

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement" or "Contract") for the acquisition of miscellaneous office supplies (hereinafter "Office Supplies") is made by and between the People of the State of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services (hereinafter "OGS" or "State") with its principle place of business at the Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12242, acting pursuant to the authority granted under State Finance Law §163 and Staples Contract & Commercial Inc., (hereinafter "Contractor") with offices at 21A Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York, 12205. OGS and the Contractor are collectively referred to herein as "the Parties." The Contract shall be identified as PC66026.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, since taking office, Governor Andrew Cuomo has committed his administration to implementing enterprise-wide changes that will utilize modern business practices in running New York State government.

WHEREAS, New Yorkers need a government in which they can take pride, and this comprehensive overhaul of operations will help accomplish that goal.

WHEREAS, as part of Governor Cuomo's Procurement Transformation, OGS issued a procurement for Office Supplies to create a centralized contract primarily for, but not limited to, New York State agencies that focuses on implementing best practices and identifying opportunities for savings and is consistent with the administration's policy goals of encouraging small businesses and certified minority and women-owned business enterprises.

WHEREAS, OGS issued a competitive solicitation, referenced as Invitation for Bid (hereinafter "IFB") #22438, which was advertised in the October 3, 2012 edition of the New York State Contract Reporter as required by the New York State Economic Development Law.

WHEREAS, OGS conducted a competitive process to identify bidders that will provide the lowest price for the provision of office supplies as set forth in the IFB, as evidenced by achieving the lowest price by a responsive and responsible bidder.

WHEREAS, a decision was made to award a single contract on a statewide basis for Office Supplies.

WHEREAS, the State created a core list of items, composed of a rationalized list of products historically purchased by the Authorized Users for which bidders were required to provide unit pricing. Additionally, bidders were required to submit "discount from list percentage off" for a series of subcategories for products not found in the core list.

WHEREAS, the determination of lowest price was made based on the Total New York State Bid Price, which is equal to the sum of the net values of the Supplies Core List and the Non-Core Discount Off of List for subcategories 1 through 24.

WHEREAS, the State has determined the Contractor submitted a responsive proposal, and had the lowest price for the Total New York State Bid Price. The Contractor is willing to provide the products under the terms set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms hereinafter mentioned and also the mutual covenants and obligations moving to each Party hereto from the other, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**1. SCOPE**

The purpose of this Contract is to provide Authorized Users with a means of acquiring miscellaneous office supplies at NYS Net Prices. The standard set of miscellaneous office supplies includes, but is not limited to, breakroom supplies, business machines (excluding Products listed in Section 3, Exclusions), janitorial/sanitation supplies, paper, limited technology and accessories and toner cartridges. Further detail on the products authorized under this Contract can be found in Appendix C, Price Guide, on the Discount Off List tab.

Contractor certifies that its NYS Net Prices are based on the current Staples Advantage Full Line catalog. No other catalogs may be offered.

Contractor shall provide Office Supplies to New York State Authorized Users on a Statewide basis. NYS Executive Agencies will be encouraged to make the majority of their office supply purchases through the offerings on the Core List, set forth in Appendix C, Price Guide. It is anticipated that 80% of all miscellaneous office supply spend by Executive Agencies will be undertaken through the Core List.

**2. CONTRACT PERIOD AND RENEWALS**

The term of this Contract shall be three (3) years from May 15, 2013 through May 14, 2016.

If mutually agreed between OGS and the Contractor, the Contract may be renewed under the same terms and conditions for additional time period(s) not to exceed a total contract term of five (5) years.

**3. EXCLUSIONS**

The Parties agree that there are numerous Products excluded from the scope of this Contract. The State reserves the right to delete or add products during the Contract term. Currently excluded Products are:

1. All Services (except delivery);

2. Furniture such as desks, workstations, chairs, tables, chair carts, book cases, commercial shelving, file cabinets, lockers and privacy screens;
3. Hand and platform trucks;
4. Storage cabinets;
5. Computers, peripherals and supplies (not including toner);
6. Printers, copiers, facsimile machines;
7. Software requiring a licensing agreement;
8. Promotional products; and
9. Global Positioning Systems.

Excluded products can be found on the pages in the catalog as described below.

| Catalog                          | Excluded Pages                                    |
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| 2012 Staples Advantage Full-Line | Pages 356-394, 398-424, 426-453, 649-661, 667-669 |

#### 4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

This Contract is composed of the following documents. Only documents expressly enumerated below shall be deemed a part of this Contract, and references contained in those documents to additional Contractor documents not enumerated below shall be of no force and effect. Conflicts among the documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- A. Appendix A, Standard Clauses For New York State Contracts, dated December 2012, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- B. This document (Base Agreement) - the portion of the Contract preceding the Parties' signatures.
- C. Appendix B, Office of General Services General Specifications, dated July 2006, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- D. Appendix C, Price Guide, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- E. Appendix D, Contractor Information, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- F. Appendix E, Report of Contract Usage, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- G. Appendix F, Insurance Requirements, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.
- H. Appendix G, EEO 100 Staffing Plan, attached hereto, is hereby expressly made a part of this Contract as fully as if set forth at length herein.

#### 5. APPENDIX B AMENDMENTS

Appendix B is amended as follows:

- A. Section 4, Conflict of Terms, is deleted.
- B. Subdivision (f) of section 24, Best Pricing Offer, is hereby amended by adding the following language as a second unnumbered paragraph at the end:

The above phrase "terms and conditions" shall mean: (i) a federal, state or local governmental entity's volume requirements, order size, quantities and mix of products and services, delivery schedule, and geographic areas; (ii) the discounts, rebates, and guarantees offered to the federal, state or local governmental entity; (iii) all terms and conditions imposed by state or local law or by the applicable RFP documents; and (iv) all other terms and conditions that are included in a contract including without limitation, any negotiated terms and conditions.

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C. Section 62, Contract Billings, is deleted and replaced with the following:

- a) **Billings.** Contractor and the dealers/distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billing invoices submitted to an Authorized User must contain all information required by the Contract and the State Comptroller or other appropriate fiscal officer. Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Commissioner from requesting reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the Contract or where the billing was inaccurate. Contractor shall provide, upon request of the Commissioner, any and all information necessary to verify the accuracy of the billings. Such information shall be provided in the format requested by the Commissioner and in a media commercially available from the Contractor. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to provide the information to the State Comptroller or to any Authorized User of the Contract.
- b) **Payment of Contract purchases made by an Authorized User when the State Comptroller is responsible for issuing such payment.** The Authorized User and Contractor agree that payments for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the Commissioner, in the Commissioner's sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payments shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. The Contractor shall comply with the State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller website at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm> or by e-mail at [epayments@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:epayments@osc.state.ny.us). Contractor acknowledges that it will not receive payment on any invoices submitted under this Contract that are payable by the State Comptroller if it does not comply with the State Comptroller's electronic payment procedures, except where the Commissioner has expressly authorized payment by paper check as set forth above. Inquiries relating to OSC's Electronic Payments program should be directed to:

NYS Office of the State Comptroller  
Vendor Management Unit  
110 State Street Mail Drop 10-4  
Albany, NY 12236  
Telephone: (855) 233-8363  
E-Mail: [helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov](mailto:helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov)

- c) **Payment of Contract purchases made by an Authorized User when the State Comptroller is not responsible for issuing such payment.** The Authorized User and Contractor agree that payments for such Contract purchases shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User. Such payments shall be as mandated by the appropriate governing law from the receipt of a proper invoice. Such Authorized User and Contractor are strongly encouraged to establish electronic payments.

## 6. DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this Contract shall be defined in accordance with Appendix B (Part 1, §5 Definitions). In addition, the following definitions shall apply.

**“Core List”** shall refer to the list of approximately 300 high volume products that NYS has historically purchased. Executive Agencies are encouraged to purchase from the Core List of this Contract, however if a desired product is offered by a Preferred Source, Executive Agencies are required to purchase from such Preferred Source.

**“Executive Agency”** shall refer to all state departments, offices or institutions and, for the purposes of this Contract, **includes** the State University of New York. This definition excludes City University of New York, the legislature and judiciary. The term “Executive Agency” does not include any public benefit corporation, public authority, or local government entity.

**“May”** denotes the permissive in a contract clause or specification. Also see “Shall” and “Must”.

**“Miscellaneous Office Supplies”** shall refer to a wide range of small, expendable materials that are used on a regular, daily basis by Authorized Users. The standard set of miscellaneous office supplies includes, but is not limited to, breakroom supplies, business machines (excluding Products listed in Section 3, Exclusions), janitorial/sanitation supplies, paper, limited technology and accessories and toner cartridges.

**“Must”** denotes the imperative in a contract clause or specification. Also see “Shall” and “May”.

“**M/WBE**” shall refer to a business certified with NYS Empire State Development (ESD) as a Minority and/or Women-owned Business Enterprise.

“**n/a**” is a common abbreviation for *not applicable* or *not available*, used to indicate when information in a certain field on a table is not provided, either because it does not apply to a particular case in question or because it is not available.

“**Non-Core Discount off List Percentage**” shall refer to a uniform percentage discount applied to a subcategory of products. These subcategories are historically low volume products that New York State may need to purchase.

“**Non-Executive Agency**” shall refer to any entity authorized by the laws of the State of New York to participate in NYS centralized contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, public benefit corporations and certain other entities set forth in law), or the State of New York acting on behalf of one or more such Agencies or other entities, provided that each such Agency or other entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation. This term shall not include an Executive Agency.

“**NYS Holidays**” refers to the legal holidays for State Employees in the Classified Service of the Executive Branch, as more particularly specified on the website of the NYS Department of Civil Service. This includes the following: New Year’s Day; Martin Luther King Day; Washington’s Birthday (observed); Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veteran’s Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.  
[http://www.cs.ny.gov/attendance\\_leave/2012\\_legal\\_holidays.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/attendance_leave/2012_legal_holidays.cfm). This list is updated annually.

“**NYS Net Prices**” refers to the actual cost of each item sold hereunder.

“**New York State Procurement (“NYSPRO”)** shall mean a division of the New York State Office of General Services which is authorized by law to issue centralized, statewide contracts for use by New York agencies, political subdivisions, schools, libraries and others authorized by law to participate in such contracts. Formerly known as the Procurement Services Group.

“**NYS Vendor ID**” shall mean the ten-character identifier issued by New York State when the vendor is registered on the Vendor File.

“**Preferred Source Offering**” shall refer to those commodities or services that have been approved in accordance with State Finance Law §162.

“**Preferred Source Program**” shall refer to the special social and economic goals set by New York State in State Finance Law §162 that require a governmental entity purchase select commodities and services from designated organizations when the commodities or services meet the "form, function and utility" requirements of the governmental entity. Under State Finance Law §163, purchases of commodities and services from preferred sources are given the highest priority and are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements. The New York State preferred sources include: Corcraft; NYS Preferred Source Program for People who are Blind; New York State Industries for the Disabled; and the Office of Mental Health. These requirements apply to a state agency, political subdivision and public benefit corporation (including most public authorities).

“**Shall**” denotes the imperative in a contract clause or specification. Also see “**Must**” and “**May**”.

“**SUNY**” shall stand for State University of New York and is deemed inclusive of its main office and campuses.

“**0 (Zero)**” is both a number and the numerical digit used to represent that number in numerals. It is the integer immediately preceding 1 (one).

## 7. "OGS OR LESS" GUIDELINES APPLY TO THIS CONTRACT

Purchases of the products included in the Contract are subject to the "OGS or Less" provisions of State Finance Law §163(3)(a)v). This means that State agencies can purchase products from sources other than the Contractor provided that such products are substantially similar in form, function or utility to the products herein and are:

1. lower in price  
-and/or-
2. available under terms which are more economically efficient to the State agency (e.g. delivery terms, warranty terms, etc.).

Agencies are reminded that they must provide the Contractor an opportunity to match the non-contract savings at least two business days prior to purchase. In addition, purchases made under "OGS or Less" flexibility must meet all requirements of law including, but not limited to, advertising in the New York State Contract Reporter, prior approval of the Comptroller's Office and competitive bidding of requirements exceeding the discretionary bid limit. State agencies should refer to Procurement Council Guidelines for additional information.

## **8. PREFERRED SOURCE PRODUCTS**

Section 162 of the State Finance Law requires that agencies, including Executive Agencies, afford first priority to the products/services of preferred source suppliers such as Corcraft (the marketplace name for the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Division of Industries), National Industries for the Blind, and NYS Industries for the Disabled, and others determined by law, when such products/services meet the form, function and utility of the agency. Some products/services in the resultant contract(s) may be available from one or more preferred sources. Contractor has agreed to identify products available from Preferred Sources by placing a letter code in a column next to the Products on the Contractor's Net Price List(s)(hard copy and electronic media) distributed to Authorized Users and to prominently display a reminder notice on home screen of the Web-Based Ordering system as detailed in Section 13. B. hereafter.

## **9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY**

It is the policy of the OGS NYSPRO to provide vendors with an opportunity to administratively resolve disputes, complaints or inquiries related to NYSPRO bid solicitations, contract awards and contract administration. NYSPRO encourages vendors to seek resolution of disputes through consultation with NYSPRO staff. All such matters will be accorded impartial and timely consideration. Interested parties may also file formal written disputes. A copy of NYSPRO's Dispute Resolution Procedures for Vendors may be obtained through the OGS website (<http://www.ogs.ny.gov/BU/PC/BizInfo.asp>).

## **10. NEW YORK STATE VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS ENTITY (hereinafter the "Questionnaire")**

OGS conducts a review of Contractor to provide reasonable assurances that the Contractor is responsive and responsible. A New York State Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire For-Profit Business Entity (hereinafter the "Questionnaire") is used for non-construction Contracts and is designed to provide information to assess a Contractor's responsibility to conduct business in New York based upon financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, business integrity and past performance history.

The Contractor agrees that if it is found by the State that the Contractor's responses to the Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, OGS may terminate the Contract. In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

## **11. INSURANCE**

Contractor must maintain the required insurances as set forth in Appendix F, Insurance Requirements, during the Contract period and any renewals thereof.

## **12. PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

### **I. General Provisions**

- A. OGS is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The Contractor agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to OGS, to fully comply and cooperate with OGS in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for New York State Certified minority and women-owned business enterprises

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("MWBEs"). Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.

- C. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this section or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

## II. Contract Goals

- A. OGS hereby establishes an overall goal of 10% for MWBE participation, 5% for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises ("MBE") participation and 5% for Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("WBE") participation (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- B. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MBWEs found at the following internet address: <http://www.esd.ny.gov/mwbe.html> Additionally, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.
- C. Pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document "good faith efforts" to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if it is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to OGS for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

## III. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- A. Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economic Development (the "Division"). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- B. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
  - 1. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
  - 2. By entering into this Contract, Contractor is certifying and affirming that the text set forth in clause 12 of Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy.
- C. Form EEO 100 - Staffing Plan  
To ensure compliance with this Section, Contractor submitted a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Staffing plan is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Appendix G.
- D. Form EEO 102 - Workforce Employment Utilization Report ("Workforce Report")  
Contractor and OGS agree that Contractor is unable to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce and that the information provided on the previously submitted Staffing Plan is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.

