

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
APPLICABLE TO COMPETITIVELY PROCURED CONTRACTS**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**1. Entire Contract.**

This Contract, including any Attachments and Addenda referred to herein and attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter. Any preprinted contract terms and conditions included on Contractor's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

**2. Contract Administration.**

- a. **Order of Precedence.** If there are conflicting provisions the documents that make up the Contract, the order of precedence for the documents is as follows:
  - i) Attachment 2, Statement of Work
  - ii) Standard Contract
  - iii) Attachments other than the Statement of Work, in numerical order as designated in the Standard Contract
  - iv) The Addenda in alphabetical order as designated in the Standard Contract
- b. All written and verbal approvals referenced in this Contract must be obtained from the parties' Contract Managers, or designees, referenced in the Standard Contract.
- c. In the event that different Contract Managers are designated by either party after execution of this Contract, notice of the name and contact information of the new Contract Manager shall be submitted in writing to the other party and maintained in the respective parties' Contract records.
- d. This Contract may be amended only by a written agreement between both parties.

**3. Contract Duration.**

- a. **Term.** The term of the Contract shall begin and end on the dates indicated on the Standard Contract unless terminated earlier in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.
- b. **Renewals.** Section 287.058(1)(g), F.S., is hereby incorporated by reference and any renewals provided under the Contract must meet the requirements of this statute. If the Standard Contract indicates renewals are available, the Contract may be renewed for the timeframe(s) indicated in the Standard Contract.

**4. Deliverables.**

The Contractor agrees to render the services or other units of deliverables as set forth in the Attachment 2, Statement of Work. The services or other units of deliverables specified in the above paragraph shall be delivered in accordance with the schedule and at the pricing outlined in the Statement of Work. Deliverables may be comprised of tasks or activities that must be completed prior to the Department making payment on that deliverable.

**5. Performance Measures.**

The Contractor warrants that: (1) the services will be performed by qualified personnel; (2) the services will be of the kind and quality described in the Statement of Work; (3) the services will be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards and practices; (4) the services shall not and do not infringe upon the intellectual property rights, or any other proprietary rights, of any third party; and (5) its employees shall comply with any security requirements and processes as provided by the Department, or provided by the Department's customer, for work done at the Department or other locations. The Department reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether the services or qualifications offered by the Contractor meet the Contract requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, written acceptance of a particular deliverable/minimum requirement does not foreclose the Department's remedies in the event those performance standards that cannot be readily measured at the time of delivery are not met.

**6. Acceptance of Deliverables.**

- a. **Acceptance Process.** All deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by the Contract Manager before payment.
- b. **Rejection of Deliverables.** The Department reserves the right to reject deliverables as outlined in the Statement of Work as incomplete, inadequate, or unacceptable due in whole or in part to the Contractor's lack of satisfactory performance under the terms of this Contract. Failure to use the appropriate technical requirements or complete all tasks or activities as identified in the Statement of Work will result in automatic deliverable rejection and may not be invoiced or paid until correction of the deliverable. Failure to complete the required

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duties as outlined in the Statement of Work will result in the rejection of the invoice. The Department, at its option, may allow additional time within which the Contractor may remedy the objections noted by the Department and the Department may, after having given the Contractor a reasonable opportunity to complete, make adequate or acceptable said deliverables, declare this Contract to be in default. If the Contract Manager rejects the deliverables, the Contractor shall work diligently to correct all deficiencies in the deliverable that remain outstanding, within a reasonable time, at the Contractor's expense. If the Contract Manager does not accept the deliverables within 30 days, the will be deemed rejected.

- c. Status Reports. If status reports are required as part of the Contract, the Contractor shall timely submit status reports showing deliverables, tasks, or activities worked on, attesting to the level of services provided, hours spent on each deliverable/task/activity, and upcoming major deliverables, tasks, or activities.
- d. Completion Criteria and Date. The Contract will be considered complete once all of the deliverables under the Contract have been provided and accepted. The final date for completion of the Contract shall not exceed the Contract duration, including any executed renewals or extensions, or, where applicable, the expiration date of any purchase orders made from the Contract.

#### **7. Financial Consequences for Nonperformance.**

Withholding Payment. In addition to the specific consequences explained in the Statement of Work, the state of Florida (State) reserves the right to withhold payment when the Contractor has failed to perform/comply with provisions of this Contract. These consequences for nonperformance shall not be considered penalties.

