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**7656086**  
 Fort Bend County

Quote #: 7656086  
 Quote Name: Fort Bend County  
 Quote Status: VALID  
 Quote Date: 7-Mar-15  
 Price Protection Ends: 7-Mar-15

With no change to quote  
**Sell Price: \$ 84,438.93**

This does not include any taxes.  
 Prepared By: Linda Miller  
 Sales Rep: Stephanie Sims Clark

SmartNet Renewal \$  
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 Ste 600  
 Houston, TX 77061  
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Serial Number	Product Number	Contract Number	Contract Level	Begin Date	End Date	Initial Site ID	Initial Site Name	Site Address Line 1	Site City	State	Zip	Service SKU	Sell	Comments
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### Cisco Systems, Inc.

URL [Vendor Website](#)  
Vendor ID 1770059951100  
HUB Type Non HUB  
 E-Rate Qualified

DIR Contract Number DIR-TSO-2542  
Contract Term End Date 5/5/2015  
Contract Exp Date 5/5/2018

### Cisco Systems, Inc.

Contact [Mimi Farr](#)  
Phone (408) 527-2627  
Fax (703) 842-8684

### DIR

Contact [Airy Luangaphay](#)  
Phone (512) 463-3018  
Fax (512) 475-4759

### How to Order

1. For product and pricing information, visit the [Cisco Systems, Inc.](#) website or contact [Mimi Farr](#) at (408) 527-2627. Reseller Vendors are also available through this Contract. Select from any Reseller Vendor contact listed below to also obtain product and pricing information.
2. Generate a purchase order, made payable to Cisco Systems, Inc. or any Reseller Vendor listed below. You must reference the DIR Contract Number **DIR-TSO-2542** on your purchase order.
3. E-mail or Fax your purchase order and quote form to your designated vendor or reseller sales representative.

### Contract Overview

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#### [Standard Terms and Conditions PDF - 730 KB](#)

This appendix contains the standard DIR Terms and Conditions for the contract as of the date identified. Any initial exceptions to these Terms will be contained in the original contract. All subsequent changes or updates to the Terms and Conditions will be reflected in contract amendments.

#### [HUB Subcontracting Plan \(HSP\) PDF - 633 KB | Updated 08/19/2014](#)

The purpose of the HUB Program is to promote full and equal business opportunities for all businesses in State contracting in accordance with the goals specified in the State of Texas Disparity Study. The HSP identifies all authorized resellers and/or all subcontractors performing services.

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Pricing for available products and/or services under this contract are limited to those identified in the appendix.

#### [Electronic and Information Resources \(EIR\) Accessibility](#)

Information regarding Electronic and Information Resources (EIR) accessibility of this vendor's offerings is included in the contract. Agencies purchasing products or services are responsible for complying with Texas EIR Accessibility statute and rules, as defined in TGC 2054 Subchapter M, 1TAC 206, and 1 TAC 213. For additional information, visit the Vendor Website or contact the vendor directly.

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- Access and Access Circuits
- Catalog
- Components
- Data Storage
- Misc IT Hardware, Peripherals, Components and Related Services
- Networking Equipment

### Additional Contract Information

- [Appendix D, EULA Agreement \(115 KB\)](#)
- [Appendix E, Services Agreement \(296 KB\)](#)
- [Appendix F, Non-Entitlement Destroyed Product \(278 KB\)](#)
- [Appendix F1, Non-Entitlement Scrapped Product \(244 KB\)](#)
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- [Appendix F3, Non-Genuine Product \(287 KB\)](#)
- [Appendix F4, Non-Entitlement Suspended Model \(275 KB\)](#)

### Reseller Vendor Contacts

Vendor Name	Vendor ID	HUB Type	Contact Name	Phone/Fax	Address
Accudata Systems, Inc.	1760025821800	Non HUB	<a href="#">Nafeesa Savant</a>	Phone: (281) 897-6397 Fax: 281-897-5001	7906 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064  15851 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1000