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

#### **IV. MWBE Utilization Plan**

- A. Contractor certifies that it has submitted a MWBE Utilization Plan to OGS and will follow such Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section II-A of this section.
- B. Contractor further agrees that a failure to use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, OGS shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

#### **V. Waivers**

- A. If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver form (BDC 333) documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the OGS shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- B. If the OGS, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the OGS may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

#### **VI. Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report**

Contractor is required to submit a Monthly MWBE Contractor Compliance and Payment Report (Form MWBE 102) to OGS by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month during the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract. This form is set forth in Appendix E, Report of Contract Usage.

#### **VII. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation**

- A. Where OGS determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the OGS liquidated damages.
- B. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
1. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
  2. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- C. In the event a determination has been made, after Contractor has been afforded the process that it is due, which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the OGS, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to OGS within sixty (60) days after such determination unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of OGS.

### **13. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

The following sets forth the mandatory service requirements for the Contract. Contractor has affirmed its ability to meet these service requirements.

#### **A. COST & DELIVERY**

Price shall include all customs duties and charges and be net, F.O.B. destination any point in New York State as designated by the Authorized User. Each delivery shall be delivered to either an inside storeroom, inside desk or a single dock based upon the needs of the Authorized User.

If an Authorized User requires an inside delivery (storeroom or desk), it will identify on the purchase order the specific location where inside delivery is required to be made. (Authorized Users should use terminology such as "INSIDE DELIVERY TO ROOM [number] LOCATED ON [number] FLOOR," etc., when inside delivery is required.

Contractor agrees to deliver Office Supplies in accordance with instructions on Purchase Order from each Authorized User. If there is a discrepancy between the Purchase Order and what is listed on the Contract, it is the Contractor's obligation to seek clarification from the Authorized User and, if applicable, from the OGS.

Contractor agrees to comply with Authorized User's security rules, which will be communicated during purchase ordering process.

Contractor offers next day delivery if ordered by 5:00pm ET, Monday through Friday except NYS Holidays. However, delivery must be completed within 24 to 48 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday and NYS legal holidays) after receipt of order, with the exception of custom and large volume orders. If the Contractor deems the order to be a custom or large order that cannot be filled within 24 to 48 hours, the Contractor shall contact the ordering entity within 24 hours of receipt of order. Contractor shall deliver custom and large orders within 10 to 20 business days.

**B. WEB-BASED ORDERING SYSTEM**

Contractor agrees to provide a designated NYS Contract website for Authorized Users to access the web-based ordering system required herein. This website link will be listed under the Contractor information on the OGS website. The Contractor's website will be the responsibility of the Contractor to maintain and keep updated. The website must be operational within 10 business days of Contract execution. The State reserves the right to require changes to the website to meet the terms and conditions herein.

The Contractor shall predominately display on the home screen of this website the following information:

**Ordering Entity Note: Some products in this contract may be available from one or more preferred source agency. Authorized Users are reminded to comply with the statutory requirements under section 162 of the State Finance Law and the guidelines issued by the State Procurement Council to afford first priority to products available from Preferred Sources which meet your form, function and utility.**

**Products that are the same as or are similar to products available from the Preferred Sources are identified by the following letter codes on Contractor's Core Price List:**

- **'B' represents products available from NYS Preferred Source Program for People who are Blind;**
- **'C' represents products available from Corcraft, the marketplace name for the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Division of Industries;**
- **'D' represents products available from New York State Industries for the Disabled.**

Contractor agrees to identify products available from Preferred Sources by placing a letter code in a column next to the Products on the Contractor's Core Price List(s) (hard copy and electronic media) for this Contract. .

The web based ordering system must be capable of controlling, documenting and reporting on the following minimum data elements:

- Contractor Name and Address
- Contract Number
- Ordering Agency/Facility/Political Subdivision, etc. and Address
- Purchase Order/Requisition Numbers
- Contact (individual placing order)
- Delivery Location
- Delivery Instructions
- Stock Number
- Manufacturer
- Description

Unit of Measure  
List Price (unit)  
NYS Net Price (unit),  
Extended and Total Amounts  
Core Purchases  
Discount from List Purchases

**C. PRICE LISTS AND CATALOG**

The Contractor shall provide, on its website within the web based ordering system, separate and distinct price lists for the NYS Net prices for the Core List and the Non-Core Discount off List (including Toner Discount by Manufacturer). Such lists shall be maintained at separate locations within the Contractor’s website or web-based ordering system, either on separate pages, or at separate URLs. It shall also provide on its website an electronic version of the Staples Advantage Full Line catalog, displaying only non-excluded items which are available for purchase hereunder. All items displayed on the website will reflect the NYS Net Prices. The Contractor shall provide, on the main page of the website links to the following information/ordering pages: Preferred Source items, Core List items, Women-Owned Business Enterprise items, Minority-Owned Business Enterprise items, Eco-conscious items as well as Recycled items.

The Contractor shall provide, upon request and at no charge, sufficient Net Price List(s) and catalog(s) to service all Authorized Users. In the interest of solid waste management, and to reduce costs, Authorized Users are encouraged to request Net Price List(s) electronically (e.g., web, CDs) or by e-mail in Excel spreadsheet. The Core List and Non-Core Discount Off List shall be listed on separate tabs in any Excel spreadsheets.

The following column titles must be used as headers in the price lists. Titles must be exactly as listed below. Please provide the numbered information in numerical order by columns in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format.

- Contractor's name
- 1. Preferred Source\*
- 2. Stock Number\*\*
- 3. Product Description
- 4. Manufacturer
- 5. Unit
- 6. Catalog Page
- 7. List Price
- 8. NYS Net Price

\*Indicates Preferred Source products as specified in Section 8.

\*\*Please list stock numbers in the same style, eliminating spaces and dashes.

**D. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Contractor agrees to provide a sufficient number of employees who are knowledgeable and responsive to customer needs and who can effectively service the contract. The Contractor has designated a customer service representative for Authorized Users as set forth in Appendix D, Contractor Information.

**E. NEW ACCOUNTS**

Contractor may ask State agencies and other Authorized Users to provide information, such as documentation of eligibility to use New York State contracts, agency code, name, address and contact person in order to facilitate the opening of a customer account. An Authorized User shall not be required to provide credit references.

**F. TOLL-FREE NUMBER**

Contractor must provide a toll-free telephone number for the Authorized User usage. Contractor must staff this toll-free number at a minimum from 9:00am to 5:00pm, ET Monday through Friday, except NYS Holidays. The toll-free number is set forth in Appendix D, Contractor Information.

**G. ORDERS**

Orders must be accepted by the Contractor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except NYS Holidays. Contractor must accept orders: (1) verbally via toll-free number; (2) manually, via facsimile; and

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(3) electronically via the above-referenced web-based ordering system. The web based order entry system shall allow an Authorized User to enter orders and shall have full order inquiring capabilities. All orders (verbal, fax, electronic) shall reference contract number, requisition and/or purchase order number as required. Web based ordering system shall acknowledge receipt of an Authorized User's order. See "Contractor Fill Rate."

#### **H. MINIMUM ORDER**

The Contractor has agreed to accept orders of any amount, with no minimum. All prices shall include all customs duties and charges and be net, F.O.B. destination any point in New York State as designated by the Authorized User.

#### **I. CONTRACTOR FILL RATE**

(i) Executive Agencies (including SUNY). Within 30 calendar days after the Contract commencement date, Contractor agrees to maintain a monthly overall average fill rate of **at least 95 percent for all Core List products, and at least 90 percent for all Non-Core Discount off of List products.** Products that are reordered, back-ordered, or partially filled are not considered filled when calculating this service level. Orders not filled and partials shall be indicated on the packing list. The Contractor shall inform an Authorized User of the availability date of non-filled and partial orders within 36 hours after receipt of order. In addition, orders deemed to be custom or large orders shall not be calculated into the fill rate. However, if it is determined by OGS that the Contractor is routinely designating orders as custom or large orders in order to circumvent the fill rate requirement, OGS reserves the right to treat such behavior as a material breach of contract, and invoke its contractual remedies, which include contract cancellation.

Failure to maintain at least a 95 percent fill rate for Core List and at least a 90 percent fill rate for Non-Core Discount off of List products may result in contract cancellation. Contractor agrees to provide within five (5) business days of a request by NYSPRO, documentation of the fill rate(s) for the time period indicated in the request.

(ii) Non- Executive Agencies. Within 30 calendar days after the Contract commencement date, Contractor agrees to maintain a monthly overall average fill rate of **at least 90 percent for all Core List products, and at least 85 percent for all Non-Core Discount off of List products.** Products that are reordered, back-ordered, or partially filled are not considered filled when calculating this service level. Orders not filled and partials shall be indicated on the packing list. The Contractor shall inform an Authorized User of the availability date of non-filled and partial orders within 36 hours after receipt of order. In addition, orders deemed to be custom or large orders shall not be calculated into the fill rate. However, if it is determined by OGS that the Contractor is routinely designating orders as custom or large orders in order to circumvent the fill rate requirement, OGS reserves the right to treat such behavior as a material breach of contract, and invoke its contractual remedies, which include contract cancellation.

Failure to maintain at least a 90 percent fill rate for Core List and at least a 85 percent fill rate for Non-Core Discount off of List products may result in contract cancellation. Contractor agrees to provide within five (5) business days of a request by NYSPRO, documentation of the fill rate(s) for the time period indicated in the request.

#### **J. PRODUCT RETURNS BECAUSE OF QUALITY PROBLEMS**

Upon written notification by the Authorized User to the Contractor within 30 days of delivery, products determined to have quality problems, outdated product, damage, etc., shall be picked up by the Contractor within ten business days after notification with no restocking charge. The Authorized User shall elect whether to receive a replacement product or a credit/refund for the full purchase price. The Authorized User must conduct its inspection, and notify the Contractor within 30 calendar days of delivery. If a defect is not identified within 30 calendar days after delivery, the Authorized User may be required to contact the manufacturer directly. Contractor shall provide an Authorized User with the manufacturer's contact number.

#### **K. PRODUCT RETURNS DUE TO AUTHORIZED USER ERROR**

Products ordered in error (other than custom orders) by an Authorized User shall be returned by Authorized User at its expense for credit within fifteen business days of delivery. Standard stock products must be in resalable condition (original container, unused). The Contractor agrees it shall not charge a restocking fee for product returns due to Authorized User error.

#### **L. DISCREPANCIES**

The Contractor shall resolve all order and invoice discrepancies (e.g., shortages, incorrect item received, etc.) within five business days from notification.

#### **14. SUBSTITUTIONS OF CORE LIST PRODUCTS**

Core List product substitutes may be proposed by the Contractor to NYSPRO during the contract period, and may only be offered for sale under this Contract after written approval by OGS of the substitution. OGS shall only approve such substitution if it determines that the product is of equal or better quality, and it is below or equal to the current cost of the Core List product being substituted.

Unauthorized substitutions of Core List products are not acceptable and shall not be offered to Authorized Users.

#### **15. ADDITIONS OF CORE LIST PRODUCTS**

OGS may require Contractor add products to the Core List if a Product from the non-Core Discount Off of List is frequently purchased (greater than 1,000 units purchased) by Executive Agencies in a consecutive 12 month period during the duration of the Contract. In such event, Contractor must add such Product to the Core List within five business days of such request.

Preferred Source product(s) which have high volumes sales may be proposed to NYSPRO for addition to the Core List upon agreement by the Contractor and the Preferred Source. NYSPRO shall review the sales history and the proposed NYS net price and advise Contractor if the request is approved or denied. If approved, the Preferred Source product(s) shall be added to the Core List within five business of Contractor' receipt of approval.

#### **16. PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

All Core List product pricing shall not increase during the original three-year term of the Contract. In case of a Contract extension, OGS will consider price adjustments for Core List Products. At such time, price increase percentages shall be no greater than the percentage increase in the manufacturer's price increase for each product as set forth in the Contractor's then current nationally published Staples Advantage Full Line catalog. Pricing for Non-Core Discount Off List products may be updated on an annual basis when new catalogs are released. The discount bid for each subcategory in the Non-Core Discount Off List shall not decrease during the duration of the Contract and any extensions.

#### **17. PRICING FOR NEW PRODUCTS**

Contractor may request to add new products to the Non-Core Discount Off List price list. However, the exclusions listed in Section 3, Exclusions, will apply. Such request shall be made using the appropriate Non-Core Discount off List discount. If there are no similar products in the manufacturer's product line, discounts must be in line or better than that offered for comparable items in other manufacturers' product lines and better than the discounts found in the Non-Core Discount off List sub-categories. Contractor will be required, upon request, to provide justification for pricing of new products. No changes to prices are permissible without the prior written approval from NYSPRO.

#### **18. METHOD OF PAYMENT/BILLING**

Contractor accepts the New York State Procurement Card for orders not to exceed \$15,000.00. Contractor agrees to send a receipt to the Authorized Users for all orders placed using the Procurement Card.

Upon Authorized User acceptance of products itemized on a purchase order, Contractor(s) will invoice Authorized User for any portion of products accepted, and accordingly, Authorized User will arrange for payment.

Cost centers or branch offices within an Authorized User may require separate invoicing as specified by each agency. The Contractor's billing system shall be flexible enough to meet the needs of varying ordering systems in use by different Authorized Users.

Invoicing and payment shall be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Section 5, Appendix B amendments – 62. Contract Billings and Payments herein.

#### **19. SETTLEMENTS**

OGS has the right to determine the disposition of any rebate, settlement, restitution, liquidated damage, etc. which arise from the administration of this Contract.

#### **20. ADMINISTRATIVE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall provide the following reports to NYSPRO as set forth in Appendix E, Report of Contract Usage, on or before the tenth of the month following each month of the contract period. Failure to submit reports on a timely basis may result in contract cancellation and designation of Contractor as non-responsible. The Parties agree that OGS reserves the right to amend the data elements collected in these reports. Such amendments shall not be substantive in nature and shall reflect information relevant to monitoring the expenditures and performance under the Contract.

**A. REPORT OF CONTRACT PURCHASES**

The Contractor shall submit electronically monthly comprehensive reports as outlined in tabs “Core List Purchases and “Non-Core List Purchases” in Appendix E, Report of Contract Usage. Contractor agrees that additional related information may be required and shall be supplied upon request of OGS.

**B. M/WBE CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT REPORT**

The Contractor shall submit monthly comprehensive reports to OGS demonstrating the total purchases made through M/WBE suppliers (see Appendix E , Report of Contract Usage). Contractor shall also complete and submit tab “M/WBE 102” Commodity and Service Contracts Monthly Payment report.

**C. AUTHORIZED USER SALES REPORTS**

Upon written request by an Authorized User, the Contractor shall furnish to such Authorized User, on a monthly basis, a report listing the following: name of Products purchased, quantity purchased, unit price and total dollar volume of purchases. Contractor must be able to separately report Core List and Non-Core Discount off of List products at the Authorized User’s written request.

**21. CONTRACT AMENDMENT PROCESS**

During the term of the Contract, the Contract may be amended as changes occur within the industry. OGS reserves the right to consider amendments which are not specifically covered by the terms of the Contract but are judged to be in the best interest of the State. Contract amendments shall take effect upon written notification by OGS.