#### **8. Dispute Resolution.**

Any claim, counterclaim, or dispute between the Department and the Contractor relating to this Contract shall be resolved as set forth herein. For all claims, the party with the dispute shall submit an affidavit executed by that party's Contract Manager or his or her designee certifying that:

- i. The claim is made in good faith,
- ii. The claim accurately reflects the adjustments for performance, and
- iii. The supporting data provided with such an affidavit are current and complete to the Contract Manager's best knowledge and belief.

The Contractor is obligated to address any cost related issues with the Department for which the Contractor believes the State is liable and address all costs of every type to which the Contractor is entitled from the occurrence of the claimed event. The Contractor shall not seek a claim under this Contract for an increase in payment.

- a. Informal Resolution Process. If the parties are unable to resolve any disputes after compliance with such processes, the parties shall meet with the Department's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or designee, for the purpose of attempting to resolve such dispute without the need for formal legal proceedings, as follows:
  - i. The representatives of the Contractor and the Department shall meet as often as the parties reasonably deem necessary in order to gather and furnish to each other all information with respect to the matter at issue which the parties believe to be appropriate and germane in connection with its resolution. The representatives shall discuss the problem and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve the dispute without the necessity of any formal proceeding.
  - ii. During the course of negotiations, all reasonable requests made by one party to another for non-privileged information reasonably related to this Contract will be honored in order that each of the parties may be fully advised of the other's position.
  - iii. The specific format for the discussions will be left to the discretion of the designated Department's and the Contractor's representatives but may include the preparation of agreed upon statements of fact or written statements of position.
  - iv. Following the completion of this process, the Department, or designee, shall issue a written opinion regarding the issue(s) in dispute. The opinion regarding the dispute shall be considered the Department's final action.
- b. Continued Performance. Each party agrees to continue performing its obligations under this Contract while a dispute is being resolved except to the extent the issue in dispute precludes performance (dispute with the Department over compensation shall not be deemed to preclude performance) and without limiting either party's right to terminate this Contract for convenience or default.

#### **9. Payment.**

- a. Payment Process. Subject to the terms and conditions established by the Statement of Work, the pricing per deliverable established by the Attachment E, Price Response, or Statement of Work, and the billing procedures established by the Department, the Department agrees to pay the Contractor for services rendered in accordance

with section 215.422, F.S. To obtain the applicable interest rate, please refer to

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Vendors/default.htm>

- b. Transaction Fee. Payments made under this Contract will be paid from receivership funds. The Department of Financial Services, Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation's accounting system generates contract payments. The State Accounting System (FLAIR) is not utilized for contract payments made by the Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation.
- c. Vendor Rights. A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department. The duties of this individual include acting as an advocate for Contractors who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment(s) from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be reached at (850) 413-5516.
- d. Taxes. The Department is exempted from payment of Florida State sales and use taxes and Federal Excise Tax. The Contractor, however, shall not be exempted from paying Florida State sales and use taxes to the appropriate governmental agencies or for payment by the Contractor to suppliers for taxes on materials used to fulfill its contractual obligations with the Department. The Contractor shall not use the Department's exemption number in securing such materials. The Contractor shall be responsible and liable for the payment of all its FICA/Social Security and other taxes resulting from this Contract. The Contractor shall provide the Department its taxpayer identification number upon request.
- e. Invoice Detail. All charges for services rendered or for reimbursement of expenses authorized by the Department pursuant to the Statement of Work, shall be submitted to the Department in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit to be performed.
- f. Interim Payments. Interim payments may be made by the Department at its discretion under extenuating circumstances if the completion of services and other units of deliverables to date have first been accepted in writing by the Department's Contract Manager.

#### **10. Insurance.**

- a. Required Coverage. At all times during the Contract, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and its subcontractors, if any, shall maintain insurance coverage of such types and with such terms and limits as may be reasonably associated with the Contract. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Contractor shall not be interpreted as limiting the Contractor's liability and obligations under the Contract. All insurance policies shall be through insurers licensed and authorized to write policies in Florida. Unless specifically exempted in the Statement of Work, the following are the minimum insurance requirements applicable to this Contract:
  - i. Commercial General Liability Insurance.

By execution of this Contract, unless the Contractor is a state agency or subdivision as defined by subsection 768.28(2), F.S., the Contractor shall provide adequate commercial general liability insurance coverage and hold such liability insurance at all times during the Contract. A self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State may provide such coverage. The Department, its employees, and officers shall be named as an additional insured on any general liability policies.
  - ii. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage.

The Contractor shall provide workers' compensation, in accordance with Chapter 440, F.S., and employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of \$100,000 per accident, \$100,000 per person, and \$500,000 policy aggregate. Such policies shall cover all employees engaged in any Contract work.
  - iii. Other Insurance.