Alexander Open Systems, Inc.	1481119310200	Non HUB	<a href="#">Tom Boehmer</a>	Phone: (972) 763-8900	Addison, TX 75001
Austin Ribbon & Computer Supplies, Inc.	1742339797900	Woman Owned	<a href="#">Briana Burt</a>	Phone: (512) 452-0651 Fax: 512-452-0691	9211 Waterford Centre Blvd, Suite 202 Austin, TX 78758
CDW Government, LLC	1364230110800	Non HUB	<a href="#">Chris Fuchs</a>	Phone: (866) 339-4117 Fax: (312) 705-8262	230 North Milwaukee Avenue Vernon Hills, IL 60061
Datavox	1760251479000	Non HUB	<a href="#">Neil Ferguson</a>	Phone: (713) 881-7107 Fax: (713) 881-7207	6650 West Sam Houston Parkway South Houston, TX 77072
Desert Communications	1742700166800	Non HUB	<a href="#">Sarah Cancellare</a>	Phone: (915) 584-1287 Fax: (915) 581-7697	7100 Westwind Drive Suite 300 El Paso, TX 79912
Dimension Data	11325543442	Non HUB	<a href="#">Ryan Thomas</a>	Phone: (847) 278-6487	11730 Plaza America Dr., Suite 340 Reston, VA 21090
Direct Packet, Inc. dba OneVision Solutions	1201005886000	Non HUB	<a href="#">Naomi Armentrout</a>	Phone: (972) 714-0540 Fax: (972) 580-8435	909 Lake Carolyn Parkway, Suite 1800 Irving, TX 75039
DISYS Solutions, Inc.	12725861145	Non HUB	<a href="#">Jatinder Vohra</a>	Phone: (888) 286-3896 Fax: (703) 802-0798	4151 Lafayette Center Drive, Suite 600 Chantilly, VA 20151
ePlus Technology, Inc	1541904151000	Non HUB	<a href="#">Chris Wolfe</a>	Phone: (214) 435-6011 Fax: 214-438-5284	810 Hesters Crossing Round Rock, TX 78681
FMS Technologies dba Flexile Systems	12004455437	Non HUB	<a href="#">Betty Wells</a>	Phone: (936) 634-4200 Fax: (936) 634-2539	Po Box 218 Lufkin, TX 75902
Ford Audio-Video Systems, Inc.	1730947837200	Non HUB	<a href="#">Toni Tobin</a>	Phone: (512) 447-1103 Ext. 2718 Fax: (512) 447-0111	2101 E. St. Elmo, Suite 130 Austin, TX 78744
Great South Texas Corporation dba Computer Solutions	1942650013800	Woman Owned	<a href="#">Terri Gober</a>	Phone: (210) 369-0300 Fax: 210-369-0389	814 Arion Parkway, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78216
Greater Dallas Office Equipment, Inc dba Intelinet Systems	17522933856	Non HUB	<a href="#">Eric Reinis</a>	Phone: (972) 331-3311 Fax: (972) 669-1222	1110 E Collins Blvd #122 Richardson, TX 75081
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	1363949000500	Non HUB	<a href="#">Michelle Abbamonte</a>	Phone: (800) 467-4448 Fax: (480) 760-7440	2250 Pinehurst Blvd. Suite 200 Addison, IL 60101
Lumenate Technologies, LP	1830389858100	Non HUB	<a href="#">Len Noble</a>	Phone: (713) 805-2377 Fax: (281) 945-5819	16633 Dallas Parkway, Suite 450 Addison, TX 75001
Micro Integration & Programming Solutions, Inc.	17314310461	Non HUB	<a href="#">David Patterson</a>	Phone: (713) 785-4596 Fax: (713) 785-2276	10801 Hammerly Suite 246 Houston, TE 77043
Netera Network Integrations, LLC	1208588978500	Non HUB	<a href="#">Kevin Wheat</a>	Phone: (972) 908-6531 Fax: (866) 406-7424	3000 Technology Drive Plano, TX 75074
Netsync Network Solutions dba: US Tech	1320030329800	Hispanic/Female	<a href="#">Tiffany Hutto</a>	Phone: (713) 218-5000 Fax: 713-664-9964	5821 Southwest Freeway, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77057
Nexus IS, Inc.	12005494971	Non HUB	<a href="#">Mary Ellen Warta</a>	Phone: (678) 837-2348 Fax: (512) 532-7333	12710 Research Boulevard, Suite 365 Austin, TX 78759
NWN Corporation	10435322358	Non HUB	<a href="#">Gary Bartkus</a>	Phone: (281) 506-1147 Fax: (281) 983-5599	4802 N. Sam Houston Parkway W., Suite 500 Houston, TX 77086
PCMG, Inc. dba PCM Gov, Inc.	1330964088900	Non HUB	<a href="#">Jishnu Banerjee</a>	Phone: (800) 625-5468 x38334 Fax: 310-630-6434	14120 Newbrook Drive, Suite 100 Chantilly, VA 20151
Pinnacle Business Systems	1731332196401	Non HUB	<a href="#">Amber Lawhun</a>	Phone: (804) 245-9800 Fax: (800) 444-3439	3824 S. Boulevard, Suite 200 Edmond, OK 73013
Porter Burgess Company dba Flair Data Systems	1750995208500	Non HUB	<a href="#">Karen Fairchild</a>	Phone: (214) 445-3508 Fax: (214) 373-4188	2805 North Dallas Parkway, Ste. 240 Plano, TX 75093
SHI Government Solutions, Inc.	1223695478500	Asian/Male	<a href="#">Keith Walker</a>	Phone: 800/870-6079 x5908 Fax: 512-732-0232	1301 South Mopac Expressway Ste. 375 Austin, TX 78746
Sigma Technology Solutions Inc	1900823608500	Non HUB	<a href="#">Bryan Mccandless</a>	Phone: (210) 348-9876 Fax: (210) 348-9124	422 E. Ramsey Rd San Antonio, TX 78216
Softchoice Corporation	1133827773100	Non HUB	<a href="#">Dave Tomke</a>	Phone: (312) 655-9162	701 Brazos St. Suite 375

				Fax: (512) 916-9376	Austin, TX 78701
Sology LLC	1262044766900	Black/Female	<a href="#">Mark Damron</a>	Phone: (972) 792-9300 Fax: (972) 792-9301	1701 Analog Drive Richardson, TX 75081
Strategic Products and Services (SPS)	453077538	Non HUB	<a href="#">Todd Mapes</a>	Phone: (972) 349-1251 Fax: (888) 777-7280	6100 West Plano Parkway, Suite 1000 Plano, TX 75093
Synetra Inc	1752021538900	Non HUB	<a href="#">Don Campbell</a>	Phone: (432) 561-7220 Fax: 432-561-7201	8180 Lakeview Center Odesa, TX 79765
Technology for Education dba: TFE	1742879405500	Woman Owned	<a href="#">Cassandra Counts</a>	Phone: (254) 741-2462 Fax: 254-299-1396	658 Alliance Parkway Hewitt, TX 76643
TeleSpace LLC	1454797156500	Hispanic/Male	<a href="#">Laura Pritchett</a>	Phone: (512) 814-1721 Fax: (512) 814-1304	4209 S. Industrial Drive, Suite #325 Austin, TX 78744
The Broadleaf Group, LLC.	1731723910500	Non HUB	<a href="#">Amy Barton (2)</a>	Phone: (210) 678-4721 Fax: (832) 295-4830	7600 West Tidwell Road, Suite 710 Houston, TX 77040
United Teleservices, Inc. dba CenturyLink	14810320714	Non HUB	<a href="#">Colleen Parker</a>	Phone: (512) 338-5705 Fax: (512) 472-0524	400 West 15th Street, St. 315 Austin, TX 78701
World Wide Technology, Inc.	1431912895600	Non HUB	<a href="#">Wayne Haddix</a>	Phone: (314) 682-0970 Fax: (314) 919-1470	60 Weldon Parkway Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Zones, Inc.	19114318942	Non HUB	<a href="#">Kevin McGowan</a>	Phone: (253) 205-3000 Fax: (253) 205-3539	1102 15th Street Sw, Suite 102 Auburn, WA 98001

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**STATE OF TEXAS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES**  
**CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTS AND RELATED SERVICES**  
**CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.**

**1. Introduction**

**A. Parties**

This Contract for Products and Related Services (“Contract”) is entered into between the State of Texas (“State”), acting by and through the Department of Information Resources (“DIR”) with its principal place of business at 300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300, Austin, Texas 78701, and Cisco Systems, Inc. (“Vendor”), with its principal place of business at 170 West Tasman Drive, San Jose, California 95134.

**B. Compliance with Procurement Laws**

This Contract is the result of compliance with applicable procurement laws of the State. DIR issued a solicitation on the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Electronic State Business Daily, Request for Offer (RFO) DIR-TSO-TMP-215, on December 6, 2013, for Cisco Branded Equipment and Related Services. Upon execution of this Contract, a notice of award for RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-215 shall be posted by DIR on the Electronic State Business Daily.

**C. Order of Precedence**

This Contract; Appendix A, Standard Terms and Conditions For Products and Related Services Contracts; Appendix B, Vendor’s Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontracting Plan; Appendix C, Pricing Index; Appendix D, End User License Agreement; Appendix E, Service Agreement; Appendix F, Non-Entitlement Destroyed Products, Appendix F1, Non-Entitlement Scrapped Products; Appendix F2, Non-Entitlement Stolen Products; Appendix F3, Non-Entitlement Non-Genuine Products; Appendix F4, Non-Entitlement Secondary Market Products; Exhibit 1, Vendor’s Response to RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-215, including all addenda; and Exhibit 2, RFO DIR-TSO-TMP-215, including all addenda; are incorporated by reference and constitute the entire agreement between DIR and Vendor. In the event of a conflict between the documents listed in this paragraph, the controlling document shall be this Contract, then Appendix A, then Appendix B, then Appendix C, then Appendix D, then Appendix E, then Appendix F, then Appendix F1, then Appendix F2, then Appendix F3, then Appendix F4, then Exhibit 1, and finally Exhibit 2. In the event and to the extent any provisions contained in multiple documents address the same or substantially the same subject matter but do not actually conflict, the more recent provisions shall be deemed to have superseded earlier provisions.