**22. SHORT TERM EXTENSION**

In the event the replacement contract has not been issued, this Contract may be extended unilaterally by the State for an additional period of up to three months upon notice to the Contractor with the same terms and conditions as exist in the Contract at the time of the short term extension. However, this extension terminates upon the effective date of a replacement contract.

**23. EXTENSION OF USE**

The terms of this Contract may be extended to additional States or governmental jurisdictions upon mutual written agreement between New York State (the lead contracting State) and the Contractor. Political subdivisions and other authorized entities within each participating State or governmental jurisdiction may also participate in any resultant contract if such State normally allows participation by such entities. OGS reserves the right to negotiate additional discounts based on any increased volume generated by such extensions.

**24. PERFORMANCE AND BID BONDS**

There are no BONDS for this Contract. In accordance with Appendix B, §58 Performance/Bid Bond, the Commissioner of OGS has determined that no performance, payment or Bid bond, or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the Contract shall be required at any time during the Initial Term, or any renewal term, for this Contract.

**25. SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROHIBITIONS ON PROCUREMENT LOBBYING**

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OGS and an Offerer/Bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/Bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers/bids through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OGS and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller (“restricted period”) to other than

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designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j (3) (a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified on the first page of this solicitation. OGS employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/Bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four-year period; the Offerer/Bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OGS website: [http://ogs.ny.gov/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultSFL\\_139j-k.asp](http://ogs.ny.gov/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultSFL_139j-k.asp)

## **26. USE OF RECYCLED OR REMANUFACTURED MATERIALS**

New York State, as a member of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, supports and encourages vendors to use recycled, remanufactured or recovered materials in the manufacture of products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health or safety requirements or product specifications contained herein. Refurbished or remanufactured components or products are required to be restored to original performance and regulatory standards and functions and are required to meet all other requirements of this bid solicitation. Warranties on refurbished or remanufactured components or products must be identical to the manufacturer's new equipment warranty or industry's normal warranty when remanufacturer does not offer new equipment. See "Remanufactured, Recycled, Recyclable or Recovered Materials" in Appendix B, OGS General Specifications.

## **27. ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES AND NYS EXECUTIVE ORDER 4**

New York State is committed to environmental sustainability and endeavors to procure products with reduced environmental impact. One example of this commitment may be found in Executive Order No. 4 (Establishing a State Green Procurement and Agency Sustainability Program), which imposes certain requirements on state agencies, authorities, and public benefit corporations when procuring commodities, services, and technology. More information on Executive Order No. 4, including specifications for offerings covered by this Contract, may be found at <http://ogs.ny.gov/EO/4/Default.asp>. The Executive Order No. 4 specification for single use food containers and single use food service utensils adopted in May 2010, for example, requires all single use food containers, coatings, and single use food service utensils, to the maximum extent practicable, be compostable as defined under the ASTM Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics (D6400-04) and ASTM Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics Used as Coatings on Paper and Other Compostable Substrates (D6868-03) or, if such standard is not applicable, be biodegradable and where possible certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI). Similarly, specifications were adopted for hand soap/cleanser. Additional information on green cleaning requirements is set forth at <https://greencleaning.ny.gov/Entry.asp>. State entities subject to Executive Order No. 4 are advised to become familiar with the specifications that have been developed in accordance with the Order, and to incorporate them, as applicable, when making purchases under this Contract.

## **28. MERCURY-ADDED CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

Contractor agrees that it will not sell or distribute fever thermometers containing mercury or any products containing elemental mercury for any purpose under this Contract.

## **29. DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT OF 2006**

On February 12, 2007 the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act took effect as law (the "Law"). Pursuant to new §19-0323 of the N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law ("NYECL") it is now a requirement that heavy duty diesel vehicles in excess of 8,500 pounds use the best available retrofit technology ("BART") and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel ("ULSD"). The requirement of the Law applies to all vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities. They need to be operated exclusively on ULSD by February 12, 2007. It also requires that such vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities with more than half of its governing body appointed by the Governor utilize BART.

As a contract vendor the Law may be applicable to vehicles used by contract vendors "on behalf of" State agencies and public authorities. All heavy duty diesel vehicles must have BART by December 31, 2012. The Law also provides a list of exempted vehicles. Regulations currently being drafted will provide further guidance as to the effects of the Law on contract vendors using heavy duty diesel vehicles on behalf of the State. The Law also permits waivers of ULSD and

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BART under limited circumstances at the discretion of the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation. The Law will also require reporting from State agencies and from contract vendors in affected contracts.

### **30. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT**

By entering into this Contract, Contractor certifies that it is not on the “Entities Determined To Be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers Pursuant to The New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” list (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted on the OGS website at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf> and further certifies that it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of the Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before OGS may approve a request for Assignment of Contract.

During the term of the Contract, should OGS receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, OGS will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then OGS shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

OGS reserves the right to reject any request for, renewal extension, or assignment of the Contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with Contractor should it appear on the Prohibited Entities list hereafter.

### **31. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND REUSE ACT**

Contractor is aware of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act which was signed into law in May 2010 and requires manufacturers to establish a convenient system for the collection, handling, and recycling or reuse of electronic waste. If Contractor is a manufacturer of covered electronic equipment, it must agree to comply with these requirements. More information regarding the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act can be found on the DEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/65583.html>

### **32. NEW YORK STATE STATEWIDE FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

The New York State Statewide Financial System (SFS) went live for NYS agencies in April 2012. Future SFS procurement functionality envisions the ability to fully host Contract catalogs or to integrate Contractor-hosted punch-out catalogs. OGS reserves the right to integrate either of these future catalog functions with Contractor during the contract period, and Contractor agrees to coordinate with SFS for integration if OGS exercises its right to do so. No costs or expenses associated with providing information and integration shall be charged to NYS. Technical Requirements for the data elements, such as data types, maximum field lengths, and cXML element names shall be provided by SFS during integration. Upon completion of integration and activation of an SFS-based catalog ordering system, State agencies shall process their orders through the SFS functionality and the other Authorized Users shall continue to process orders in accordance with Contract terms and conditions set forth herein, For more information on SFS, its use, and its capabilities please visit the SFS website at: <http://www.sfs.ny.gov/>.

### **33. USE OF CONTRACT BY STATE AGENCIES, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER AUTHORIZED USERS**

#### **A. OVERLAPPING CONTRACT PRODUCTS**

Products available in this Contract may also be available from other New York State Contracts. Authorized Users will select the most cost effective procurement alternative that meets their program requirements.

#### **B. AGENCY ACCESS TO WEB BASED ORDERING SYSTEM**

Each participating agency/facility/political subdivision, etc., will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate communication software, phone or cable lines, and/or modems necessary to access the web based ordering system

#### **C. PROCUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

The Authorized User should be familiar with and follow the terms and conditions governing its use which appear in the contract document. Listed below are separate guidance for “Executive Agencies” and “Non-Executive Agencies”. All Authorized Users shall issue purchase order(s) directly to the Contractor by mail, fax, or electronically through the Contractor’s dedicated OGS website listed in the Appendix D, Contractor Information.

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**D. FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCIES (includes the State University of New York)**

An Executive Agency Authorized User shall first purchase all office supplies from the appropriate Preferred Sources as required by State Finance Law §162. If the Preferred Sources do not provide a product that meets the form, function and utility of the Executive Agency Authorized User, it may then purchase products from the Contractor first using the "Supplies Core List" and then the "Non-Core Discount Off of List". It is highly encouraged that an Executive Agency Authorized User only utilize the Supplies Core List as these products should provide the lowest prices.

**E. FOR NON-EXECUTIVE AGENCIES**

New York State political subdivisions and others authorized by New York State law may participate in contracts . These include, but are not limited to local governments, public authorities, public school and fire districts, public and nonprofit libraries, and certain other nonpublic/nonprofit organizations. See "Participation in Centralized Contracts" in Appendix B, OGS General Specifications. For purchase orders issued by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (or any other authorized entity that may have delivery locations adjacent to New York State), the terms of the "Price" clause shall be modified to include delivery to locations adjacent to New York State.

Upon request, all eligible non-State agencies must furnish the Contractor with the proper tax exemption certificates and documentation certifying eligibility to use State contracts. A list of categories of eligible entities is available on the OGS web site (<http://ogs.ny.gov/purchase/snt/othersuse.asp>).

A Non-Executive Agency Authorized User that is subject to the requirements of State Finance Law §162 (4) shall first purchase all office supplies from the appropriate Preferred Sources as required by State Finance Law §162. If Preferred Source products do not meet the entity's form, function and utility (as required by State Finance Law §162) then it may purchase products from the "Supplies Core List" and the "Non-Core Discount Off of List" offerings. The greatest cost savings may be achieved by purchasing from the Supplies Core List.

A non-Executive Agency Authorized User that is not subject to the requirements of State Finance Law §162 (4) is encouraged to purchase from the Supplies Core List of products as these should provide the biggest savings.

**34. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Contract and the referenced appendices constitute the entire agreement between the parties thereto and no statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained herein shall be binding or valid and the Contract shall not be changed, modified or altered in any manner except by an instrument in writing executed by both parties hereto. Authorized Users shall not have the authority to modify the terms of the Contract, except as to better terms and pricing for a particular procurement than those set forth herein. No preprinted terms or conditions on a Purchase Order issued by an Authorized User, which seek to vary the terms of this Contract or impose new duties or obligations on the Contractor, shall have any force or effect.

**35. NOTICES**

All notices, demands, designations, certificates, requests, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be effective when mailed by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered, (i) if to the State, addressed to the State at its address set forth below, and (ii) if to Contractor, addressed to Contract Administrator at the address set forth below. The Parties may from time to time, specify any address in the United States as its address for purpose of notices under this Contract by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party. The Parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for purposes of this Contract. The New York State Contract Administrator for this Contract is set forth below and will be updated through a Purchasing Memo if necessary. . Any changes to Contractor's Contract Administrator as set forth in Appendix D will also be updated though issuance of a Purchasing memo.

Written notice of any alleged breach by one party to the other shall provide specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which the breach is being declared.

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E-mail: [terry.deere@ogs.ny.gov](mailto:terry.deere@ogs.ny.gov)

**36. CAPTIONS**

The captions contained in this Contract are intended for convenience and reference purposes only and shall in no way be deemed to define or limit any provision thereof.

**37. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Contract is deemed invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall have no effect on the balance of the Contract, which shall be enforced and interpreted as if such provision was never included in the Contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Contract as of the date last written below.

The Parties further hereby certify that original copies of this executed and approved signature page will be affixed, upon final approval, to exact copies of this Contract being executed simultaneously herewith. The acknowledgment must be fully and properly executed by an authorized person. By signing you certify your express authority to sign on behalf of yourself, your company, or other entity and full knowledge and acceptance of this agreement, Appendix A (Standard Clauses For New York State Contracts), Appendix B (OGS General Specifications), and State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k (Procurement Lobbying), and that all information provided is complete, true and accurate. By signing, Contractor affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the OGS procedures relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b).

**STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL INC.**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

By: Joseph B Doody  
Name: JOSEPH G. DOODY  
Title: PRESIDENT NAC  
Date: 5/6/13

By: Sharon M Buck  
Name: Sharon M Buck  
Title: Assistant Director, NYSPro  
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Corporate Federal ID #: 04-3390816

Vendor Identification #: 1000005286



**CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF Massachusetts }  
 : ss.:  
COUNTY OF Middlesex }

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2013, before me personally came:

Joseph G Dandy, to me known, who, being  
by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she/they reside(s) in Massachusetts;  
that he/she/they is (are) President (the President or other officer or director or  
attorney in fact duly appointed) of Staples Cont Comm, the corporation described in and which executed  
the above instrument; and that he/she/they signed his/her/their name(s) thereto by authority of the board  
of directors of said corporation.

Debra Ann McDonald

**Signature and Office of Person Taking Acknowledgment**



**DEBRA ANN McDONALD**  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires July 11, 2014

**State of New York  
Office of General Services  
NEW YORK STATE PROCUREMENT  
Contract Performance Report**

Please take a moment to let us know how this contract award has measured up to your expectations. If reporting on more than one contractor or product, please make copies as needed. This office will use the information to improve our contract award, where appropriate. **Comments should include those of the product's end user.**

**Contract No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe Product\* Provided (Include Item No., if available):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note:** "Product" is defined as a deliverable under any Bid or Contract, which may include commodities (including printing), services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

|   | Excellent | Good | Acceptable | Unacceptable |
|---|-----------|------|------------|--------------|
| • Product meets your needs              |           |      |            |              |
| • Product meets contract specifications |           |      |            |              |
| • Pricing                               |           |      |            |              |

**CONTRACTOR**

|                                     | Excellent | Good | Acceptable | Unacceptable |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------|------------|--------------|
| • Timeliness of delivery            |           |      |            |              |
| • Completeness of order (fill rate) |           |      |            |              |
| • Responsiveness to inquiries       |           |      |            |              |
| • Employee courtesy                 |           |      |            |              |
| • Problem resolution                |           |      |            |              |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please detach or photocopy this form & return by FAX to 518/474-2437 or mail to:**

OGS NEW YORK STATE PROCUREMENT  
 Customer Services, 38th Floor  
 Corning 2<sup>nd</sup> Tower - Empire State Plaza  
 Albany, New York 12242  
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**APPENDIX A**

**STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS**

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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## STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licenser, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

**1. EXECUTORY CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

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

**3. COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL.** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6-a). However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

**4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.** In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this

contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

**5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

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

any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

**7. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

**8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION.** In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

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

**10. RECORDS.** The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this

contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

**11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.**

(a) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) Privacy Notification. (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

**12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.**

In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00,

whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a", "b", and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment

opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

**13. CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

**14. GOVERNING LAW.** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

**15. LATE PAYMENT.** Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

**16. NO ARBITRATION.** Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

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

**18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS.** The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

**19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES.**

In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

**20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992.** It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development  
Division for Small Business  
Albany, New York 12245  
Telephone: 518-292-5100  
Fax: 518-292-5884  
email: [opa@esd.ny.gov](mailto:opa@esd.ny.gov)

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development  
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development  
633 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
212-803-2414  
email: [mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov](mailto:mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov)  
<http://esd.ny.gov/MWBE/directorySearch.html>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

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

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

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

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

**21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS.**

Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

**22. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT.**

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

**23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW.**

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

the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

**24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING.** To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.**

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law Section 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law Section 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

**APPENDIX B**  
**GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**



**GENERAL**

1. **APPLICABILITY** The terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix B are expressly incorporated in and applicable to the resulting procurement contracts let by the Office of General Services Procurement Services Group, or let by any other Authorized User where incorporated by reference in its Bid Documents. Captions are intended as descriptive and are not intended to limit or otherwise restrict the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. **GOVERNING LAW** This procurement, the resulting contract and any purchase orders issued hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise, and actions or proceedings arising from the contract shall be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York.