At all times during the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain any other insurance as required in the Statement of Work.
- b. Deductibles. The Department shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money representing a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor providing such insurance
- c. Verification of Insurance. Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall provide the Department written verification of the existence and amount for each type of applicable insurance coverage. Upon receipt of written request from the Department, the Contractor shall furnish the Department proof of applicable insurance coverage by standard form certificates of insurance.
- d. Failure to Maintain Coverage. In the event that any applicable coverage is cancelled by the insurer for any reason, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department of such cancellation and shall obtain adequate replacement coverage conforming to the requirements herein and provide proof of such replacement coverage within fifteen (15) business days after the cancellation of coverage.

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## **11. Termination.**

- a. Contractor Obligations upon Notice of Termination. After receipt of a notice of termination or partial termination, and except as otherwise directed by the Department, the Contractor shall stop performing services on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice. The Contractor shall accept no further work or new services related to the affected deliverables, and shall, as soon as practicable, but in no event longer than 30 calendar days after termination, terminate any orders and/or subcontracts related to the terminated deliverables and settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and/or subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Department to the extent required, which approval or ratification shall be final for the purpose of this section. The Contractor shall not perform any services after it receives the notice of termination or after Contract expiration, except as necessary to complete the transition or continued portion of the Contract, if any. Contractor shall submit to the Department within 90-calendar days of termination a request for payment of completed services. Requests submitted later than 90-calendar days after termination will not be honored and will be returned unpaid. All services for which the Department has paid prior to the termination date of this Contract shall be professionally serviced to conclusion in accordance with the requirements of the Contract. Should the Contractor fail to perform all services under the Contract, the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for any fees or expenses that the Department may incur in securing a substitute provider to assume completion of those services.
- b. Contractor Obligations after Termination. If at any time the Contract is canceled, terminated, or expires, and a contract is subsequently executed with a provider other than the Contractor, the Contractor has the affirmative obligation to assist in the smooth transition of Contract services to the subsequent contractor in accordance with Exit Transition requirements in the Statement of Work.
- c. Termination for Convenience. The Department may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract at any time by giving 30 days' written notice to the Contractor.

## **12. Notice of Default.**

If the Contractor defaults in the performance of any covenant or obligation contained in the Contract, including, without limitation, any of the events of default listed below, the Department shall provide notice to the Contractor and an opportunity to cure that is reasonable under the circumstances. This notice shall state the nature of the failure to perform and provide a time certain for correcting the failure. The notice will also provide that, should the Contractor fail to perform within the time provided, the Contractor will be found in default, and the Department may terminate the Contract effective as of the date of receipt of the default notice.

## **13. Events of Default.**

Provided such failure is not the fault of the Department or outside the reasonable control of the Contractor, the following non-exclusive list of events, acts, or omissions, shall constitute events of default:

- a. The commitment of any material breach of this Contract by the Contractor, including failure to timely deliver a material deliverable, discontinuance of the performance of the work, failure to resume work that has been discontinued within a reasonable time after notice to do so, or abandonment of the Contract;
- b. Failure to maintain adequate progress, thus endangering performance of the Contract;
- c. Failure to honor any term of the Contract,
- d. Failure to abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement, including an entry of an order revoking the certificate of authority granted to the Contractor by the state or other licensing authority;
- e. Failure to pay any and all entities, individuals, and the like furnishing labor or materials, or failure to make payment to any other entities as required herein in connection with the Contract;
- f. Employment of an unauthorized alien in the performance of the work, in violation of section 274 (A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- g. One or more of the following circumstances, uncorrected for more than 30-calendar days unless within the specified 30-day period, the Contractor (including its receiver or trustee in bankruptcy) provides to the Department adequate assurances, reasonably acceptable to the Department, of its continuing ability and willingness to fulfill its obligations under the Contract:
  - i) Entry of an order for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code;
  - ii) The making by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors;
  - iii) The appointment of a general receiver or trustee in bankruptcy of the Contractor's business or property;
  - iv) An action by the Contractor under any state insolvency or similar law for the purpose of its bankruptcy, reorganization, or liquidation;

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- h. The commitment of an intentional material misrepresentation or omission in any materials provided to the Department;
- i. Failure to comply with the E-Verify requirements of this Contract; and
- j. Failure to or maintain the insurance required by this Contract.

**14. Indemnification.**

All references to attorneys' fees in section 19, PUR 1000, are stricken.