**2. Term of Contract**

The term of this Contract shall be one (1) year commencing on the last date of approval

by DIR and Vendor. Prior to expiration of the original term, DIR may extend the Contract, by amendment for up to three (3) optional one-year terms. Protracted contract negotiations may, in DIR's sole discretion, result in fewer optional renewal terms.

**3. Product and Service Offerings**

**A. Products**

Products available under this Contract are limited to Cisco Branded products as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their product offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of the RFO and products awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above. Vendor may not add a manufacturer's product line which was not included in the Vendor's response to the solicitation described in Section 1.B above.

**B. Services**

Services available under this Contract are limited to Cisco Branded services as specified in the RFO and Appendix C, Pricing Index. Vendor may incorporate changes to their service offering; however, any changes must be within the scope of services awarded based on the posting described in Section 1.B above.

**C. Emerging Technologies and Future Acquisitions**

DIR recognizes that technology is ever-evolving and advancing. DIR reserves the right to consider the addition of emerging technology such as next generation, enhancements and upgrades for products or services that are within the scope of data communications and networking equipment and related services. Vendor may propose such products or services throughout the term of the contract. Pricing and terms will be negotiated upon DIR acceptance. Any determination will be at DIR's sole discretion and any decision will be final. In addition, Texas DIR and Vendor may mutually agree to add future acquisitions of Cisco to the contract. Subsequent terms of the acquisition(s) and pricing will be mutually agreed upon in writing and amended under the contract.

**4. Pricing**

Pricing to the DIR Customer shall be as set forth in Appendix A, Section 8, Pricing, Purchase Orders, Invoices and Payment, and as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index, and shall include the DIR Administrative Fee.

**5. DIR Administrative Fee**

A) The administrative fee to be paid by the Vendor to DIR based on the Net Purchase Price (as later defined in this Section) to Customers pursuant to this Contract is three quarters of one percent (.75%). For example, the administrative fee for sales totaling \$100,000 shall be \$750.00. "Net Purchase Price" = Vendor's product list price, minus all applicable contract discounts, rebates or value added incentives and excluding sales, use or other applicable taxes, surcharges or like fees, to the extent applicable to an order.

**B)** All prices quoted to Customers shall include the administrative fee. DIR reserves the right to change this fee upwards or downwards during the term of this Contract, upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to Vendor without further requirement for a formal contract amendment. Any change in the administrative fee shall be incorporated by Vendor in the price to the Customer.

**6. Notification**

All notices under this Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated below.

If sent to the State:

Dana L. Collins, CTPM, CTCM  
Manager, Contract and Vendor Management  
Department of Information Resources  
300 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1300  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Phone: (512) 936-2233  
Facsimile: (512) 475-4759  
Email: [dana.collins@dir.texas.gov](mailto:dana.collins@dir.texas.gov)

If sent to the Vendor:

Mimi Farr  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
2375 E. Camelback Road, 4th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Phone: 408-527-2627  
Email: [mimnguye@cisco.com](mailto:mimnguye@cisco.com)

**7. Software License and Service Agreements**

**A. End User License Agreement**

1) Customers acquiring software licenses under the Contract shall hold, use and operate such software subject to compliance with the End User License Agreement set forth in Appendix D of this Contract. No changes to the End User License Agreement terms and conditions may be made unless previously agreed to between Vendor and DIR. Customers may not add, delete or alter any of the language in Appendix D. Vendor and Order Fulfiller shall make the End User License Agreement terms and conditions available to all Customers at all times.

2) Compliance with the End User License Agreement is the responsibility of the Customer. DIR shall not be responsible for any Customer's compliance with the End User License Agreement. If DIR purchases software licenses for its own use under this Contract, it shall be responsible for its compliance with the End User License Agreement terms and conditions.

**B. Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement**

Regardless of any other provision or other license terms which may be issued by Vendor after the effective date of this Contract, and irrespective of whether any such provisions have been proposed prior to or after the issuance of a Purchase Order for products licensed under this Contract, or the fact that such other agreement may be affixed to or accompany software upon delivery (shrink-wrap), the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract shall supersede and govern the license terms between Customers and Vendor. **It is the Customer's responsibility to read the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement and determine if the Customer accepts the license terms as amended by this Contract. If the Customer does not agree with the license terms, Customer shall be responsible for negotiating with the reseller to obtain additional changes in the Shrink/Click-wrap License Agreement language from the software publisher.**

**C. Service Agreement**

Services provided under this Contract shall be in accordance with the Service Agreement as set forth in Appendix E of this Contract. No changes to the Service Agreement terms and conditions may be made unless previously agreed to by Vendor and DIR.

**D. Conflicting or Additional Terms**

In the event that conflicting or additional terms in Vendor Software License Agreements, Shrink/Click Wrap License Agreements, Service Agreements or linked or supplemental documents amend or diminish the rights of DIR Customers or the State, such conflicting or additional terms shall not take precedence over the terms of this Contract.

**8. Authorized Exceptions to Contract or any Appendices.**

**A. Section 3. Definitions, G. Purchase Order** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

**Purchase Order** - the Customer's fiscal form or format, which is used when making a purchase (e.g., formal written Purchase Order, Procurement Card, Electronic Purchase Order, or other authorized instrument). The terms of this agreement supercedes any terms printed on Customer's Purchase Order and any Purchase Order terms are null and void.

**B. Section 4. General Provisions, D. Assignment** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

DIR or Vendor may assign the Contract without prior written approval to: i) a successor in interest (for DIR, another Texas state agency as designated by the Texas Legislature), or ii) a subsidiary, parent company or affiliate, or iii) as necessary to satisfy a regulatory requirement imposed upon a party by a governing body with the appropriate authority. Assignment of the Contract under the above terms shall require

written notification by the assigning party. Any other assignment by a party shall require the written consent of the other party. Each party agrees to cooperate to amend the Contract as necessary to maintain an accurate record of the contracting parties.

**C. Section 5. Intellectual Property Matters** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

This contract does not contemplate, authorize or support acquisition of custom software products or services. If Vendor and Customer seek to contract for such product or service, they must use a separate contract or seek amendment with DIR of this contract. If DIR and Vendor decide to authorize customized software or hardware products; then the intellectual property language will be negotiated and applied.

**D. Section 7. Contract Fulfillment and Promotion, A. Service, Sales and Support of the Contract** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

Vendor shall provide service, sales and support resources to serve all Customers throughout the State. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to sell, market, and promote services available under the Contract. Vendor shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that potential Customers are made aware of the existence of the Contract. All sales to Customers for services available under the Contract shall be processed through the Contract.