3. **ETHICS COMPLIANCE** All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of Sections 73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law, other State codes, rules, regulations and executive orders establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the Bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the Bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

4. **CONFLICT OF TERMS** Unless otherwise set forth in the procurement or contract documents, conflicts among documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- a. **Appendix A** (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts)
- b. **Mini-Bid Project Definition** if applicable and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Back-Drop Contract.
- c. **Contract and other writing(s)** setting forth the final agreements, clarifications and terms between the Bid Documents and Contractor's Bid. In the latter circumstance, clarifications must specifically note in writing what was offered by the Contractor and what was accepted by the State. If not, such clarifications shall be considered last in the order of precedence under this paragraph.
- d. **Bid Documents** (Other than Appendix A).
  - i. Bid Specifications prepared by the Authorized User.
  - ii. Appendix B (General Specifications).
  - iii. Incorporated Contract Appendices, if any, following the order of precedence as stated for Contract above.
- e. **Contractor's Bid or Mini-Bid Proposal.**
- f. **Unincorporated Appendices** (if any).

5. **DEFINITIONS** Terms used in this Appendix B shall have the following meanings:

**AFFILIATE** Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) that effectively controls another company in which (a) the Bidder owns more than 50% of the ownership; or (b) any individual or other legal entity which owns more than 50% of the ownership of the Bidder. In addition, if a Bidder owns less than 50% of the ownership of another legal entity, but directs or has the right to direct such entity's daily operations, that entity will be an Affiliate.

**AGENCY OR AGENCIES** The State of New York, acting by or through one or more departments, boards, commissions, offices or institutions of the State of New York.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL** Attorney General of the State of New York.

**AUTHORIZED USER(S)** Agencies, or any other entity authorized by the laws of the State of New York to participate in NYS centralized contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, public benefit corporations and certain other entities set forth in law), or the State of New York acting on behalf of one or more such Agencies or other entities, provided that each such Agency or other entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation.

**BID OR BID PROPOSAL** An offer or proposal submitted by a Bidder to furnish a described product or a solution, perform services or means of achieving a practical end, at a stated price for the stated Contract term. As required by the Bid Documents, the Bid or proposal may be subject to modification through the solicitation by the Agency of best and final offers during the evaluation process prior to recommendation for award of the Contract.

**BIDDER/OFFERER** Any individual or other legal entity (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) which submits a Bid in response to a Bid Solicitation. The term Bidder shall also include the term "offeror." In the case of negotiated Contracts, "Bidder" shall refer to the "Contractor."

**BID DOCUMENTS** Writings by the State setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for a procurement of Product. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions which are incorporated by reference, including but not limited to, Appendix A (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts), Appendix B, (General Specifications). Where these General Specifications are incorporated in negotiated Contracts that have not been competitively Bid, the term "Bid Documents" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated Contract and associated documentation.

**BID SPECIFICATION** A written description drafted by the Authorized User setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a commodity or construction item, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed Contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where these General Specifications are incorporated in negotiated Contracts that have not been competitively Bid, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated Contract and associated documentation.

**COMMISSIONER** Commissioner of OGS, or in the case of Bid Specifications issued by an Authorized User, the head of such Authorized User or their authorized representative.

**COMPTROLLER** Comptroller of the State of New York.

**CONTRACT** The writing(s) which contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Bidder/Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law, and which most typically include the following classifications of public procurements:

**a. Agency Specific Contracts** Contracts where the specifications for a Product or a particular scope of work are described and defined to meet the needs of one or more Authorized User(s).

**b. Centralized Contracts** Single or multiple award Contracts where the specifications for a Product or general scope of work are described and defined by the Office of General Services to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Centralized Contracts may be awarded through multiple awards or through adoption of another jurisdiction's contract or on a sole source, single source, emergency or competitive basis. Once established, procurements may be made from the selected Contractor(s) without further competition or Mini-Bid unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications or Contract Award Notification.

**c. Back-Drop Contracts** Multiple award Centralized Contracts where the Office of General Services defines the specifications for a Product or general scope of work to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Bids may be submitted either at a date and time certain or may be accepted on a continuous or periodic recruitment basis, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. Selection of a Contractor(s) from among Back-Drop contract holders for an actual Product, project or particular scope of work may subsequently be made on a single or sole source basis, or on the basis of a Mini-Bid among qualified Back-Drop contract holders, or such other method as set forth in the Bid Document.

**d. Piggyback Contract** A Contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government, or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or state(s) which is adopted and extended for use by the OGS Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of the State Finance Law.

**e. Contract Letter** A letter to the successful Bidder(s) indicating acceptance of its Bid in response to a solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Letter of Acceptance forms a Contract but is not an order for Product, and Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual Contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized User(s).

**CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION** An announcement to Authorized Users that a Contract has been established.

**CONTRACTOR** Any successful Bidder(s) to whom a Contract has been awarded by the Commissioner.

**DOCUMENTATION** The complete set of manuals (e.g., user, installation, instruction or diagnostic manuals) in either hard or electronic copy, which are necessary to enable an Authorized User to properly test, install, operate and enjoy full use of the Product.

**EMERGENCY** An urgent and unexpected requirement where health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk.

**ENTERPRISE** The total business operations in the United States of Authorized User (s) without regard to geographic location where such operations are performed or the entity actually performing such operations on behalf of Authorized User.

**ENTERPRISE LICENSE** A license grant of unlimited rights to deploy, access, use and execute Product anywhere within the Enterprise up to the maximum capacity stated on the Purchase Order or in the Contract.

**ERROR CORRECTIONS** Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

**GROUP** A classification of Product, services or technology which is designated by OGS.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** A type of Bid Document which is most typically used where requirements can be stated and award will be made based on lowest price to the responsive and responsible Bidder(s).

**LICENSED SOFTWARE** Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes error corrections, upgrades, enhancements or new releases, and any deliverables due under a maintenance or service contract (e.g., patches, fixes, PTFs, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

**LICENSEE** One or more Authorized Users who acquire Product from Contractor by issuing a Purchase Order in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User(s) who took receipt of and who is executing the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred. In the case of acquisitions by State Agencies, the Licensee shall be the State of New York.

**LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE** The date Product is delivered to an Authorized User. Where a License involves Licensee's right to copy a previously licensed and delivered Master Copy of a Program, the license effective date for additional copies shall be deemed to be the date on which the Purchase Order is executed.

**LICENSOR** A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

**MINI-BID PROJECT DEFINITION** A Bid Document containing project specific Bid Specifications developed by or for an Authorized User which solicits Bids from Contractors previously qualified under a Back-Drop Contract.

**MULTIPLE AWARD** A determination and award of a Contract in the discretion of the Commissioner to more than one responsive and responsible Bidder who meets the requirements of a specification, where the multiple award is made on the grounds set forth in the Bid Document in order to satisfy multiple factors and needs of Authorized Users (e.g., complexity of items, various manufacturers, differences in performance required to accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery requirements, geographic location or other pertinent factors).

**NEW PRODUCT RELEASES (Product Revisions)** Any commercially released revisions to the licensed version of a Product as may be generally offered and available to Authorized Users. New releases involve a substantial revision of functionality from a previously released version of the Product.

**OGS** The New York State Office of General Services.

**PROCUREMENT RECORD** Documentation by the Authorized User of the decisions made and approach taken during the procurement process and during the contract term.

**PRODUCT** A deliverable under any Bid or Contract which may include commodities, services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

**PROPRIETARY** Protected by secrecy, patent, copyright or trademark against commercial competition.

**PURCHASE ORDER** The Authorized User's fiscal form or format that is used when making a purchase (e.g., formal written Purchase Order, Procurement Card, electronic Purchase Order, or other authorized instrument).

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)** A type of Bid Document that is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the method of award is "best value," as defined by the State Finance Law.

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)** A type of Bid Document that can be used when a formal Bid opening is not required (e.g., discretionary, sole source, single source or emergency purchases).

**RESPONSIBLE BIDDER** A Bidder that is determined to have financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, satisfactory previous performance, skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable and experienced, as determined by the Commissioner. For purposes of being deemed responsible, a Bidder must also be determined to be in compliance with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law relative to restrictions on contacts during the procurement process and disclosure of contacts and prior findings of non-responsibility under these statutes.

**RESPONSIVE BIDDER** A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Bid Document or solicitation, as determined by the OGS Commissioner.

**SINGLE SOURCE** A procurement where two or more Bidders can supply the required Product, and the Commissioner may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

**SITE** The location (street address) where Product will be executed or services delivered.

**SOLE SOURCE** A procurement where only one Bidder is capable of supplying the required Product.

**SOURCE CODE** The programming statements or instructions written and expressed in any language understandable by a human being skilled in the art which are translated by a language compiler to produce executable machine Object Code.

**STATE** State of New York.

**SUBCONTRACTOR** Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) who has entered into a contract, express or implied, for the performance of a portion of a Contract with a Contractor.

**TERMS OF LICENSE** The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract that are in effect and applicable to a Purchase Order at the time of order placement.

**VIRUS** Any computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, that disrupts, disables, harms, or otherwise impedes in any manner the operation of the Product, or any other associated software,

firmware, hardware, or computer system (such as local area or wide-area networks), including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, but does not include security keys or other such devices installed by Product manufacturer.

## **BID SUBMISSION**

**6. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING** All offers (tenders), and all information and Product required by the solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (\$US). Any offers (tenders) submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

**7. BID OPENING** Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Commissioner reserves the right at any time to postpone or cancel a scheduled Bid opening.

**8. BID SUBMISSION** All Bids are to be packaged, sealed and submitted to the location stated in the Bid Specifications. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery of their Bids to the location set forth in the Bid Specifications prior to the stated Bid opening date/time.

A Bid return envelope, if provided with the Bid Specifications, should be used with the Bid sealed inside. If the Bid response does not fit into the envelope, the Bid envelope should be attached to the outside of the sealed box or package with the Bid inside. If using a commercial delivery company that requires use of their shipping package or envelope, Bidder's sealed Bid, labeled as detailed below, should be placed within the shipper's sealed envelope to ensure that the Bid is not prematurely opened.

All Bids must have a label on the outside of the package or shipping container outlining the following information:

**"BID ENCLOSED** (bold print, all capitals)

- Group Number
- IFB or RFP Number
- Bid Submission date and time"

In the event that a Bidder fails to provide such information on the return Bid envelope or shipping material, the receiving entity reserves the right to open the shipping package or envelope to determine the proper Bid number or Product group, and the date and time of Bid opening. Bidder shall have no claim against the receiving entity arising from such opening and such opening shall not affect the validity of the Bid or the procurement.

Notwithstanding the receiving agency's right to open a Bid to ascertain the foregoing information, Bidder assumes all risk of late delivery associated with the Bid not being identified, packaged or labeled in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

All Bids must be signed by a person authorized to commit the Bidder to the terms of the Bid Documents and the content of the Bid (offer).

**9. FACSIMILE SUBMISSIONS** Unless specifically prohibited by the terms of the Bid Specifications, facsimile Bids may be SUBMITTED AT THE SOLE OPTION AND RISK OF THE BIDDER. Only the FAX number(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications may be used. Access to the facsimile machine(s) is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the Commissioner bears no liability or responsibility and makes no guarantee whatsoever with respect to

the Bidder's access to such equipment at any specific time. Bidders are solely responsible for submission and receipt of the entire facsimile Bid by the Authorized User prior to Bid opening and must include on the first page of the transmission the total number of pages transmitted in the facsimile, including the cover page. Incomplete, ambiguous or unreadable transmissions in whole or in part may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. Facsimile Bids are fully governed by all conditions outlined in the Bid Documents and must be submitted on forms or in the format required in the Bid Specifications, including the executed signature page and acknowledgment.

**10. AUTHENTICATION OF FACSIMILE BIDS** The act of submitting a Bid by facsimile transmission, including an executed signature page or as otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, shall be deemed a confirming act by Bidder which authenticates the signing of the Bid.

**11. LATE BIDS** For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by OGS, a Bid must be received in such place as may be designated in the Bid Documents or if no place is specified in the OGS Mailroom located in the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, at or before the date and time established in the Bid Specifications for the Bid opening. For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by Authorized Users other than OGS, the term late Bid is defined as a Bid not received in the location established in the Bid Specifications at or before the date and time specified for the Bid opening.

Any Bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late Bid. A late Bid shall not be considered for award unless: (i) no timely Bids meeting the requirements of the Bid Documents are received or, (ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely Bids were received to satisfy the multiple award; and acceptance of the late Bid is in the best interests of the Authorized Users. Bids submitted for continuous or periodic recruitment contract awards must meet the submission requirements associated with their specifications. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Authorized User shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Similar types of delays, including but not limited to, bad weather, or security procedures for parking and building admittance shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Determinations relative to Bid timeliness shall be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

**12. BID CONTENTS** Bids must be complete and legible. All Bids must be signed. All information required by the Bid Specifications must be supplied by the Bidder on the forms or in the format specified. No alteration, erasure or addition is to be made to the Bid Documents. Changes may be ignored by the Commissioner or may be grounds for rejection of the Bid. Changes, corrections and/or use of white-out in the Bid or Bidder's response portion of the Bid Document must be initialed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned to verify their Bids before submission, as amendments to Bids or requests for withdrawal of Bids received by the Commissioner after the time specified for the Bid opening, may not be considered.

**13. EXTRANEOUS TERMS** Bids must conform to the terms set forth in the Bid Documents, as extraneous terms or material deviations (including additional, inconsistent, conflicting or alternative terms) may render the Bid non-responsive and may result in rejection of the Bid.

Extraneous term(s) submitted on standard, pre-printed forms (including but not limited to: product literature, order forms, license agreements, contracts or other documents) that are attached or referenced with submissions shall not be considered part of the Bid or

resulting Contract, but shall be deemed included for informational or promotional purposes only.

Only those extraneous terms that meet all the following requirements may be considered as having been submitted as part of the Bid:

- a. Each proposed extraneous term (addition, deletion, counter-offer, deviation, or modification) must be specifically enumerated in a writing which is not part of a pre-printed form; and
- b. The writing must identify the particular specification requirement (if any) that Bidder rejects or proposes to modify by inclusion of the extraneous term; and
- c. The Bidder shall enumerate the proposed addition, counter offer, modification or deviation from the Bid Document, and the reasons therefore.

No extraneous term(s), whether or not deemed "material," shall be incorporated into a Contract or Purchase Order unless submitted in accordance with the above and the Commissioner or Authorized User expressly accepts each such term(s) in writing. Acceptance and/or processing of the Bid shall not constitute such written acceptance of Extraneous Term(s).

**14. CONFIDENTIAL/TRADE SECRET MATERIALS**

**a. Contractor** Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission by the Bidder. Marking the Bid as "confidential" or "proprietary" on its face or in the document header or footer shall not be considered by the Commissioner or Authorized User to be sufficient without specific justification as to why disclosure of particular information in the Bid would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the Bidder. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the Freedom of Information Law must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures. Properly identified information that has been designated confidential, trade secret, or proprietary by the Bidder will not be disclosed except as may be required by the Freedom of Information Law or other applicable State and federal laws.

**b. Commissioner or Authorized User** Contractor further warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such material that is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information of the Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable New York State laws and regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to take appropriate steps as to its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees regarding the obligations arising under this clause to insure such confidentiality.

**15. RELEASE OF BID EVALUATION MATERIALS** Requests concerning the evaluation of Bids may be submitted under the Freedom of Information Law. Information, other than statistical or

factual tabulations or data such as the Bid Tabulation, shall only be released as required by law after Contract award. Bid Tabulations are not maintained for all procurements. Names of Bidders may be disclosed after Bid opening upon request. Written requests should be directed to the Commissioner.