**15. Limitation of Liability.**

The following terms supplement the limitations of liability terms in PUR 1000, section 20: The Department's liability for any claim arising from this Contract is limited to compensatory damages in an amount no greater than the sum of the unpaid balance of compensation due for goods or services rendered pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of the Contract. Such liability is further limited to a cap of \$100,000.

**16. Remedies.**

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, written acceptance of a particular deliverable does not foreclose the Department's remedies in the event those performance standards that cannot be readily measured at the time of delivery are not met. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to make the Contractor liable for force majeure events. Nothing in this Contract, including financial consequences for nonperformance shall limit the Department's right to pursue its remedies for other types of damages under the Contract, at law, or in equity. The Department may, in addition to other remedies available at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due to the Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like asserted by or against it. The Department may set off any liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its affiliates to the Department against any payments due the Contractor under any contract with the State.

**17. Waiver.**

The delay or failure by the Department to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Contract shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of the Department's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

**18. Record Retention.**

The Contractor shall retain records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of the Contract five (5) years after the expiration of the Contract and all pending matters, or the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>), whichever is longer. If the Contractor is required to comply with section 119.0701, F.S., then compliance with the retention of records in accordance with section 119.0701(2)(b)4., F.S., will fulfill the above stated requirement. If the Contractor's record retention requirements terminate prior to the requirements stated herein, the Contractor may meet the Department's record retention requirements for this Contract by transferring its records to the Department at that time, and by destroying duplicate records in accordance with section 501.171, F.S., and, if applicable, section 119.0701, F.S. The Contractor shall adhere to established information destruction standards such as those established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization" (2014). See <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-88r1.pdf>.

**19. Intellectual Property.**

The following terms apply, unless otherwise stated in the Statement of Work:

- a. The Contractor's intellectual property rights that preexists this Contract will remain with the Contractor. Intellectual property rights to all property created or otherwise developed by Contractor specifically for the Department will be owned by the State through the Department. Proceeds derived from the sale, licensing, marketing, or other authorization related to any such Department-controlled intellectual property right shall be handled in the manner specified by applicable statute.
- b. If the Contractor fails to provide, or no longer can provide, a deliverable or service under the Contract that contains or otherwise utilizes intellectual property controlled by the Contractor, the Contractor shall grant the Department a royalty-free, paid-up, nonexclusive, perpetual license to use, modify, reproduce, distribute, publish or release to others, such Contractor-controlled intellectual property solely for use in connection with the deliverables or services under the Contract.

**20. Ownership of Property.**

Title to all property furnished by the Department under this Contract and deliverables provided to the Department shall remain property of the Department and/or become property of the Department upon receipt and acceptance. The Contractor shall perfect any transfer of the property of the Department upon completion, termination, or cancellation of the Contract prior to payment of the final invoice.

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## **21. Nonexclusive Contract.**

This Contract is not an exclusive license to provide the services described in the solicitation or the resulting Contract. The Department may, without limitation and without recourse by the Contractor, contract with other vendors to provide the same or similar services.

## **22. Statutory Notices.**

The Department shall consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Pursuant to sections 287.133 and 287.134, F.S., the following restrictions are placed on the ability of persons placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory vendor list:

- a. **Public Entity Crime.** A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
- b. **Discriminatory Vendors.** An entity or affiliate that has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Contractor shall notify the Department if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory vendor list during the life of the Contract.

## **23. Compliance with Federal, State, and Local Laws.**

- a. The Contractor and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state, and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements.
- b. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- c. If applicable, the Contractor shall ensure that, as to its products and services it develops for the Department, electronic and information technology accessibility requirements of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments, 29 USC section 794 are met. Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments, 29 USC section 794, compliance information on the supplies and services in this Contract are available on a website indicated by the Contractor. The Electronic and Information Technology standard can be found at: <http://www.section508.gov/>.
- d. **Scrutinized Companies.** This provision applies only when the goods or services to be provided are \$1 million or more. Section 287.135, F.S., requires the Contractor to certify that it is not: 1) on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, 2) on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or 3) participating in a boycott of Israel. By entering into this Contract, the Contractor certifies that it is not on either of these lists and that it is not participating in a boycott of Israel. A Contract may be terminated if the Contractor submits a false certification regarding such matters or is placed on either list. In addition, a Contract entered into on or after October 1, 2016, may be terminated if the Contractor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in a boycott of Israel. The State Board of Administration provides a link to the "Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies" at the following link: <https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/FundsWeManage/FRSPensionPlan/PFIA/tabid/1478/ItemId/3351/Default.aspx>.