**E. Section 7. Contract Fulfillment and Promotion, E. Internet Access to Contract and Pricing Information** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

**1) Vendor Website**

Within thirty days of the effective date of the Contract, Vendor will establish and maintain a website specific to the product and service offerings under the Contract which is clearly distinguishable from other, non-DIR Contract offerings at Vendor's website. The website must include: the product and services categories offered, product and service specifications (if applicable), Contract pricing, designated Order Fulfillers, contact information for Vendor and designated Order Fulfillers, instructions for obtaining quotes and placing Purchase Orders, and warranty and return policies. The Vendor's website shall list the DIR Contract number, reference the DIR Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Cooperative Contracts program, display the DIR logo in accordance with the requirements in paragraph F of this Section, and contain a link to the DIR website for the Contract.

**2) Accurate and Timely Contract Information**

Vendor warrants and represents that the website information specified in the above paragraph will be accurately and completely posted, maintained and displayed in an objective and timely manner. Vendor, at its own expense, shall correct any non-conforming or inaccurate information posted at Vendor's website within thirty (30) business days after written notification by DIR.

**3) Website Compliance Checks**

Periodic compliance checks of the information posted for the Contract on Vendor's website will be conducted by DIR. Upon request by DIR, Vendor shall provide verifiable documentation that pricing listed upon this website is uniform with the pricing as stated in Section 4 of the Contract.

**4) Website Changes**

Vendor hereby consents to a link from the DIR website to Vendor's website in order to facilitate access to Contract information. The establishment of the link is provided solely for convenience in carrying out the business operations of the State. DIR reserves the right to terminate or remove a link at any time, in its sole discretion, without advance notice, or to deny a future request for a link. DIR will provide Vendor with subsequent notice of link termination or removal. Vendor shall provide DIR with timely written notice of any change in URL or other information needed to access the site and/or maintain the link.

**5) Use of Access Data Prohibited**

If Vendor stores, collects or maintains data electronically as a condition of accessing Contract information, such data shall only be used internally by Vendor for the purpose of implementing or marketing the Contract, and shall not be disseminated to third parties or used for other marketing purposes. The Contract constitutes a public document under the laws of the State and Vendor shall not restrict DIR or Customer access to Contract terms and conditions including pricing, i.e., through use of restrictive technology or passwords.

**6) Responsibility for Content**

Vendor is solely responsible for administration, content, intellectual property rights, and all materials at Vendor's website. DIR reserves the right to require a change of listed content if, in the opinion of DIR, it does not adequately represent the Contract.

**F. Section 7. Contract Fulfillment and Promotion, G. Vendor and Order Fulfiler Logo** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

In the event DIR should need use of Vendor Logo, written mutually agreed upon criteria will be coordinated with Vendor.

**G. Section 8. Purchase Orders, Invoices, Payments, C. Customer Price,** is hereby replaced in its entirety:

1) The price to the Customer shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Customer Price} = \text{MSRP} - \text{Customer Discount}$$

2) Customers purchasing products and services under this Contract may negotiate more advantageous pricing or participate in special promotional offers. In such event, a copy of such better offerings shall be furnished to DIR upon request.

3) If pricing for Vendor's products or services available under this Contract are

provided at a lower price to: (i) an eligible Customer in Texas who is not purchasing those products or services under this Contract or (ii) any other Texas entity or consortia authorized by Texas law to sell said products and services to eligible Customers, then the available Customer Price in this Contract shall be adjusted to that lower price prospectively. This requirement applies to products or services quoted directly by Cisco Systems, Inc. for a quantity of one (1) under like terms and conditions, and does not apply to volume or special pricing purchases. Upon either Customer's notice to Vendor, or Vendor's notice to Customer that the party(ies) have become aware of this pricing differential and the pricing differential has been confirmed by Vendor or Customer provides reasonable confirmation to Vendor, this Contract shall be amended within ten (10) business days to reflect the lower price.

**H. Section 8. Purchase Orders, Invoices, Payments, H. Changes to Prices**, is hereby replaced in its entirety:

Vendor may change the price of any product or service at any time, based upon changes to the MSRP, but discount levels shall remain consistent with the discount levels specified in this Contract. Price decreases shall take effect once 1) Vendor notifies DIR of any pricing changes and 2) the pricelist has been updated / posted on the DIR webpage.

**I. Section 8. Purchase Orders, Invoices, Payments, L. Transfer of Title** is hereby added to this section as follows:

Transfer of Title shall occur upon acceptance of goods. Customer shall have five (5) business days after delivery to accept product. Absent written rejection within the five (5) business days, product will be deemed accepted without waiving the right to return product as set forth under Vendor warranty provisions.

**J. Section 9. Contract Administration, B. Reporting and Administrative Fees** is hereby replaced in its entirety:

**1) Reporting Responsibility**

a) Vendor shall be responsible for reporting all products and services purchased through Order Fulfillers under the Contract. Vendor shall file the monthly reports, subcontract reports, and pay the administrative fees in accordance with the due dates specified in this section.

b) DIR shall have the right to verify required reports and to take any actions necessary to enforce its rights under this section, including but not limited to, compliance checks of Vendor's applicable Contract books at DIR's expense.

**2) Detailed Monthly Report**

Vendor shall electronically provide DIR with a detailed monthly report in the format required by DIR showing the dollar volume of any and all Net Purchase Price for invoices billed under the Contract for the previous month period. Reports shall be submitted to the DIR ICT Cooperative Contracts E-Mail Box at

[ict.sales@dir.texas.gov](mailto:ict.sales@dir.texas.gov). Reports are due on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the close of the previous month period. It is the responsibility of Vendor to collect and compile all sales under the Contract from participating Order Fulfillers and submit one (1) monthly report. The monthly report shall include, per transaction: the detailed sales for the period, the Order Fulfiller's company name, if applicable, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, part number, manufacturer, quantity, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, and other information as required by DIR. Each report must contain all information listed above per transaction or the report will be rejected and returned to the Vendor for correction in accordance with this section.

**3) Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontract Reports**

a) If Historically Underutilized Businesses are used by Vendor, Vendor shall electronically provide each Customer with their relevant Historically Underutilized Business Subcontracting Report, pursuant to the Contract, as required by Chapter 2161, Texas Government Code. Reports shall also be submitted to DIR.

b) Reports shall be due in accordance with the CPA rules.

**4) DIR Administrative Fee**

a) An administrative fee shall be paid by Vendor to DIR to defray the DIR costs of negotiating, executing, and administering the Contract. The maximum administrative fee is set by the Texas Legislature in the biennial General Appropriations Act. Payment of the administrative fee shall be due on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the close of the previous month period. DIR may change the amount of the administrative fee upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor without the need for a formal contract amendment.

b) Vendor shall reference the DIR Contract number on any remittance instruments.