**16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW** During the evaluation process, the content of each Bid will be held in confidence and details of any Bid will not be revealed (except as may be required under the Freedom of Information Law or other State law). The Freedom of Information Law provides for an exemption from disclosure for trade secrets or information the disclosure of which would cause injury to the competitive position of commercial enterprises. This exception would be effective both during and after the evaluation process. If the Bid contains any such trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information, it must be accompanied in the Bid with a written request to the Commissioner to not disclose such information. Such request must state with particularity the reasons why the information should not be available for disclosure and must be provided at the time of submission of the Bid. Notations in the header, footer or watermark of the Bid Document will not be considered sufficient to constitute a request for non-disclosure of trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information. Where a Freedom of Information request is made for trademark or other confidential or proprietary information, the Commissioner reserves the right to determine upon written notice to the Bidder whether such information qualifies for the exemption for disclosure under the law. Notwithstanding the above, where a Bid tabulation is prepared and Bids publicly opened, such Bid tabulation shall be available upon request.

**17. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS** If any portion of work being Bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the Labor Law, the following shall apply:

**a. “Public Works” and “Building Services” - Definitions**

**i. Public Works** Labor Law Article 8 applies to contracts for public improvement in which laborers, workers or mechanics are employed on a “public works” project (distinguished from public “procurement” or “service” contracts). The State, a public benefit corporation, a municipal corporation (including a school district), or a commission appointed by law must be a party to the Contract. The wage and hours provision applies to any work performed by Contractor or Subcontractors.

**ii. Building Services** Labor Law Article 9 applies to Contracts for building service work over \$1,500 with a public agency, that: (i) involve the care or maintenance of an existing building, or (ii) involve the transportation of office furniture or equipment to or from such building, or (iii) involve the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel to such building, and (iv) the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through use of building service employees.

**b. Prevailing Wage Rate Applicable to Bid Submissions** A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates to be paid or provided are annexed to the Bid Documents. Bidders must submit Bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (i.e., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rate(s) for the location where the work is to be performed. Bidders may not submit Bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. Bids that fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.

**c. Wage Rate Payments / Changes During Contract Term** The wages to be paid under any resulting Contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the Prevailing Wage Rates during the Contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the Contractor on any projects resulting from this Contract, subject to the provisions of the Labor Law. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the Contract term as required by law.

**d. Public Posting & Certified Payroll Records** In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the New York State Labor Law:

**i. Posting** The Contractor must publicly post on the work site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.

**ii. Payroll Records** Contractors and Subcontractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the Contractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work site while work is being performed.

**iii. Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only** Contractors and Subcontractors on public works projects must submit monthly payroll transcripts to the Authorized User that has prepared or directs the preparation of the plans and specifications for a public works project, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. For Mini-Bid solicitations, the payroll records must be submitted to the entity preparing the agency Mini-Bid project specification. For “agency specific” Bids, the payroll records should be submitted to the entity issuing the purchase order. For all other OGS Centralized Contracts, such records should be submitted to the individual agency issuing the purchase order(s) for the work. Upon mutual agreement of the Contractor and the Authorized User, the form of submission may be submitted in a specified disk format acceptable to the Department of Labor provided: 1) the Contractor/Subcontractor retains the original records; and, (2) an original signed letter by a duly authorized individual of the Contractor or Subcontractor attesting to the truth and accuracy of the records accompanies the disk. This provision does not apply to Article 9 of the Labor Law building services contracts.

**iv. Records Retention** Contractors and Subcontractors must preserve such certified transcripts for a period of three years from the date of completion of work on the awarded contract.

**Day’s Labor** Eight hours shall constitute a legal day’s work for all classes of employees in this state except those engaged in farm and domestic service unless otherwise provided by law.

No laborers, workmen or mechanics in the employ of the Contractor, Subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the Contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five calendar days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. “Extraordinary emergency” shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the NYS

Commissioner of Labor for the preservation of the Contract site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the Contract site.

### 18. TAXES

a. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or Contract, the quoted Bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.

b. Purchases made by the State of New York and certain non-State Authorized Users are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State Sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by a State Agency or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such purchases will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the State, an exempt organization under Section 1116 (a) (1) of the Tax Law. Non-State Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption upon request. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.

c. Pursuant to Revised Tax Law 5-a, Contractor will be required to furnish sales tax certification on its behalf and for its affiliates, and subcontractors for Contracts with a value greater than \$100,000 in accordance with provisions of the law.

d. Purchases by Authorized Users other than the State of New York may be subject to certain taxes which were not included in the Bid price, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the Contract price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.

19. **EXPENSES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION** The Commissioner and any Authorized User(s) are not liable for any costs incurred by a Vendor, Bidder or Contractor in the preparation and production of a Bid, Mini-Bid or best and final offers or for any work performed prior to Contract execution.

20. **ADVERTISING RESULTS** The prior written approval of the Commissioner is required in order for results of the Bid to be used by the Contractor as part of any commercial advertising. The Contractor shall also obtain the prior written approval of the Commissioner relative to the Bid or Contract for press or other media releases.

### 21. PRODUCT REFERENCES

a. **“Or Equal”** In all Bid Specifications the words “or equal” are understood to apply where a copyrighted, brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced. References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Commissioner’s decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

b. **Discrepancies in References** In the event of a discrepancy between the model number referenced in the Bid Specifications and the written description of the Products which cannot be reconciled, with respect to such discrepancy, then the written description shall prevail.

22. **REMANUFACTURED, RECYCLED, RECYCLABLE OR RECOVERED MATERIALS** Upon the conditions specified in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled, recyclable or

recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or in the Bid Specifications. Contractors are further encouraged to offer remanufactured Products to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product and unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or by the Bid Specifications. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the “Warranties” set forth below.

Items with recycled, recyclable, recovered, refurbished or remanufactured content must be identified in the Bid or Bidder will be deemed to be offering new Product.

23. **PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS** Bids offering Products that are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

### 24. PRICING

a. **Unit Pricing** If required by the Bid Specifications, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places for each item unless otherwise specified, in the Bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Commissioner, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

b. **Net Pricing** Unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications, prices shall be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications, subject to the cash discount.

c. **“No Charge” Bid** When Bids are requested on a number of Products as a Group or Lot, a Bidder desiring to Bid “no charge” on a Product in the Group or Lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such Bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

d. **Educational Pricing** All Products to be supplied for educational purposes that are subject to educational discounts shall be identified in the Bid and such discounts shall be made available to qualifying institutions.

e. **Third Party Financing** If Product acquisitions are financed through any third party financing, Contractor may be required as a condition of Contract Award to agree to the terms and conditions of a “Consent & Acknowledgment Agreement” in a form acceptable to the Commissioner.

f. **Best Pricing Offer** During the Contract term, if substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a Product is sold by the Contractor outside of this Contract upon the same or similar terms and conditions as that of this Contract at a lower price to a federal, state or local governmental entity, the price under this Contract, at the discretion of the Commissioner, shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

Price decreases shall take effect automatically during the Contract term and apply to Purchase Orders submitted on or after:

(i) **GSA Changes:** Where NYS Net Prices are based on an approved GSA Schedule, the date the approved GSA Schedule pricing decreases during the Contract term; or

(ii) **Commercial Price List Reductions:** Where NYS Net Prices are based on a discount from Contractor’s list prices, the date Contractor

lowers its pricing to its customers generally or to similarly situated government customers during the Contract term; or

**(iii) Special Offers/Promotions Generally:** Where Contractor generally offers more advantageous special price promotions or special discount pricing to other customers during the Contract term for a similar quantity, and the maximum price or discount associated with such offer or promotion is better than the discount or Net Price otherwise available under this Contract, such better price or discount shall apply for similar quantity transactions under this Contract for the life of such general offer or promotion; and

**(iv) Special Offers/Promotions to Authorized Users:** Contractor may offer Authorized Users, under either this Contract or any other Contracting vehicle, competitive pricing which is lower than the NYS Net Price set forth herein at any time during the Contract term and such lower pricing shall not be applied as a global price reduction under the Contract pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (iii).

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, Contractor may offer lower prices or better terms (see Modification of Contract Terms) on any specific Purchase Order(s) from any Authorized User without being in conflict with, or obligation to comply on a global basis, with the terms of this clause.

**g. Best and Final Prices** As specified in the Bid Documents and Contract, a Contractor may be solicited at the time of issuance of a Purchase Order or Mini-Bid award for best and final pricing for the Product or service to be delivered to the Authorized User. Contractors are encouraged to reduce their pricing upon receipt of such request.

## **25. DRAWINGS**

**a. Drawings Submitted With Bid** When the Bid Specifications require the Bidder to furnish drawings and/or plans, such drawings and/or plans shall conform to the mandates of the Bid Documents and shall, when approved by the Commissioner, be considered a part of the Bid and of any resulting Contract. All symbols and other representations appearing on the drawings shall be considered a part of the drawing.

**b. Drawings Submitted During the Contract Term** Where required to develop, maintain and deliver diagrams or other technical schematics regarding the scope of work, Contractor shall do so on an ongoing basis at no additional charge, and must, as a condition of payment, update drawings and plans during the Contract term to reflect additions, alterations, and deletions. Such drawings and diagrams shall be delivered to the Authorized User's representative.

**c. Accuracy of Drawings Submitted** All drawings shall be neat and professional in manner and shall be clearly labeled as to locations and type of product, connections and components. Drawings and diagrams are to be in compliance with accepted drafting standards. Acceptance or approval of such plans shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for design or other errors of any sort in the drawings or plans, or from its responsibility for performing as required, furnishing product, services or installation, or carrying out any other requirements of the intended scope of work.

**26. SITE INSPECTION** Where a site inspection is required by the Bid Specifications or Project Definition, Bidder shall be required to inspect the site, including environmental or other conditions for pre-existing deficiencies that may affect the installed Product, equipment, or environment or services to be provided and, which may affect Bidder's ability to properly deliver, install or otherwise provide the required Product. All inquiries regarding such conditions shall be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions which such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed. Bidder must provide a detailed explanation with its Bid if

additional work is required under this clause in order to properly complete the delivery and installation of the required Product or provide the requested service.

**27. PROCUREMENT CARD** The State has entered into an agreement for purchasing card services. The Purchasing Card enables Authorized Users to make authorized purchases directly from a Contractor without processing a Purchase Order or Purchase Authorizations. Purchasing Cards are issued to selected employees authorized to purchase for the Authorized User and having direct contact with Contractors. Cardholders can make purchases directly from any Contractor that accepts the Purchasing Card.

The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased products have been shipped or services performed. Unless the cardholder requests correction or replacement of a defective or faulty Product in accordance with other Contract requirements, the Contractor shall immediately credit a cardholder's account for products returned as defective or faulty.

## **28. SAMPLES**

**a. Standard Samples** Bid Specifications may indicate that the Product to be purchased must be equal to a standard sample on display in a place designated by the Commissioner and such sample will be made available to the Bidder for examination prior to the opening date. Failure by the Bidder to examine such sample shall not entitle the Bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed by the Bid Specifications.

**b. Bidder Supplied Samples** The Commissioner reserves the right to request from the Bidder/Contractor a representative sample(s) of the Product offered at any time prior to or after award of a contract. Unless otherwise instructed, samples shall be furnished within the time specified in the request. Untimely submission of a sample may constitute grounds for rejection of Bid or cancellation of the Contract. Samples must be submitted free of charge and be accompanied by the Bidder's name and address, any descriptive literature relating to the Product and a statement indicating how and where the sample is to be returned. Where applicable, samples must be properly labeled with the appropriate Bid or Contract reference.

A sample may be held by the Commissioner during the entire term of the Contract and for a reasonable period thereafter for comparison with deliveries. At the conclusion of the holding period the sample, where feasible, will be returned as instructed by the Bidder, at the Bidder's expense and risk. Where the Bidder has failed to fully instruct the Commissioner as to the return of the sample (i.e., mode and place of return, etc.) or refuses to bear the cost of its return, the sample shall become the sole property of the receiving entity at the conclusion of the holding period.

**c. Enhanced Samples** When an approved sample exceeds the minimum specifications, all Product delivered must be of the same enhanced quality and identity as the sample. Thereafter, in the event of a Contractor's default, the Commissioner may procure a Product substantially equal to the enhanced sample from other sources, charging the Contractor for any additional costs incurred.

**d. Conformance with Sample(s)** Submission of a sample (whether or not such sample is tested by, or for, the Commissioner) and approval thereof shall not relieve the Contractor from full compliance with all terms and conditions, performance related and otherwise, specified in the Bid Specifications. If in the judgment of the Commissioner the sample or product submitted is not in accordance with the specifications or testing requirements prescribed in the Bid

Specifications, the Commissioner may reject the Bid. If an award has been made, the Commissioner may cancel the Contract at the expense of the Contractor.

**e. Testing** All samples are subject to tests in the manner and place designated by the Commissioner, either prior to or after Contract award. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, Bidder samples consumed or rendered useless by testing will not be returned to the Bidder. Testing costs for samples that fails to meet Contract requirements may be at the expense of the Contractor.

**f. Requests For Samples By Authorized Users** Requests for samples by Authorized Users require the consent of the Contractor. Where Contractor refuses to furnish a sample, Authorized User may, in its sole discretion, make a determination on the performance capability of the Product or on the issue in question.

### **BID EVALUATION**

**29. BID EVALUATION** The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, or separable portions of offers, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Commissioner determines the best interests of the State will be served. The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague Bids and his/her decision shall be final. A conditional or revocable Bid which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance may be considered, and Contract award may be made in compliance with the Bidder's conditional or revocable terms in the offer.

**30. CONDITIONAL BID** Unless the Bid Specifications provides otherwise, a Bid is not rendered non-responsive if the Bidder specifies that the award will be accepted only on all or a specified group of items or Product included in the specification. It is understood that nothing herein shall be deemed to change or alter the method of award contained in the Bid Documents.

**31. CLARIFICATIONS / REVISIONS** Prior to award, the Commissioner reserves the right to seek clarifications, request Bid revisions, or to request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of Bids from all Bidders deemed to be eligible for Contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the Bid.

**32. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS** While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low Bid, the Commissioner may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving Bids which are otherwise tied. However, any notation indicating that the price is net, (e.g., net 30 days), shall be understood to mean only that no prompt payment discount is offered by the Bidder. The imposition of service, interest, or other charges, except pursuant to the provisions of Article 11-A of the State Finance Law, which are applicable in any case, may render the Bid non-responsive and may be cause for its rejection.

**33. EQUIVALENT OR IDENTICAL BIDS** In the event two offers are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent Bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Commissioner to award a Contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

**34. PERFORMANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS** The Commissioner reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether or not the Product, services,

qualifications or facilities offered by the Bidder/Contractor meet the requirements set forth in the Bid Specifications/Contract or as set forth during Contract negotiations. Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible and responsive. A Bidder/Contractor must be prepared, if requested by the Commissioner, to present evidence of legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, organizational and financial capacity as well as where applicable, a statement as to supply, plant, machinery and capacity of the manufacturer or source for the production, distribution and servicing of the Product offered/Bid. If the Commissioner determines that the conditions and terms of the Bid Documents, Bid Specifications or Contract are not complied with, or that items, services or Product proposed to be furnished do not meet the specified requirements, or that the legal authority, integrity experience, ability, prior performance, organization and financial capacity or facilities are not satisfactory, the Commissioner may reject such Bid or terminate the Contract.