## **24. Employment Eligibility Verification.**

The Contractor is responsible for payment of costs, if any, and retention of records relating to employment eligibility verification. These records are exempt from Chapter 119, F.S. Verification requires the following:

- a. The Chief Financial Officer has directed, in cooperation with the Governor's Executive Order 11-116, that the Contractor must participate in the federal E-Verify System for employment eligibility verification under the terms provided in the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the federal Department of Homeland Security if any new employees are hired to work on this Contract during the term of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to provide to the Department, within 30 days of hiring new employees to work on this Contract, documentation of such enrollment in the form of a copy of the E-Verify "Edit Company Profile" screen, which contains proof of

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enrollment in the E-Verify System. Information on “E-Verify” is available at the following website:  
[www.dhs.gov/e-verify](http://www.dhs.gov/e-verify).

- b. The Contractor further agrees that it will require each subcontractor that performs work under this Contract to enroll and participate in the E-Verify System if the subcontractor hires new employees during the term of this Contract. The Contractor shall include this provision in any subcontract and obtain from the subcontractor(s) a copy of the “Edit Company Profile” screen indicating enrollment in the E-Verify System and make such record(s) available to the Department upon request.
- c. In the event legislation authorizes an alternative option as proof of legal status, the Contractor may use the process authorized by such legislation upon its passage.

**25. Storage of State Data.**

All data centers used to process and store State Data under this Contract shall only be located in the United States.

**26. Applicable Law and Disputes.**

Any dispute concerning performance of the Contract shall be processed according to the Statement of Work. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of the Contract will be in the courts of the State of Florida, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Contract.

**27. Independent Contractor.**

The Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of the Department.

**28. Subcontracting.**

- a. Unless otherwise specified in the Statement of Work, all services contracted for are to be performed solely by the Contractor and may not be subcontracted or assigned without the prior written consent of the Department.
- b. The Department may, for cause, require the replacement of any Contractor employee, subcontractor, or agent. For cause, includes, but is not limited to, technical or training qualifications, quality of work, change in security status, or non-compliance with an applicable Department policy or other requirements.
- c. The Department may, for cause, deny access to the Department’s secure information or any facility by any Contractor employee, subcontractor, or agent.
- d. The Department’s actions under paragraphs b. or c. shall not relieve the Contractor of its obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract.
- e. The Department will not deny the Contractor’s employees, subcontractors, or agents access to meetings within the Department’s facilities, unless the basis of the Department’s denial is safety or security considerations.

**29. Guarantee of Parent Corporation.**

In the event the Contractor is a subsidiary of another corporation or other business entity, the Contractor asserts that its parent corporation will guarantee all of the obligations of the Contractor for purposes of fulfilling the obligations of the Contract. In the event the Contractor is sold during the period the Contract is in effect, the Contractor agrees that it will be a requirement of sale that the new parent company guarantee all of the obligations of the Contractor.

**30. Survival.**

The respective obligations of the parties, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Contract, including without limitation, the obligations regarding confidentiality, proprietary interests, and public records, shall survive termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Contract.

**31. Exit Transition Services.**

Upon the earlier of six (6) months before the expiration of the Contract or upon any notice of termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall provide transition services (Exit Transition Services) to the Department without regard to the reason for termination, as stated herein. Exit Transition Services shall be provided for up to the period outlined in the Statement of Work during the term and after termination and will be limited to post-contract activities involving knowledge transfer for such services and deliverables and all reasonable termination assistance requested by the Department to facilitate the orderly transfer of such services to the Department or its designees.

**32. Third Parties.**

The Department shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, omissions to act, or negligence of the Contractor, its agents, servants, and employees, nor shall the Contractor disclaim its own negligence to the Department or any third party. This Contract does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. If the Department consents to a subcontract, the Contractor will specifically disclose that this Contract does not create any third party rights. Further, no third parties shall rely upon any of the rights and obligations created under this Contract.

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During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not knowingly employ, subcontract with, or subgrant to any person (including any nongovernmental entity in which such person has any employment or other material interest as defined in section 112.312(15), F.S.), who is employed by the State or who has participated in the performance or procurement of this Contract except as provided in section 112.3185, F.S.

**34. Audits.**

The Contractor understands its duty, pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. The Contractor will comply with this duty and ensure that subcontracts issued under this Contract, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its subcontractors.

**35. Travel Reimbursement.**

Any travel expenses allowable under this Contract must be submitted in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.

**36. Use of State Funds to Purchase or Improve Real Property.**

Any State funds provided for the purchase of, or improvements to real property, are contingent upon the Contractor or political subdivision granting to the State a security interest in the property at least in the amount of State funds provided, for at least five (5) years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements, or as further required by law.