**5) Accurate and Timely Submission of Reports**

a) The reports and administrative fees shall be accurate and timely and submitted in accordance with the due dates specified in this section. Vendor shall correct any inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments within three (3) business days upon written notification by DIR. Vendor shall deliver any late reports or late administrative fee payments within ten (10) business days upon written notification by DIR. If Vendor is unable to correct inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments or deliver late reports and fee payments within three (3) business days, Vendor must contact DIR and provide a corrective plan of action, including the timeline for completion of correction. The corrective plan of action shall be subject to DIR approval, such approval not unreasonably withheld.

b) Should Vendor fail to correct inaccurate reports or cure the delay in timely delivery of reports and payments within the corrective plan of action timeline, DIR reserves the right to require an independent third party audit of the Vendor's records as specified in C.3 of this Section, at DIR's expense.

c) Failure to timely submit three (3) reports within any rolling twelve (12) month period may, at DIR's discretion, result in termination of Vendor's Contract.

**K. Section 9. Contract Administration, C. Records and Audit, paragraph 3)** is hereby amended as follows:

Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers shall grant access to all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices and any other items relevant to the performance of the Contract to the DIR Internal Audit department or DIR Contract Management staff, including the compliance checks designated by the DIR Internal Audit department, DIR Contract Management staff, the State Auditor's Office, and of the United States, and such other persons or entities designated by DIR for the purposes of inspecting, Compliance Checking and/or copying such books and records. Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers shall provide copies and printouts requested by DIR without charge. DIR shall provide Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers thirty (30) business days' notice prior to inspecting, Compliance Checking, and/or copying Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's records. Vendor's and/or Order Fulfillers records, whether paper or electronic, shall be made available during regular office hours. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller personnel familiar with the Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's books and records shall be available to the DIR Internal Audit department, or DIR Contract Management staff and designees as needed. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller shall provide adequate office space to DIR staff during the performance of Compliance Check. If Vendor is found to be responsible for inaccurate reports, DIR may invoice for the reasonable costs of the audit, which Vendor must pay within thirty (30) days of receipt.

**L. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, A. Indemnification, 2) Acts or Omissions** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR PERMITTED ASSIGNEES, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED REASONABLE COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES resulting from bodily injury (including death) or damage to tangible property to the extent directly arising out of, or resulting from any negligent acts or omissions, or willful misconduct of the Vendor or its agents, employees, or subcontractors, in the execution or performance of the Contract and any Purchase Orders issued under the Contract. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR TEXAS STATE AGENCY CUSTOMERS AND BY CUSTOMER'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR NON-STATE AGENCY CUSTOMERS.

**M. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, A. Indemnification, 3) Infringements** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

a) Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES, from any and all third party claims for infringement of United States patents, copyrights, trade and service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights in connection with the PERFORMANCES OR ACTIONS OF VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT.

VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES FOR STATE AGENCY CUSTOMERS. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR TEXAS STATE AGENCY CUSTOMERS AND BY CUSTOMER'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR NON-STATE AGENCY CUSTOMERS.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, such indemnity shall not apply, and Vendor shall have no liability, for any claim of infringement caused solely by:

- a) Modification of a product by Customer or a third party
- b) The amount or duration of use which Customer makes of the Product, revenue earned by Customer from services it provides that use the Product, or services offered by Customer to external or internal customers
- c) Combination, operation, or use of a product with non-Cisco products, software or business processes
- d) Customer's use of the products after Vendor informs Customer of modifications or a change required to avoid such claims and offers to implement those changes
- e) any modifications made to the Product by the Vendor pursuant to Customer's specific instructions.

b) If Vendor becomes aware of an actual or potential claim, or Customer provides Vendor with notice of an actual or potential claim, Vendor may (or in the case of an injunction against Customer, shall), at Vendor's sole option and expense: (i) procure for the Customer the right to continue to use the affected portion of the product or service, (ii) modify or replace the affected portion of the product or service with functionally equivalent or superior product or service so that Customer's use is non-infringing.

- N. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, B. Taxes/Worker’s Compensation/ UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, Paragraph 2)** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

VENDOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CUSTOMERS, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

- O. Section 10 Vendor Responsibilities, C. Vendor Certifications, (vii)** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows and add (xvi):

(vii) Vendor and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration;

(xvi) represent and warrant that the Customer’s payment and their receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Agreement are not prohibited by Sections 556.005 or Section 556.008, Texas Government Code.

- P. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, H. Confidentiality** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

1) Vendor acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are state agencies are government agencies subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Vendor also acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are state agencies will comply with the Public Information Act, and with all opinions of the Texas Attorney General’s office concerning this Act.

2) Under the terms of the Contract, DIR may provide Vendor with information related to Customers. Vendor shall not re-sell or otherwise distribute or release Customer information to any party in any manner.

a) Customer and Vendor agree that in connection with this Contract and their relationship, they may obtain Confidential Information. The receiving party shall

at all times keep in trust and confidence all such Confidential information, and shall not use such Confidential Information other than as expressly authorized by the disclosing party under this Agreement, nor shall the receiving party disclose any such Confidential Information to third parties without the disclosing party's written consent. Notwithstanding the above, Vendor shall be authorized to disclose Customer's Confidential Information to contractors or employees of a Vendor entity who have a legitimate business need to have access to such information. As allowed under record and retention policies and laws, the receiving party shall immediately return to the disclosing party all Confidential Information (including copies thereof) in the receiving party's possession, custody, or control upon termination or expiration at any time and for any reason of this Agreement. The obligations of confidentiality shall not apply to information which (a) has entered the public domain, except where such entry is the result of the receiving party's breach of this Agreement; (b) prior to disclosure hereunder was already rightfully in the receiving party's possession; (c) subsequent to disclosure hereunder is obtained by the receiving party on a non-confidential basis from a third party who has the right to disclose such information to the receiving party. The receiving party will be authorized to disclose Confidential Information pursuant to a valid order issued by a court or government agency, provided that the receiving party provides (i) prior written notice to the disclosing party of such obligation and (ii) the opportunity to oppose such disclosure. Customer may disclose information necessary to comply with the Texas Public Information Act.

Vendor shall not disclose, advertise, or publish the terms and conditions of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Customer. Any press release or publication by Vendor regarding this Agreement is subject to prior review and written approval of DIR and Customer. Customer may publish the contract in its customary manner or as required by law or for the conducting of public business.

**Q. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, J. Background and/or Criminal History Investigation** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

Prior to commencement of any services, background and/or criminal history investigation of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller's employees and subcontractors who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract may be performed by certain Customers requiring such investigations. Subject to Customer underwriting the costs incurred for investigations of Vendor's personnel who voluntarily elect to undergo such screening to perform Services, Customer will interface directly with such personnel regarding scheduling the testing and results. Customer understands and agrees that such testing results shall not be communicated directly to Cisco. However, to the extent Customer requires additional candidates for such screening, Cisco will direct volunteers to Customer for follow up. If any Vendor employee refuses to so agree to an investigation, such employee may be denied access to Customer's premises. Should any employee or subcontractor of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract not be acceptable to the Customer as a result of the background and/or criminal history

check, then Customer may immediately terminate its Purchase Order and related Service Agreement or request replacement of the employee or subcontractor in question.