**35. DISQUALIFICATION FOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND FINDINGS OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY** Bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if Bidder, or anyone in Bidder's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public Bidding or contracts or is deemed non-responsive.

**36. QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD** The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity Contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Bid Specifications. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting Bid Specifications will be advised of the revised quantities and afforded an opportunity to extend or reduce its Bid price in relation to the changed quantities. Refusal by the low Bidder to so extend or reduce its Bid price may result in the rejection of its Bid and the award of such Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who accepts the revised qualifications.

**37. TIMEFRAME FOR OFFERS** The Commissioner reserves the right to make awards within sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid opening or such other period of time as set forth in the Bid Documents, during which period, Bids must remain firm and cannot be withdrawn. Pursuant to Section 163(9)(e) of the State Finance Law and Section 2-205 of the Uniform Commercial Code when applicable, where an award is not made within the sixty (60) day period or other time specified as set forth in the Bid Documents, the Bids shall remain firm until such later time as either a Contract is awarded or the Bidder delivers to the Commissioner written notice of the withdrawal of its Bid. Any Bid which expressly states therein that acceptance must be made within a shorter specified time, may at the sole discretion of the Commissioner, be accepted or rejected.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**38. CONTRACT CREATION / EXECUTION** Except for contracts governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law, subject to and upon receipt of all required approvals as set forth in the Bid Specifications a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidder(s), upon the Commissioner's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the Bid/Contract of: (i) the final Contract Award Notice; (ii) a fully executed Contract; or (iii) a Purchase Order authorized by the Commissioner.

**39. PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS** The following shall not limit or inhibit the OGS Commissioner's authority under State Finance Law, Section 163 (10) (e) (Piggybacking):

**a. Agencies** All State Agencies may utilize and purchase under any state Centralized Contract let by the Commissioner, unless the Bid Documents limit purchases to specific State Agencies.

**b. Non-State Agency Authorized Users** Authorized Users other than State Agencies are permitted to make purchases through state Centralized Contracts where permitted by law, the Contract or the Commissioner.

**c. Voluntary Extension** Purchase Orders issued against a State Centralized Contract by any Authorized User not provided for in the Bid Specifications shall be honored by the Contractor at its discretion and only with the approval of the OGS Commissioner and any other approvals required by law. Contractors are encouraged to voluntarily extend service Contracts to those additional entities authorized to utilize commodity Contracts under Section 163 (3) (iv) of the State Finance Law.

**d. Responsibility for Performance** Participation in state Centralized Contracts by Authorized Users is permitted upon the following conditions: (i) the responsibility with regard to performance of any contractual obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by any Authorized User other than State Agencies shall be borne and is expressly assumed by such Authorized User and not by the State; (ii) a breach of the Contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the Contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the Contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting non-breaching Authorized Users, whether State or otherwise; (iii) for a breach by an Authorized User other than a State Agency, the State specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such breach; and (iv) each non-state agency Authorized User and Contractor guarantees to save the State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by their failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the Contract.

**e. Contract Migration** Authorized Users holding individual Contracts with a Contractor at the time that Contractor is awarded a Centralized Contract for the same Products or services shall be permitted to migrate to that Centralized Contract effective with its commencement date. Such migration shall not operate to diminish, alter or eliminate any right that the Authorized User otherwise had under the terms and conditions of their individual Contract.

**40. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS** The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized User(s) under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Commissioner and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer Authorized User(s) more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User(s) and Commissioner by the Contractor at the time of such offer.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User(s) than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against Authorized User(s) unless authorized by the Commissioner or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to, attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed

order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, purchase orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized User's subsequent acceptance of Product, or that Authorized User has subsequently processed such document for approval or payment.

**41. SCOPE CHANGES** The Commissioner reserves the right, unilaterally, to require, by written order, changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the Bid Specifications, such changes to be within the general scope of the Contract. The Commissioner may make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the consent of the Contractor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**42. ESTIMATED / SPECIFIC QUANTITY CONTRACTS** Estimated quantity contracts are expressly agreed and understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the Contract term. No guarantee of any quantity(s) is implied or given. Purchases by Authorized Users from Contracts for services and technology are voluntary.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the contract, the Commissioner reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner may purchase greater or lesser percentages of Contract quantities should the Commissioner and Contractor so agree. Such agreement may include an equitable price adjustment.

**43. EMERGENCY CONTRACTS** In the event that a disaster emergency is declared by Executive Order under Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, or the Commissioner determines pursuant to his/her authority under Section 163 (10) (b) of the State Finance Law that an emergency exists requiring the prompt and immediate delivery of Product, the Commissioner reserves the right to obtain such Product from any source, including but not limited to this Contract(s), as the Commissioner in his/her sole discretion determines will meet the needs of such emergency. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or lost profits for Product procured from other sources pursuant to this paragraph. The reasons underlying the finding that an emergency exists shall be included in the procurement record.

**44. PURCHASE ORDERS** Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commissioner, no Product is to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User. Unless terminated or cancelled pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor when placed in the mail or electronically transmitted prior to the termination of the contract period, addressed to the Contractor at the address for receipt of orders set forth in the Contract or in the Contract Award Notification.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to Contracts let by the Commissioner must bear the appropriate Contract number and, if necessary, required State approvals. As deemed necessary, the Authorized User may confirm pricing and other Product information with the Contractor prior to placement of the Purchase Order. The State reserves the right to require any other information from the Contractor which the State deems necessary in order to complete any Purchase Order placed under the Contract. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against Centralized Contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the vendor's order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the Contract terms shall be resolved in favor of

the terms most favorable to the Authorized User. Should an Authorized User add written terms and conditions to the Purchase Order that conflict with the terms and conditions of the Contract, the Contractor has the option of rejecting the Purchase Order within five business days of its receipt but shall first attempt to negotiate the additional written terms and conditions in good faith with the Authorized User, or fulfill the Purchase Order. Notwithstanding the above, the Authorized User reserves the right to dispute any discrepancies arising from the presentation of additional terms and conditions with the Contractor.

If, with respect to an Agency Specific Contract let by the OGS Commissioner, a Purchase Order is not received by the Contractor within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify in writing the appropriate purchasing officer in OGS. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the OGS Commissioner and without cost to the State, result in the cancellation of such requirement by the OGS Commissioner with a corresponding reduction in the Contract quantity and price.

**45. PRODUCT DELIVERY** Delivery must be made as ordered to the address specified on the Purchase Order and in accordance with the terms of the Contract or Contract Award Notice. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, delivery shall be made within thirty calendar days after receipt of a Purchase Order by the Contractor. The decision of the Commissioner as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final. The burden of proof for delay in receipt of Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commissioner and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Authorized User. Failure to meet such delivery time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Commissioner's discretion, the Contract.

**46. WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DELIVERIES** Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or by an Authorized User, deliveries will be scheduled for ordinary business hours, Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays observed by the State of New York). Deliveries may be scheduled by mutual agreement for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the State of New York where the Product is for daily consumption, an emergency exists, the delivery is a replacement, delivery is late, or other reasonable circumstance in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

**47. SHIPPING/RECEIPT OF PRODUCT**

**a. Packaging** Tangible Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without any extra charges for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the Authorized User unless otherwise specified in the Contract documents.

**b. Shipping Charges** Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, all deliveries shall be deemed to be freight on board (F.O.B.) destination tailgate delivery at the dock of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. Shipping point plus transportation charges shall not relieve the

Contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized User's payment of transportation charges. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the Bill of Lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments.

**c. Receipt of Product** The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to personnel authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Authorized User. Any losses resulting from the Contractor's failure to deliver Product to authorized personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

**48. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS** Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title or other property interest, risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Bid Specifications or Purchase Order. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g., signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product that is substandard or does not comply with the Bid Specifications or Contract terms and conditions, may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Commissioner.

**49. RE-WEIGHING PRODUCT** Deliveries are subject to re-weighing at the point of destination by the Authorized User. If shrinkage occurs which exceeds that normally allowable in the trade, the Authorized User shall have the option to require delivery of the difference in quantity or to reduce the payment accordingly. Such option shall be exercised in writing by the Authorized User.

**50. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION** In the event a specified manufacturer's Product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Savings/Force Majeure Clause) a Product deemed in writing by the Commissioner to be equal to or better than the specified Product must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of Product prior to the Commissioner's written approval may be cause for cancellation of Contract.

**51. REJECTED PRODUCT** When Product is rejected, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the Authorized User within ten calendar days of notification of rejection by the Authorized User. Upon notification of rejection, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming Product shall remain with Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten calendar days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of Product as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition after the ten-calendar day period.

**52. INSTALLATION** Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the Product in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects that would mar the appearance of the Product or render it structurally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or place the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or site. Work shall be

performed to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User(s) and with proper consideration for the rights of other Contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other Contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

**53. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PARTS / COMPONENTS**

Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute Product or parts or components of the Product under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted Products shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new parts and components set forth in the Contract including Warranties, as set forth in the Additional Warranties Clause herein. Replaced or repaired Product or parts and components of such Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturer's component or part. Remanufactured parts or components meeting new Product standards may be permitted by the Commissioner or Authorized User. Before installation, all proposed substitutes for the original manufacturer's installed parts or components must be approved by the Authorized User. The part or component shall be equal to or of better quality than the original part or component being replaced.

**54. ON-SITE STORAGE** With the written approval of the Authorized User, materials, equipment or supplies may be stored at the Authorized User's site at the Contractor's sole risk.

**55. EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS & AGENTS** All employees, Subcontractors or agents performing work under the Contract must be trained staff or technicians who meet or exceed the professional, technical and training qualifications set forth in the Bid Specifications or the Bid Documents, whichever is more restrictive, and must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Authorized User. The Commissioner reserves the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee, Subcontractor or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause based on, including but not limited to, professional, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized User's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract terms. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject and/or bar from the facility for cause any employee, Subcontractor, or agents of the Contractor.

**56. ASSIGNMENT** The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any other person, company, firm or corporation in performance of the contract without the prior written consent of the Commissioner or Authorized User (as applicable). Failure to obtain consent to assignment from the Authorized User shall revoke and annul such Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State shall not hinder, prevent or affect assignment of money by a Contractor for the benefit of its creditors. Prior to a consent to assignment of monies becoming effective, the Contractor shall file a written notice of such monies assignment(s) with the Comptroller. Prior to a consent to assignment of a Contract, or portion thereof, becoming effective, the Contractor shall submit the request to assignment to the Commissioner and seek written agreement from the Commissioner which will be filed with the Comptroller. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed assignee in his/her discretion.

Upon notice to the Contractor, the Contract may be assigned without the consent of the Contractor to another State Agency or subdivision of the State pursuant to a governmental reorganization or assignment

of functions under which the functions are transferred to a successor Agency or to another Agency that assumes OGS responsibilities for the Contract.

**57. SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS** The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed Subcontractor or supplier for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: they are on the Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Commissioner determines that the company is not qualified; the Commissioner determines that the company is not responsible; the company has previously provided unsatisfactory work or services; the company failed to solicit minority and women's business enterprises (M/WBE) Bidders as required by prior Contracts.

**58. PERFORMANCE / BID BOND** The Commissioner reserves the right to require a Bidder or Contractor to furnish without additional cost, a performance, payment or Bid bond or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the Contract. Where required, such bond or other security shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

**59. SUSPENSION OF WORK** The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, in the best interests of the Authorized User. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze or reduction on State spending, declaration of emergency, contract compliance issues or other such circumstances. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor is not to accept any Purchase Orders, and shall comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

An Authorized User may issue a formal written notice for the suspension of work for which it has engaged the Contractor for reasons specified in the above paragraph. The written notice shall set forth the reason for such suspension and a copy of the written notice shall be provided to the Commissioner.

**60. TERMINATION**

**a. For Cause:** For a material breach that remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days or other specified period after written notice to the Contractor, the Contract or Purchase Order may be terminated by the Commissioner or Authorized User at the Contractor's expense where Contractor becomes unable or incapable of performing, or meeting any requirements or qualifications set forth in the Contract, or for non-performance, or upon a determination that Contractor is non-responsible. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Commissioner or Authorized User may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

**b. For Convenience:** By written notice, this Contract may be terminated at any time by the State for convenience upon sixty (60) days written notice or other specified period without penalty or other early termination charges due. Such termination of the Contract shall not affect any project or Purchase Order that has been issued under the Contract prior to the date of such termination. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this subdivision, the Authorized User shall remain liable for all accrued but unpaid charges incurred through the date of the termination. Contractor shall use due diligence and provide any outstanding deliverables.

**c. For Violation of the Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law:** The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Bidder in accordance with Section 139-k of the State Finance Law was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.

**d. For Violation of Revised Tax Law 5a:** The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with §5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the Contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor.

**61. SAVINGS/FORCE MAJEURE** A force majeure occurrence is an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to, acts of God, acts of war, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, explosions, actions of the elements, floods, or other similar causes beyond the control of the Contractor or the Commissioner in the performance of the Contract which non- performance, by exercise of reasonable diligence, cannot be prevented. Contractor shall provide the Commissioner with written notice of any force majeure occurrence as soon as the delay is known.

Neither the Contractor nor the Commissioner shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance under the Contract due to a force majeure occurrence. Any such delay in or failure of performance shall not constitute default or give rise to any liability for damages. The existence of such causes of such delay or failure shall extend the period for performance to such extent as determined by the Contractor and the Commissioner to be necessary to enable complete performance by the Contractor if reasonable diligence is exercised after the cause of delay or failure has been removed.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Commissioner where the delay or failure will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Authorized Users, the Commissioner may:

**a.** Accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor. The Contractor, however, hereby agrees to grant preferential treatment to Authorized Users with respect to Product subjected to allocation; and/or

**b.** Purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantities without penalty or liability to the State; or

**c.** Terminate the Contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the Contract or the relative part thereof.

In addition, the Commissioner reserves the right, in his/her sole discretion, to make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms and/or pricing should extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace affect pricing or the availability of supply. "Extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace" is defined as market circumstances which meet the following criteria: (i) the volatility is due to causes outside the control of Contractor; (ii) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of supply; (iii) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial; and (iv) the volatility so affects Contractor's performance

that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss.

**62. CONTRACT BILLINGS** Contractor and the distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billings for Authorized Users must contain all information required by the Contract and the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller shall render payment for Authorized User purchases, and such payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. Payment of Contract purchases made by Authorized Users, other than Agencies, shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User.

Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Commissioner from reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the Contract or where the billing was inaccurate.

Contractor shall provide, upon request of the Commissioner, any and all information necessary to verify the accuracy of the billings. Such information shall be provided in the format requested by the Commissioner and in a media commercially available from the Contractor. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to provide the information to the State Comptroller or to any Authorized User of the Contract.

