertising.** Subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, the Contractor shall not publicly disseminate any information concerning the Term Contract without prior written approval from the Department, including mentioning the Term Contract in a press release or other promotional material, identifying the Department or the State as a reference, or otherwise linking the Contractor's name and either a description of the Term Contract or the name of the Department or the State in any material published, either in print or electronically, to any entity that is not a party to the Term Contract, except potential or actual Customers or authorized distributors, dealers, resellers, or service representatives.

### **12.5 Intellectual Property.**

**12.5.1 Ownership.** Unless specifically addressed otherwise in the Customer's contract, the State of Florida shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights to all new property created or developed in connection with the Customer's contract. This shall not apply

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to intellectual property developed prior to the execution of the Term Contract.

**12.5.2 Patentable Inventions or Discoveries.** Any inventions or discoveries developed in the course, or as a result, of services in connection with the Customer's 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 and the Department of any inventions or discoveries developed or made through performance of the Customer's 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 Customer's contract. This shall not apply to any invention or discovery made prior to the execution of the Term Contract.

**12.5.3 Copyrightable Works.** Contractor must notify the Customer and the Department of any publications, artwork, or other copyrightable works developed in connection with the Customer's contract. All copyrights created or developed through performance of the Customer's contract are owned solely by the State of Florida. This shall not apply to any copyrightable works created or developed prior to the execution of the Term Contract.

### SECTION 13. 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. "State of Florida data" means data collected by, transmitted from, created for, or provided by the Department or the Customer. 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 Incident involving State of Florida data, the Contractor shall give notice to the Customer and the Department within one business day of becoming aware of the Security Incident. "Security Incident" for purposes of this section will refer to an actual or imminent threat of a violation of information technology resources, security, policies, or practices, unauthorized access of State of Florida data, or occurrences that compromise the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of State of Florida data. An imminent threat refers to a situation in which the Contractor has a factual basis for believing that a specific incident is about to occur. Once a data breach has been contained, the Contractor must provide the Department and the Customer 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 current state and federal rules and regulations regarding security of information.

### SECTION 14. CONTRACT MONITORING.

**14.1 Performance Standards.** The Contractor agrees to perform all tasks and provide deliverables as set forth in the Term Contract. 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.

**14.2 Contract Reporting.** The Contractor shall provide the Department the following accurate and complete reports associated with this Term Contract.

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- 14.2.1 **Term Contract Quarterly Sales Reports.** 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 Term 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 Term Contract.

- 14.2.2 **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 or services related to the Customer orders. These reports shall include the period covered; the name, minority code, and Vendor Identification Information of each minority business enterprise utilized during the period; commodities and services provided by the minority business enterprise; and the amount paid to each minority business enterprise on behalf of the Customer.

- 14.2.3 **Ad Hoc Sales Reports.** The Department may require additional Term Contract sales information such as copies of purchase orders or ad hoc sales reports. The Contractor shall submit these documents and reports in the format acceptable to the Department and within the timeframe specified by the Department.

- 14.2.4 **MFMP Transaction Fee Reports.** The Contractor shall 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 [https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/state/\\_myfloridamarketplace/mfmp\\_vendors/transaction\\_fee\\_and\\_reporting](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state/_myfloridamarketplace/mfmp_vendors/transaction_fee_and_reporting). Assistance with transaction fee reporting is also available by email at [feeprocessing@myfloridamarketplace.com](mailto:feeprocessing@myfloridamarketplace.com) or telephone at 866-FLA-EPRO (866-352-3776) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

- 14.3 **Business Review Meetings.** Both the Department and Customer reserve the right to schedule business review meetings. 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:

- Term Contract or Customer contract compliance
- Term Contract savings (in dollar amount and cost avoidance)
- Spend reports by Customer
- Recommendations for improved compliance and performance



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### 14.4 Performance Deficiencies.

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

14.4.2 **Retainage for Unacceptable Corrective Action Plan or Plan Failure.** For Customer-requested Corrective Action Plans, if the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Customer, or implementation of the plan fails to remedy the performance deficiencies, the 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 Customer for the retained amount. If the Contractor fails to resolve the performance deficiencies, the retained amount will be forfeited to compensate the Customer for the performance deficiencies.

### 14.5 Inspection.

14.5.1 **Inspection at Contractor's Site.** The Department reserves the right to inspect, or enlist a third-party to perform, at any reasonable time with prior notice, the equipment, product, plant or other facilities of the Contractor to assess conformity with Term Contract requirements and to determine whether they are adequate and suitable for proper and effective Term Contract performance.

14.5.2 **Statutory Inspection Rights.** If services are to be provided pursuant to the Term Contract, in accordance with section 216.1366, F.S., the Department is authorized to inspect the: (i) financial records, papers, and documents of the Contractor that are directly related to the performance of the Term Contract or the expenditure of State funds; and (ii) programmatic records, papers, and documents of the Contractor which the Department determines are necessary to monitor the performance of the Term Contract or to ensure that the terms of the Term Contract are being met. The Contractor shall provide such records, papers, and documents requested by the Department within ten (10) Business Days after the request is made.

Further, for any Term Contract for services with a nonprofit organization as defined in section 215.97(2)(m), F.S., the Contractor must provide documentation that indicates the amount of state funds:

1. Allocated to be used during the full term of the Term Contract for remuneration to any member of the board of directors or an officer of the contractor; and
2. Allocated under each payment by the public agency to be used for remuneration of any member of the board of directors or an officer of the contractor.

The documentation must indicate the amounts and recipients of the remuneration.

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- 14.5.3 **Inspection Compliance.** The Contractor understands its, and its subcontractors (if any), duty, pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. Upon request of the Department's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, the Contractor shall provide any type of information the State official deems relevant to the Contractor's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include the Contractor's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to the Term Contract. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the State for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Inspector General or other authorized State official for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of the Term Contract or any other agreement between the Contractor and the State which results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Such costs will include salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any costs of investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

### SECTION 15. 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 Term Contract. To the extent necessary to verify the Contractor's fees and claims for payment under the Term Contract, the Contractor's agreements or contracts with subcontractors, partners, or agents of the Contractor, pertaining to the Term 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 Term Contract.

### SECTION 16. CONFIDENTIALITY.

The Contractor shall not divulge to third parties any confidential information obtained by the Contractor or its employees, subcontractors, or agents in the course of performing Term Contract work, including security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the Customer or State. The Contractor will not be required to keep confidential information or material that is publicly available through no fault of the Contractor, material that the Contractor developed independently without relying on the Customer's or State's confidential information, or material that is otherwise obtainable under State law as a public record. To ensure confidentiality, the Contractor shall take appropriate steps as to its employees, subcontractors, and agents.

### SECTION 17. SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT.

- 17.1 **Office of Supplier Development.** The State of Florida supports its business community by creating opportunities for business enterprises to participate in procurements and contracts. The Department encourages supplier development through certain certifications and provides advocacy, outreach, and networking through regional business events. For additional information, please contact the Office of Supplier Development (OSD) at [OSDHelp@dms.fl.gov](mailto:OSDHelp@dms.fl.gov).

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**17.2 Reporting Certified Business Enterprises.** 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 vendor identification information 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 Term Contract.