**R. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, K. Limitation of Liability** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

For any claim or cause of action arising under or related to the Contract: i) to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, none of the parties shall be liable to the other for punitive, special, incidental, indirect, lost revenue or lost profits, or consequential damages, whether arising in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise even if it is advised of the possibility of such damages; and ii) Vendor's liability for damages of any kind to the Customer shall be limited to the total amount paid to Vendor under the Contract during the twelve months immediately preceding the accrual of the claim or cause of action. However, this limitation of Vendor's liability shall not apply to claims of patent, trademark, or copyright infringement.

**S. Section 10. Vendor Responsibilities, N. Required Insurance Coverage** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

As a condition of this Contract with DIR, Vendor shall provide certificates of insurance, or other proof of insurance, reflecting the maintenance of the listed insurance coverage within 5 days of execution of the Contract if the Vendor is awarded services which require that Vendor's employees perform work at any Customer premises and/or use employer vehicles to conduct work on behalf of Customers. In addition, when engaged by a Customer to provide services on Customer premises, the Vendor shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain the insurance coverage specified herein, and shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to the related Customer within five (5) business days following the execution of the Purchase Order. Vendor may not begin performance under the Contract and/or a Purchase Order until such proof of insurance coverage is provided to, and approved by, DIR and the Customer. All required insurance must be issued by companies that have an A.M. Best's financial rating of A- or better and duly licensed, admitted, and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. The Customer and DIR will be named as Additional Insureds on all required coverage. Required coverage must remain in effect through the term of the Contract and each Purchase Order issued to Vendor there under. In the event Vendor receives notice of cancellation of coverage, Vendor shall promptly replace such coverage so that no lapse in insurance occurs. The minimum acceptable insurance provisions are as follows:

**1) Commercial General Liability**

Commercial General Liability must include a combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for coverage A, B, & C including products/completed operations, where appropriate, with a separate aggregate of \$500,000. The policy shall contain the following provisions:

- a) Blanket contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract;
- b) Independent Contractor coverage;
- c) State of Texas, DIR and Customer listed as an additional insured; but only to the extent of liabilities falling within Vendor's contractual and indemnity obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and
- d) Waiver of Transfer Right of Recovery Against Others in favor of DIR and/or Customer, but only to the extent of liabilities falling within Vendor's contractual and indemnity obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

**2) Workers' Compensation Insurance**

Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employers' Liability coverage must include limits consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Workers' Compensation Act (Art. 8308-1.01 et seq. Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat) and minimum policy limits for Employers' Liability of \$250,000 bodily injury per accident, \$500,000 bodily injury disease policy limit and \$250,000 per disease per employee.

**3) Business Automobile Liability Insurance**

Business Automobile Liability Insurance must cover all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternative acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident. The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of DIR and/or Customer:

- a) Waiver of Subrogation, but only to the extent of liabilities falling within Vendor's contractual and indemnity obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;
- b) Definition of Insured to include those parties to whom Vendor owes contractual liability coverage.

**T. Section 11. Contract Enforcement, B. Termination, 2) Absolute Right** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

DIR shall have the absolute right to terminate the Contract without recourse in the event that: i) Vendor becomes listed on the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control; ii) Vendor becomes suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration; or (iii) Vendor is found by DIR to be ineligible to hold this Contract under Subsection (b) of Section 2155.006, Texas Government Code. Vendor shall be provided written notice in accordance with Section 12.A, Notices, of intent to terminate.

**U. Section 11. Contract Enforcement, C. Force Majeure** is hereby replaced in its entirety as follows:

DIR, Customer, Vendor or Order Fulfiller may be excused from performance under the Contract for any period when performance is prevented as the result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party experiencing the event of Force Majeure has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance and to shorten the duration of the event of Force Majeure. The party suffering an event of Force Majeure shall provide notice of the event to the other parties when commercially reasonable. Subject to this provision, such non-performance shall not be deemed a default or a ground for termination. However, a Customer may terminate a Purchase Order if it is determined by the Customer that Order Fulfiller will not be able to deliver product or services in a timely manner to meet the business needs of the Customer.

**V. Appendix D, End User License Agreement to DIR-TSO-2542** the following applies:

The following terms of Vendor's End User License Agreement shall have the same priority as the terms of this final contract document: SECTIONS HEREIN ENTITLED "LICENSE", "GENERAL LIMITATIONS", "SOFTWARE, UPGRADES AND ADDITIONAL COPIES", "PROPRIETARY NOTICES", "CUSTOMER RECORDS" AND "IDENTIFIED COMPONENTS".

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This Contract is executed to be effective as of the date of last signature.

**Cisco Systems, Inc.**

**Authorized By:** Signature on File

**Name:** Phil Lozano

**Title:** Director of Finance

**Date:** 5/5/14

**The State of Texas, acting by and through the Department of Information Resources**

**Authorized By:** Signature on File

**Name:** Karen Robinson Martin Zelinsky for Karen Robinson

**Title:** Executive Director

**Date:** 5/5/14

**Office of General Counsel:** drb 5/5/14

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The following terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of DIR and Vendor during the term of the Contract.

**1. Contract Scope**

The Vendor shall provide the products and related services specified in Section 3 of the Contract for purchase by Customers. In addition, DIR and Vendor may agree to provisions that allow Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller to lease the products offered under the Contract. Terms used in this document shall have the meanings set forth below in Section 3.

**2. No Quantity Guarantees**

The Contract is not exclusive to the Vendor. Customers may obtain products and related services from other sources during the term of the Contract. DIR makes no express or implied warranties whatsoever that any particular quantity or dollar amount of products and related services will be procured through the Contract.

**3. Definitions**

**A. Customer** - any Texas state agency, unit of local government, institution of higher education as defined in Section 2054.003, Texas Government Code, and those state agencies purchasing from a DIR contract through an Interagency Agreement, as authorized by Chapter 771, Texas Government Code, any local government as authorized through the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, and the state agencies and political subdivisions of other states as authorized by Section 2054.0565, Texas Government Code and, except for telecommunications services under Chapter 2170, Texas Government Code, assistance organizations as defined in Section 2175.001, Texas Government Code to mean:

- 1) A non-profit organization that provides educational, health or human services or assistance to homeless individuals;
- 2) A nonprofit food bank that solicits, warehouses, and redistributes edible but unmarketable food to an agency that feeds needy families and individuals;
- 3) Texas Partners of the Americas, a registered agency with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, with the approval of the Partners of the Alliance Office of the Agency for International Development;
- 4) A group, including a faith-based group, that enters into a financial or non-financial agreement with a health or human services agency to provide services to that agency's clients;
- 5) A local workforce development board created under Section 2308.253;
- 6) A nonprofit organization approved by the Supreme Court of Texas that provides free legal services for low-income households in civil matters;
- 7) The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., or an entity designated by the commissioner of agriculture as the foundation's successor entity under Section 74.1011, Texas Agriculture Code;
- 8) A nonprofit computer bank that solicits, stores, refurbishes and redistributes used computer equipment to public school students and their families; and
- 9) A nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing.