**63. DEFAULT – AUTHORIZED USER**

**a.** Breach of Authorized User Not Breach of Centralized Contract. An Authorized User's breach shall not be deemed a breach of the Centralized Contract, rather it shall be deemed a breach of the Authorized User's performance under the terms and conditions of the Centralized Contract.

**b.** Failure to Make Payment. In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 60 days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon 10 days advance written notice to both the Commissioner and the Authorized User's purchasing official, suspend additional shipments of Product or provision of services to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future Contract payments.

**c.** Notice of Breach. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 days prior to declaring a breach of Contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Commissioner and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared.

**d.** It is understood, however, that if the Contractor's basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractor's declaration of breach and failure to service an Authorized User shall constitute a breach of its Contract and the Authorized User may thereafter seek any remedy available at law or equity.

**64. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS**

**a. State Agencies** The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by Agency may be made in accordance with Article 11-A of the State Finance Law (SFL §179-d et. Seq.) and Title 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 18 (Implementation of Prompt Payment Legislation -2 NYCRR §18.1 et seq.).

**b. By Non-State Agencies** The terms of Article 11-A apply only to procurements by and the consequent payment obligations of Agencies. Neither expressly nor by any implication is the statute applicable to Non-State Authorized Users. Neither OGS nor the State Comptroller is responsible for payments on any purchases made by a Non-State Agency Authorized User.

**c. By Contractor** Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the State hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the State Finance Law.

**65. REMEDIES FOR BREACH** It is understood and agreed that all rights and remedies afforded below shall be in addition to all remedies or actions otherwise authorized or permitted by law:

**a. Cover/Substitute Performance** In the event of Contractor's material breach, the Commissioner may, with or without formally Bidding: (i) Purchase from other sources; or (ii) If the Commissioner is unsuccessful after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then existing, to timely obtain acceptable service or acquire replacement Product of equal or comparable quality, the Commissioner may acquire acceptable replacement Product of lesser or greater quality.

Such purchases may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be deducted from the Contract quantity and payments due Contractor.

**b. Withhold Payment** In any case where a question of non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Commissioner. Should the amount withheld be finally paid, a cash discount originally offered may be taken as if no delay in payment had occurred.

**c. Bankruptcy** In the event that the Contractor files a petition under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code during the term of this Centralized Contract, Authorized Users may, at their discretion, make application to exercise its right to set-off against monies due the Debtor or, under the Doctrine of Recoupment, credit the Authorized User the amounts owed by the Contractor arising out of the same transactions.

**d. Reimbursement of Costs Incurred** The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable services, and/or replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the Contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the Authorized User in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the Contract, the ordering Authorized User may rent substitute equipment temporarily. Any sums expended for such rental shall, upon demand, be reimbursed to the Authorized User promptly by the Contractor or deducted by the Authorized User from payments due or to become due the Contractor on the same or another transaction.

**e. Deduction/Credit** Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the Authorized User the amount of such claim

or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, liquidated damages, etc., which arise from the administration of the Contract.

**66. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM** Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all its claims for overcharges associated with this Contract which may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USC Section 1, et. seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, General Business Law Section 340, et. seq.

**67. TOXIC SUBSTANCES** Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance as defined by Section 875 of the Labor Law, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a material safety data sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the Labor Law.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the Authorized User agency representative.

**68. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR** It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent Contractor, and in no manner shall they be deemed employees of the Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment. The Contractor agrees, during the term of this Contract, to maintain at Contractor's expense those benefits to which its employees would otherwise be entitled by law, including health benefits, and all necessary insurance for its employees, including worker's compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and to provide the Authorized User with certification of such insurance upon request. The Contractor remains responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and all FICA contributions.

**69. SECURITY** Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that it will comply fully with all security procedures of the Authorized User(s) in performance of the Contract including but not limited to physical, facility, documentary and cyber security rules, procedures and protocols.

**70. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES** The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party, including but not limited to other Contractors or Subcontractors of the Authorized User, as necessary to ensure delivery of Product or coordination of performance of services.

**71. CONTRACT TERM - RENEWAL** In addition to any stated renewal periods in the Contract, any Contract or unit portion thereof let by the Commissioner may be extended by the Commissioner for an additional period(s) of up to one year with the written concurrence of the Contractor and Comptroller. Such extension may be exercised on a month to month basis or in other stated periods of time during the one year extension.

**72. ADDITIONAL WARRANTIES** Where Contractor, product manufacturer or service provider generally offers additional or more advantageous warranties than set forth below, Contractor shall offer or pass through any such warranties to Authorized Users. Contractor hereby warrants and represents:

**a. Product Performance** Contractor warrants and represents that Products delivered pursuant to this Contract conform to the manufacturer's specifications, performance standards and documentation, and the documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products.

**b. Title and Ownership Warranty** Contractor warrants, represents and conveys (i) full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or (ii) the right to transfer or deliver perpetual license rights to any Products transferred to Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor fully indemnifies the Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.

**c. Contractor Compliance** Contractor represents and warrants to pay, at its sole expense, for all applicable permits, licenses, tariffs, tolls and fees to give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the Bid/Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, insurance coverage, licensing, proof of coverage for worker's compensation, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to do so may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

**d. Product Warranty** Unless recycled or recovered materials are available in accordance with the "Recycled or Recovered Materials" clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model or most recent release of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; and no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.

Contractor further warrants and represents that components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor shall individually, and where specified and furnished as a system, be substantially uninterrupted or error-free in operation and guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for the warranty period, or for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of acceptance, whichever is longer ("Project warranty period"). During the Project warranty period, defects in the materials or workmanship of components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor shall be repaired or replaced by Contractor at no cost or expense to the Authorized User. Contractor shall extend the Project warranty period for individual component(s), or for the System as a whole, as applicable, by the cumulative period(s) of time, after notification, during which an individual component or the System requires servicing or replacement (down time) or is in the possession of the Contractor, its agents, officers, Subcontractors, distributors, resellers or employees ("extended warranty").

Where Contractor, the Independent Software Vendor "ISV," or other third party manufacturer markets any Project Deliverable delivered by or through Contractor with a standard commercial warranty, such standard warranty shall be in addition to, and not relieve the Contractor from, Contractor's warranty obligations during the project warranty and extended warranty period(s). Where such standard commercial warranty covers all or some of the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s), Contractor shall be responsible for the coordination during the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s) with ISV or other third party manufacturer(s) for warranty repair or replacement of ISV or other third party manufacturer's Product.

Where Contractor, ISV or other third party manufacturer markets any Project Deliverable with a standard commercial warranty which goes

beyond the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s), Contractor shall notify the Authorized User and pass through the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty to Authorized User at no additional charge; provided, however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for coordinating services under the third party extended warranty after expiration of the Project warranty and extended warranty period(s).

**e. Replacement Parts Warranty** If during the regular or extended warranty period's faults develop, the Contractor shall promptly repair or, upon demand, replace the defective unit or component part affected. All costs for labor and material and transportation incurred to repair or replace defective Product during the warranty period shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the State or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefor.

Any part of component replaced by the Contractor under the Contract warranty shall be replaced at no cost to the Authorized User and guaranteed for the greater of: a) the warranty period under paragraph (d) above; or b) if a separate warranty for that part or component is generally offered by the manufacturer, the standard commercial warranty period offered by the manufacturer for the individual part or component.

**f. Virus Warranty** The Contractor represents and warrants that Licensed Software contains no known viruses. Contractor is not responsible for viruses introduced at Licensee's site.

**g. Date/Time Warranty** Contractor warrants that Product(s) furnished pursuant to this Contract shall, when used in accordance with the Product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a Contractor proposes or an acquisition requires that specific Products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the Products as a system.

Where Contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, ii) maintenance or support services, iii) data entry or processing, or iv) contract administration services (e.g., billing, invoicing, claim processing), Contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of Contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or untimely performance resulting therefrom, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.

This Date/Time Warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of this contract through: a) ninety (90) days or b) the Contractor's or Product manufacturer/developer's stated date/time warranty term, whichever is longer. Nothing in this warranty statement shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this Contract for breach of warranty.

**h. Workmanship Warranty** Contract warrants that all components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor under the Project Definition/Work Order meet the completion criteria set forth in the Project Definition/Work Order and any subsequent statement(s) of work, and that services will be provided in a workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards.

**i. Survival of Warranties** All warranties contained in this Contract shall survive the termination of this Contract.

**73. LEGAL COMPLIANCE** Contractor represents and warrants that it shall secure all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the Bid and Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, licensing, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to comply or failure to provide proof may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend the Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner. Contractor also agrees to disclose information and provide affirmations and certifications to comply with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law.

**74. INDEMNIFICATION** Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the Authorized Users from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the Authorized Users.

**75. INDEMNIFICATION RELATING TO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS** The Contractor will also indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs that may be finally assessed against the Authorized Users in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or other third party proprietary right except to the extent such claims arise from the Authorized Users gross negligence or willful misconduct, provided that the State shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor.

If usage shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Authorized User the right to continue Usage (ii) to modify the service or Product so that Usage becomes non-infringing, and is of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said service or Product or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing service or Product of at least equal quality and performance. If the above remedies are not available, the parties shall terminate the Contract, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable, provided the Authorized User is given a refund for any amounts paid for the period during which Usage was not feasible.

The foregoing provisions as to protection from third party rights shall not apply to any infringement occasioned by modification by the Authorized User of any Product without Contractor's approval.

In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim that the Authorized User's use of the service or Product under the Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the

Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and secure a continuance to permit the Authorized User to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the Authorized User may have. This constitutes the Authorized User's sole and exclusive remedy for patent infringement, or for infringement of any other third party proprietary right.

**76. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** Except as otherwise set forth in the Indemnification Paragraphs above, the limit of liability shall be as follows:

a. Contractor's liability for any claim, loss or liability arising out of, or connected with the Products and services provided, and whether based upon default, or other liability such as breach of contract, warranty, negligence, misrepresentation or otherwise, shall in no case exceed direct damages in: (i) an amount equal to two (2) times the charges specified in the Purchase Order for the Products and services, or parts thereof forming the basis of the Authorized User's claim, (said amount not to exceed a total of twelve (12) months charges payable under the applicable Purchase Order) or (ii) one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater.

b. The Authorized User may retain such monies from any amount due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, costs and the like asserted against the Authorized User unless Contractor at the time of the presentation of claim shall demonstrate to the Authorized User's satisfaction that sufficient monies are set aside by the Contractor in the form of a bond or through insurance coverage to cover associated damages and other costs.

c. Notwithstanding the above, neither the Contractor nor the Authorized User shall be liable for any consequential, indirect or special damages of any kind which may result directly or indirectly from such performance, including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or loss of profit by the Authorized User, the Contractor, or by others.

**77. INSURANCE** Contractor shall secure and maintain insurance coverage as specified in the Bid Documents and shall promptly provide documentation of specified coverages to the Authorized User. If specified, the Contractor may be required to add the Authorized User as an additional insured.

**THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES PERTAIN TO TECHNOLOGY & NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS**

**78. SOFTWARE LICENSE GRANT** Where Product is acquired on a licensed basis the following shall constitute the license grant:

a. **License Scope** Licensee is granted a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, or merge the Product within its business enterprise in the United States up to the maximum licensed capacity stated on the Purchase Order. Product may be accessed, used, executed, reproduced, displayed or performed up to the capacity measured by the applicable licensing unit stated on the Purchase Order (i.e., payroll size, number of employees, CPU, MIPS, MSU, concurrent user, workstation). Licensee shall have the right to use and distribute modifications or customizations of the Product to and for use by any Authorized Users otherwise licensed to use the Product, provided that any modifications, however extensive, shall not diminish Licensor's proprietary title or interest. No license, right or

interest in any trademark, trade name, or service mark is granted hereunder.

**b. License Term** The license term shall commence upon the License Effective Date, provided, however, that where an acceptance or trial period applies to the Product, the License Term shall be extended by the time period for testing, acceptance or trial.

**c. Licensed Documentation** If commercially available, Licensee shall have the option to require the Contractor to deliver, at Contractor's expense: (i) one (1) hard copy and one (1) master electronic copy of the Documentation in a mutually agreeable format; (ii) based on hard copy instructions for access by downloading from the Internet (iii) hard copies of the Product Documentation by type of license in the following amounts, unless otherwise mutually agreed:

- Individual/Named User License - one (1) copy per License
- Concurrent Users - 10 copies per site
- Processing Capacity - 10 copies per site

Software media must be in a format specified by the Authorized User, without requiring any type of conversion.

Contractor hereby grants to Licensee a perpetual license right to make, reproduce (including downloading electronic copies of the Product) and distribute, either electronically or otherwise, copies of Product Documentation as necessary to enjoy full use of the Product in accordance with the terms of license.

**d. Product Technical Support & Maintenance** Licensee shall have the option of electing the Product technical support and maintenance ("maintenance") set forth in the Contract by giving written notice to Contractor any time during the Centralized Contract term. Maintenance term(s) and any renewal(s) thereof are independent of the expiration of the Centralized Contract term and will not automatically renew.

Maintenance shall include, at a minimum, (i) the provision of error corrections, updates, revisions, fixes, upgrade and new releases to Licensee, and (ii) Help Desk assistance with locally accessible "800" or toll free, local telephone service, or alternatively on-line Help Desk accessibility. Contractor shall maintain the Products so as to provide Licensee with the ability to utilize the Products in accordance with the Product documentation without significant functional downtime to its ongoing business operations during the maintenance term.

Authorized User shall not be required to purchase maintenance for use of Product, and may discontinue maintenance at the end of any current maintenance term upon notice to Contractor. In the event that Authorized User does not initially acquire or discontinues maintenance of licensed Product, it may, at any time thereafter, reinstate maintenance for Product without any additional penalties or other charges, by paying Contractor the amount which would have been due under the Contract for the period of time that such maintenance had lapsed, at then current NYS net maintenance rates.

**e. Permitted License Transfers** As Licensee's business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, licenses granted hereunder may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated site not originally specified in the license, including transfers between Agencies ("permitted license transfers"). Licensee(s) do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for permitted license transfers, but must give thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor of such move(s) and certify in writing that the Product is not in use at the prior site. There shall be no additional

license or other transfer fees due Contractor, provided that: i) the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is equal to the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site (e.g., named users, seats, or MIPS); or ii) if the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the individual license capacity being transferred, a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting access will be maintained within the computer system so as to restrict use and access to the Product to that unit of licensed capacity solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In the event that the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site, and a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting use is not available, the fees due Contractor shall not exceed the fees otherwise payable for a single license for the upgrade capacity.

**f. Restricted Use By Outsourcers / Facilities Management, Service Bureaus / or Other Third Parties** Outsourcers, facilities management or service bureaus retained by Licensee shall have the right to use the Product to maintain Licensee's business operations, including data processing, for the time period that they are engaged in such activities, provided that: 1) Licensee gives notice to Contractor of such party, site of intended use of the Product, and means of access; and 2) such party has executed, or agrees to execute, the Product manufacturer's standard nondisclosure or restricted use agreement which executed agreement shall be accepted by the Contractor ("Non-Disclosure Agreement"); and 3) if such party is engaged in the business of facility management, outsourcing, service bureau or other services, such third party will maintain a logical or physical partition within its computer system so as to restrict use and access to the program to that portion solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In no event shall Licensee assume any liability for third party's compliance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, nor shall the Non-Disclosure Agreement create or impose any liabilities on the State or Licensee.