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- B. Compliance Check** – an audit of Vendor’s compliance with the Contract may be performed by, but not limited to, a third party auditor, DIR Internal Audit department, or DIR contract management staff or their designees.
- C. Contract** – the document executed between DIR and Vendor into which this Appendix A is incorporated.
- D. CPA** – refers to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- E. Day** - shall mean business days, Monday through Friday, except for State and Federal holidays, unless otherwise specified as calendar days. If the Contract calls for performance on a day that is not a business day, then performance is intended to occur on the next business day.
- F. Order Fulfiller** – the party, either Vendor or a party that may be designated by Vendor, who is fulfilling a Purchase Order pursuant to the Contract.
- G. Purchase Order** - the Customer’s fiscal form or format, which is used when making a purchase (e.g., formal written Purchase Order, Procurement Card, Electronic Purchase Order, or other authorized instrument).
- H. State** – refers to the State of Texas.

**4. General Provisions**

**A. Entire Agreement**

The Contract, Appendices, and Exhibits constitute the entire agreement between DIR and the Vendor. No statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained in the Contract, Appendices, or its Exhibits shall be binding or valid.

**B. Modification of Contract Terms and/or Amendments**

- 1) The terms and conditions of the Contract shall govern all transactions by Customers under the Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of DIR and Vendor.
- 2) Customers shall not have the authority to modify the terms of the Contract; however, additional Customer terms and conditions that do not conflict with the Contract and are acceptable to Order Fulfiller may be added in a Purchase Order and given effect. No additional term or condition added in a Purchase Order issued by a Customer can conflict with or diminish a term or condition of the Contract. Pre-printed terms and conditions on any Purchase Order issued by Customer hereunder will have no force and effect. In the event of a conflict between a Customer’s Purchase Order and the Contract, the Contract term shall control.
- 3) Customers and Vendor will negotiate and enter into written agreements regarding statements of work, service level agreements, remedies, acceptance criteria, information confidentiality and security requirements, and other terms specific to their Purchase Orders under the Contract with Vendors.

**C. Invalid Term or Condition**

- 1) To the extent any term or condition in the Contract conflicts with the applicable State and/or United States law or regulation, such Contract term or condition is void and unenforceable. By executing a contract which contains the conflicting term or condition, DIR makes no representations or warranties regarding the enforceability of

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such term or condition and DIR does not waive the applicable State and/or United States law or regulation which conflicts with the Contract term or condition.

2) If one or more terms or conditions in the Contract, or the application of any term or condition to any party or circumstance, is held invalid, unenforceable, or illegal in any respect by a final judgment or order of the State Office of Administrative Hearings or a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Contract and the application of the term or condition to other parties or circumstances shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

**D. Assignment**

DIR or Vendor may assign the Contract without prior written approval to: i) a successor in interest (for DIR, another state agency as designated by the Texas Legislature), or ii) a subsidiary, parent company or affiliate, or iii) as necessary to satisfy a regulatory requirement imposed upon a party by a governing body with the appropriate authority. Assignment of the Contract under the above terms shall require written notification by the assigning party and, for Vendor, a mutually agreed written Contract amendment. Any other assignment by a party shall require the written consent of the other party and a mutually agreed written Contract amendment.

**E. Survival**

All applicable software license agreements, warranties or service agreements that were entered into between Vendor and a Customer under the terms and conditions of the Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract. All Purchase Orders issued and accepted by Vendor or Order Fulfiller shall survive expiration or termination of the Contract. Rights and obligations under this Contract which by their nature should survive, including, but not limited to any and all payment obligations invoiced prior to the termination or expiration hereof; obligations of confidentiality; and, indemnification, will remain in effect after termination or expiration hereof.

**F. Choice of Law**

The laws of the State shall govern the construction and interpretation of the Contract. Exclusive venue for all actions will be in state court, Travis County, Texas. Nothing in the Contract or its Appendices shall be construed to waive the State's sovereign immunity.

**G. Limitation of Authority**

Vendor shall have no authority to act for or on behalf of the Texas Department of Information Resources or the State except as expressly provided for in this Contract; no other authority, power or use is granted or implied. Vendor may not incur any debts, obligations, expenses, or liabilities of any kind on behalf of the State or DIR.

**H. Proof of Financial Stability**

Either DIR or Customer may require Vendor to provide proof of financial stability prior to or at any time during the contract term.

**5. Intellectual Property Matters**

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#### **A. Definitions**

1) “Work Product” means any and all deliverables produced by Vendor for Customer under a Statement of Work issued pursuant to this Contract, including any and all tangible or intangible items or things that have been or will be prepared, created, developed, invented or conceived at any time following the effective date of the Contract, including but not limited to any (i) works of authorship (such as manuals, instructions, printed material, graphics, artwork, images, illustrations, photographs, computer programs, computer software, scripts, object code, source code or other programming code, HTML code, flow charts, notes, outlines, lists, compilations, manuscripts, writings, pictorial materials, schematics, formulae, processes, algorithms, data, information, multimedia files, text web pages or web sites, other written or machine readable expression of such works fixed in any tangible media, and all other copyrightable works), (ii) trademarks, service marks, trade dress, trade names, logos, or other indicia of source or origin, (iii) ideas, designs, concepts, personality rights, methods, processes, techniques, apparatuses, inventions, formulas, discoveries, or improvements, including any patents, trade secrets and know-how, (iv) domain names, (v) any copies, and similar or derivative works to any of the foregoing, (vi) all documentation and materials related to any of the foregoing, (vii) all other goods, services or deliverables to be provided to Customer under the Contract or a Statement of Work, and (viii) all Intellectual Property Rights in any of the foregoing, and which are or were created, prepared, developed, invented or conceived for the use or benefit of Customer in connection with this Contract or a Statement of Work, or with funds appropriated by or for Customer or Customer’s benefit: (a) by any Vendor personnel or Customer personnel, or (b) any Customer personnel who then became personnel to Vendor or any of its affiliates or subcontractors, where, although creation or reduction-to-practice is completed while the person is affiliated with Vendor or its personnel, any portion of same was created, invented or conceived by such person while affiliated with Customer.

2) “Intellectual Property Rights” means the worldwide legal rights or interests evidenced by or embodied in: (i) any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement, including any patents, trade secrets, and know-how; (ii) any work of authorship, including any copyrights, moral rights or neighboring rights; (iii) any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or other indicia of source or origin; (iv) domain name registrations; and (v) any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a party include all worldwide legal rights or interests that the party may have acquired by assignment or license with the right to grant sublicenses.