Any third party with whom a Licensee has a relationship for a state function or business operation, shall have the temporary right to use Product (e.g., JAVA Applets), provided that such use shall be limited to the time period during which the third party is using the Product for the function or business activity.

**g. Archival Back-Up and Disaster Recovery** Licensee may use and copy the Product and related Documentation in connection with: i) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product for archival backup and disaster recovery procedures in the event of destruction or corruption of the Product or disasters or emergencies which require Licensee to restore backup(s) or to initiate disaster recovery procedures for its platform or operating systems; ii) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product and related Documentation for cold site storage. "Cold Site" storage shall be defined as a restorable back-up copy of the Product not to be installed until and after the declaration by the Licensee of a disaster; iii) reproducing a back-up copy of the Product to run for a reasonable period of time in conjunction with a documented consolidation or transfer otherwise allowed herein. "Disaster Recovery" shall be defined as the installation and storage of Product in ready-to-execute, back-up computer systems prior to disaster or breakdown which is not used for active production or development.

**h. Confidentiality Restrictions** The Product is a trade secret, copyrighted and proprietary product. Licensee and its employees will keep the Product strictly confidential, and Licensee will not disclose or otherwise distribute or reproduce any Product to anyone other than as

authorized under the terms of Contract. Licensee will not remove or destroy any proprietary markings of Contractor.

**i. Restricted Use by Licensee** Except as expressly authorized by the terms of license, Licensee shall not:

- (i) Copy the Product;
- (ii) Cause or permit reverse compilation or reverse assembly of all or any portion of the Product;
- (iii) Export the Licensed Software in violation of any U.S. Department of Commerce export administration regulations.

**79. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE** Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User(s) shall have thirty (30) days from the date of delivery to accept hardware products and sixty (60) days from the date of delivery to accept all other Product. Where the Contractor is responsible for installation, acceptance shall be from completion of installation. Failure to provide notice of acceptance or rejection or a deficiency statement to the Contractor by the end of the period provided for under this clause constitutes acceptance by the Authorized User(s) as of the expiration of that period. The License Term shall be extended by the time periods allowed for trial use, testing and acceptance unless the Commissioner or Authorized User agrees to accept the Product at completion of trial use.

Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User shall have the option to run testing on the Product prior to acceptance, such tests and data sets to be specified by User. Where using its own data or tests, Authorized User must have the tests or representative set of data available upon delivery. This demonstration will take the form of a documented installation test, capable of observation by the Authorized User, and shall be made part of the Contractor's standard documentation. The test data shall remain accessible to the Authorized User after completion of the test.

In the event that the documented installation test cannot be completed successfully within the specified acceptance period, and the Contractor or Product is responsible for the delay, Authorized User shall have the option to cancel the order in whole or in part, or to extend the testing period for an additional thirty (30) day increment. Authorized User shall notify Contractor of acceptance upon successful completion of the documented installation test. Such cancellation shall not give rise to any cause of action against the Authorized User for damages, loss of profits, expenses, or other remuneration of any kind.

If the Authorized User elects to provide a deficiency statement specifying how the Product fails to meet the specifications within the testing period, Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to correct the deficiency, and the Authorized User shall have an additional sixty (60) days to evaluate the Product as provided herein. If the Product does not meet the specifications at the end of the extended testing period, Authorized User, upon prior written notice to Contractor, may then reject the Product and return all defective Product to Contractor, and Contractor shall refund any monies paid by the Authorized User to Contractor therefor. Costs and liabilities associated with a failure of the Product to perform in accordance with the functionality tests or product specifications during the acceptance period shall be borne fully by Contractor to the extent that said costs or liabilities shall not have been caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Authorized User's agents or employees. Said costs shall be limited to the amounts set forth in the Limitation of Liability Clause for any liability for costs incurred at the direction or recommendation of Contractor.

**80. AUDIT OF LICENSED PRODUCT USAGE** Contractor shall have the right to periodically audit, no more than annually, at Contractor's expense, use of licensed Product at any site where a copy of the Product resides provided that: (i) Contractor gives Licensee(s) at least thirty (30) days advance written notice, (ii) such audit is conducted during such party's normal business hours, (iii) the audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen on mutual agreement of the parties. Contractor shall recommend a minimum of three (3) auditing/accounting firms from which the Licensee will select one (1). In no case shall the Business Software Alliance (BSA), Software Publishers Association (SPA), Software and Industry Information Association (SIIA) or Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) be used directly or indirectly to conduct audits, or be recommended by Contractor; (iv) Contractor and Licensee are each entitled to designate a representative who shall be entitled to participate, and who shall mutually agree on audit format, and simultaneously review all information obtained by the audit. Such representatives also shall be entitled to copies of all reports, data or information obtained from the audit; and (v) if the audit shows that such party is not in compliance, Licensee shall be required to purchase additional licenses or capacities necessary to bring it into compliance and shall pay for the unlicensed capacity at the NYS Net Price in effect at time of audit, or if none, then at the Contractor's U.S. Commercial list price. Once such additional licenses or capacities are purchased, Licensee shall be deemed to have been in compliance retroactively, and Licensee shall have no further liability of any kind for the unauthorized use of the software.

**81. OWNERSHIP/TITLE TO PROJECT DELIVERABLES**

**a. Definitions**

(i) For purposes of this paragraph, "Products." A deliverable furnished under this Contract by or through Contractor, including existing and custom Products, including, but not limited to: a) components of the hardware environment, b) printed materials (including but not limited to training manuals, system and user documentation, reports, drawings), whether printed in hard copy or maintained on diskette, CD, DVD or other electronic media c) third party software, d) modifications, customizations, custom programs, program listings, programming tools, data, modules, components, and e) any properties embodied therein, whether in tangible or intangible form (including but not limited to utilities, interfaces, templates, subroutines, algorithms, formulas, source code, object code).

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Existing Products." Tangible Products and intangible licensed Products that exist prior to the commencement of work under the Contract. Contractor bears the burden of proving that a particular product was in existence prior to the commencement of the Project.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Custom Products." Products, preliminary, final or otherwise, which are created or developed by Contractor, its Subcontractors, partners, employees or agents for Authorized User under the Contract.

**b. Title to Project Deliverables** Contractor acknowledges that it is commissioned by the Authorized User to perform the services detailed in the Purchase Order. Unless otherwise specified in writing in the Bid or Purchase Order, the Authorized User shall have ownership and license rights as follows:

**(i) Existing Products:**

**1. Hardware** - Title and ownership of Existing Hardware Product shall pass to Authorized User upon Acceptance.

**2. Software** - Title and ownership to Existing Software Product(s) delivered by Contractor under the Contract that is normally commercially distributed on a license basis by the Contractor or other independent software vendor proprietary owner ("Existing Licensed

Product”), whether or not embedded in, delivered or operating in conjunction with hardware or Custom Products, shall remain with Contractor or the proprietary owner of other independent software vendor(s) (ISV). Effective upon acceptance, such Product shall be licensed to Authorized User in accordance with the Contractor or ISV owner’s standard license agreement, provided, however, that such standard license, must, at a minimum: (a) grant Authorized User a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt (unless Contractor advises Authorized User as part of Contractor’s proposal that adaptation will violate existing agreements or statutes and Contractor demonstrates such to the Authorized User’s satisfaction) and distribute Existing Licensed Product to the Authorized User up to the license capacity stated in the Purchase Order or work order with all license rights necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) stated in the Bid or Authorized User’s Purchase Order or work order, including the financing assignment rights set forth in paragraph (c) below; and (b) recognize the State of New York as the licensee where the Authorized User is a state agency, department, board, commission, office or institution. Where these rights are not otherwise covered by the ISV’s owner’s standard license agreement, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining these rights at its sole cost and expense. The Authorized User shall reproduce all copyright notices and any other legend of ownership on any copies authorized under this paragraph.

(ii.) **Custom Products:** Effective upon creation of Custom Products, Contractor hereby conveys, assigns and transfers to Authorized User the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in Custom Product(s), whether preliminary, final or otherwise, including all trademark and copyrights. Contractor hereby agrees to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the Custom Products are protected against unauthorized copying, reproduction and marketing by or through Contractor, its agents, employees, or Subcontractors. Nothing herein shall preclude the Contractor from otherwise using the related or underlying general knowledge, skills, ideas, concepts, techniques and experience developed under a Purchase Order, project definition or work order in the course of Contractor’s business. Authorized User may, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor, elect in the alternative to take a non-exclusive perpetual license to Custom Products in lieu of Authorized User taking exclusive ownership and title to such Products. In such case, Licensee on behalf of all Authorized Users shall be granted a non-exclusive perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt and distribute Custom Product as necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) as stated in paragraph (b)(i)(2), above.

c. **Transfers or Assignments to a Third Party Financing Agent** It is understood and agreed by the parties that a condition precedent to the consummation of the purchase (s) under the Contract may be the obtaining of acceptable third party financing by the Authorized User. The Authorized User shall make the sole determination of the acceptability of any financing proposal. The Authorized User will make all reasonable efforts to obtain such financing, but makes no representation that such financing has been obtained as of the date of Bid receipt. Where financing is used, Authorized User may assign or transfer its rights in Licensed Products (existing or custom) to a third party financing entity or trustee (“Trustee”) as collateral where required by the terms of the financing agreement. Trustee’s sole rights with respect to transferability or use of Licensed Products shall be to exclusively sublicense to Authorized User all of its Licensee’s rights under the terms and conditions of the License Agreement; provided, further, however, in the event of any termination or expiration of such sublicense by reason of payment in full, all of Trustee’s rights in such Licensed Product shall terminate immediately and Authorized User’s prior rights to such Existing Licensed Product shall be revived.

d. **Sale or License of Custom Products Involving Tax-Exempt Financing (i.e., Certificates of Participation - COPS)** The Authorized User’s sale or other transfer of Custom Products which were acquired by the Authorized User using third party, tax-exempt financing may not occur until such Custom Products are, or become, useable. In the event that the Contractor wishes to obtain ownership rights to Custom Product(s), the sale or other transfer shall be at fair market value determined at the time of such sale or other transfer, and must be pursuant to a separate written agreement in a form acceptable to the Authorized User which complies with the terms of this paragraph.

e. **Contractor’s Obligation with Regard to ISV (Third Party) Product** Where Contractor furnishes Existing Licensed Product(s) as a Project Deliverable, and sufficient rights necessary to effect the purposes of this section are not otherwise provided in the Contractor or ISV’s standard license agreement, Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining from the ISV third party proprietary owner/developer the rights set forth herein to the benefit of the Authorized User at Contractor’s sole cost and expense.

82. **PROOF OF LICENSE** The Contractor must provide to each Licensee who places a Purchase Order either: (i) the Product Developer’s certified License Confirmation Certificates in the name of such Licensee; or (ii) a written confirmation from the Proprietary owner accepting Product invoice as proof of license. Contractor shall submit a sample certificate, or alternatively such written confirmation from the proprietary developer. Such certificates must be in a form acceptable to the Licensee.

83. **PRODUCT VERSION** Purchase Orders shall be deemed to reference Manufacturer’s most recently released model or version of the Product at time of order, unless an earlier model or version is specifically requested in writing by Authorized User and Contractor is willing to provide such version.

84. **CHANGES TO PRODUCT OR SERVICE OFFERINGS**

a. **Product or Service Discontinuance** Where Contractor is the Product Manufacturer/Developer, and Contractor publicly announces to all U.S. customers (“date of notice”) that a Product is being withdrawn from the U.S. market or that maintenance service or technical support provided by Contractor (“withdrawn support”) is no longer going to be offered, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the Commissioner, each Licensee and each Authorized User then under contract for maintenance or technical support in writing of the intended discontinuance; and (ii) continue to offer Product or withdrawn support upon the Contract terms previously offered for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) at Authorized User’s option, provided that the Authorized User is under contract for maintenance on the date of notice, either: provide the Authorized User with a Product replacement or migration path with at least equivalent functionality at no additional charge to enable Authorized User to continue use and maintenance of the Product.

In the event that the Contractor is not the Product Manufacturer, Contractor shall be required to: (i) provide the notice required under the paragraph above, to the entities described within five (5) business days of Contractor receiving notice from the Product Manufacturer, and (ii) include in such notice the period of time from the date of notice that the Product Manufacturer will continue to provide Product or withdraw support.

The provisions of this subdivision (a) shall not apply or eliminate Contractor’s obligations where withdrawn support is being provided by an independent Subcontractor. In the event that such Subcontractor

ceases to provide service, Contractor shall be responsible for subcontracting such service, subject to state approval, to an alternate Subcontractor.

**b. Product or Service Re-Bundling** In the event that Contractor is the Product manufacturer and publicly announces to all U.S. customers (“date of notice”) that a Product or maintenance or technical support offering is being re-bundled in a different manner from the structure or licensing model of the prior U.S. commercial offering, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the State and each Authorized User in writing of the intended change; (ii) continue to provide Product or withdrawn support upon the same terms and conditions as previously offered on the then-current NYS Contract for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) shall submit the proposed rebundling change to the Commissioner for approval prior to its becoming effective for the remainder of the Contract term. The provisions of this section do not apply if the Contractor is not the Product manufacturer.

#### **85. NO HARDSTOP/PASSIVE LICENSE MONITORING**

Unless an Authorized User is otherwise specifically advised to the contrary in writing at the time of order and prior to purchase, Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the Product and all Upgrades do not and will not contain any computer code that would disable the Product or Upgrades or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral, or other similar self-destruct mechanisms (sometimes referred to as “time bombs,” “time locks,” or “drop dead” devices) or that would permit Contractor to access the Product to cause such disablement or impairment (sometimes referred to as a “trap door” device). Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach or alleged breach of this provision that Authorized User shall not have an adequate remedy at law, including monetary damages, and that Authorized User shall consequently be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other form of equitable relief against the continuance of such breach, in addition to any and all remedies to which Authorized User shall be entitled.

#### **86. SOURCE CODE ESCROW FOR LICENSED PRODUCT**

If Source Code or Source Code escrow is offered by either Contractor or Product manufacturer or developer to any other commercial customers, Contractor shall either: (i) provide Licensee with the Source Code for the Product; or (ii) place the Source Code in a third party escrow arrangement with a designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with a standard escrow agreement acceptable to the State; or (iii) will certify to the State that the Product manufacturer/developer has named the State, acting by and through the Authorized User, and the Licensee, as a named beneficiary of an established escrow arrangement with its designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State and Licensee, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with the terms of escrow. Source Code, as well as any corrections or enhancements to such source code, shall be updated for each new release of the Product in the same manner as provided above and such updating of escrow shall be certified to the State in writing. Contractor shall identify the escrow agent upon commencement of the Contract term and shall certify annually that the escrow remains in effect in compliance with the terms of this paragraph.

The State may release the Source Code to Licensees under this Contract who have licensed Product or obtained services, who may use such copy of the Source Code to maintain the Product.

**FOR NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE RESERVED BECAUSE BIDDING DOES NOT APPLY:**

**Clauses: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 15, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 49, 50, 52, 54 and 37**

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