3) “Statement of Work” means a document signed by Customer and Vendor describing a specific set of activities and/or deliverables, which may include Work Product and Intellectual Property Rights, that Vendor is to provide Customer, issued pursuant to the Contract.

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4) “Third Party IP” means the Intellectual Property Rights of any third party that is not a party to this Contract, and that is not directly or indirectly providing any goods or services to Customer under this Contract.

5) “Vendor IP” shall mean all tangible or intangible items or things, including the Intellectual Property Rights therein, created or developed by Vendor (a) prior to providing any Services or Work Product to Customer and prior to receiving any documents, materials, information or funding from or on behalf of Customer relating to the Services or Work Product, or (b) after the Effective Date of the Contract if such tangible or intangible items or things were independently developed by Vendor outside Vendor’s provision of Services or Work Product for Customer hereunder and were not created, prepared, developed, invented or conceived by any Customer personnel who then became personnel to Vendor or any of its affiliates or subcontractors, where, although creation or reduction-to-practice is completed while the person is affiliated with Vendor or its personnel, any portion of same was created, invented or conceived by such person while affiliated with Customer.

**B. Ownership.**

As between Vendor and Customer, the Work Product and Intellectual Property Rights therein are and shall be owned exclusively by Customer, and not Vendor. Vendor specifically agrees that the Work Product shall be considered “works made for hire” and that the Work Product shall, upon creation, be owned exclusively by Customer. To the extent that the Work Product, under applicable law, may not be considered works made for hire, Vendor hereby agrees that the Contract effectively transfers, grants, conveys, assigns, and relinquishes exclusively to Customer all right, title and interest in and to all ownership rights in the Work Product, and all Intellectual Property Rights in the Work Product, without the necessity of any further consideration, and Customer shall be entitled to obtain and hold in its own name all Intellectual Property Rights in and to the Work Product. Vendor acknowledges that Vendor and Customer do not intend Vendor to be a joint author of the Work Product within the meaning of the Copyright Act of 1976. Customer shall have access, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM) and upon reasonable prior notice to Vendor, to all Vendor materials, premises and computer files containing the Work Product. Vendor and Customer, as appropriate, will cooperate with one another and execute such other documents as may be reasonably appropriate to achieve the objectives herein. No license or other right is granted hereunder to any Third Party IP, except as may be incorporated in the Work Product by Vendor.

**C. Further Actions.**

Vendor, upon request and without further consideration, shall perform any acts that may be deemed reasonably necessary or desirable by Customer to evidence more fully the transfer of ownership and/or registration of all Intellectual Property Rights in all Work Product to Customer to the fullest extent possible, including but not limited to the execution, acknowledgement and delivery of such further documents in a form determined by Customer. In the event Customer shall be unable to obtain Vendor’s signature due to the dissolution of Vendor or Vendor’s unreasonable failure to respond to Customer’s repeated requests for such signature on any document reasonably necessary for any purpose set forth in the foregoing sentence, Vendor hereby irrevocably designates and

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appoints Customer and its duly authorized officers and agents as Vendor's agent and Vendor's attorney-in-fact to act for and in Vendor's behalf and stead to execute and file any such document and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further any such purpose with the same force and effect as if executed and delivered by Vendor, provided however that no such grant of right to Customer is applicable if Vendor fails to execute any document due to a good faith dispute by Vendor with respect to such document. It is understood that such power is coupled with an interest and is therefore irrevocable. Customer shall have the full and sole power to prosecute such applications and to take all other action concerning the Work Product, and Vendor shall cooperate, at Customer's sole expense, in the preparation and prosecution of all such applications and in any legal actions and proceedings concerning the Work Product.

**D. Waiver of Moral Rights.**

Vendor hereby irrevocably and forever waives, and agrees never to assert, any Moral Rights in or to the Work Product which Vendor may now have or which may accrue to Vendor's benefit under U.S. or foreign copyright or other laws and any and all other residual rights and benefits which arise under any other applicable law now in force or hereafter enacted. Vendor acknowledges the receipt of equitable compensation for its assignment and waiver of such Moral Rights. The term "Moral Rights" shall mean any and all rights of paternity or integrity of the Work Product and the right to object to any modification, translation or use of the Work Product, and any similar rights existing under the judicial or statutory law of any country in the world or under any treaty, regardless of whether or not such right is denominated or referred to as a moral right.

**E. Confidentiality.**

All documents, information and materials forwarded to Vendor by Customer for use in and preparation of the Work Product, shall be deemed the confidential information of Customer, and subject to the license granted by Customer to Vendor under sub-paragraph H. Hereunder, Vendor shall not use, disclose, or permit any person to use or obtain the Work Product, or any portion thereof, in any manner without the prior written approval of Customer.

**F. Injunctive Relief.**

The Contract is intended to protect Customer's proprietary rights pertaining to the Work Product, and the Intellectual Property Rights therein, and any misuse of such rights would cause substantial and irreparable harm to Customer's business. Therefore, Vendor acknowledges and stipulates that a court of competent jurisdiction may immediately enjoin any material breach of the intellectual property, use, and confidentiality provisions of this Contract, upon a request by Customer, without requiring proof of irreparable injury as same should be presumed.

**G. Return of Materials Pertaining to Work Product.**

Upon the request of Customer, but in any event upon termination or expiration of this Contract or a Statement of Work, Vendor shall surrender to Customer all documents and things pertaining to the Work Product, including but not limited to drafts, memoranda, notes, records, drawings, manuals, computer software, reports, data, and all other documents or materials (and copies of same) generated or developed by Vendor or

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furnished by Customer to Vendor, including all materials embodying the Work Product, any Customer confidential information, or Intellectual Property Rights in such Work Product, regardless of whether complete or incomplete. This section is intended to apply to all Work Product as well as to all documents and things furnished to Vendor by Customer or by anyone else that pertain to the Work Product.

**H. Vendor License to Use.**

Customer hereby grants to Vendor a non-transferable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up license to use any Work Product solely as necessary to provide the Services to Customer. Except as provided in this Section, neither Vendor nor any Subcontractor shall have the right to use the Work Product in connection with the provision of services to its other customers without the prior written consent of Customer, which consent may be withheld in Customer's sole discretion.

**I. Third-Party Underlying and Derivative Works.**

To the extent that any Vendor IP or Third Party IP are embodied or reflected in the Work Product, or are necessary to provide the Services, Vendor hereby grants to the Customer, or shall obtain from the applicable third party for Customer's benefit, the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license, for Customer's internal business purposes only, to (i) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such Vendor IP or Third Party IP and any derivative works thereof embodied in or delivered to Customer in conjunction with the Work Product, and (ii) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing. Vendor agrees to notify Customer on delivery of the Work Product or Services if such materials include any Third Party IP. On request, Vendor shall provide Customer with documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Vendor to use any Third Party IP that may be embodied or reflected in the Work Product.

**J. Agreement with Subcontracts.**

Vendor agrees that it shall have written agreement(s) that are consistent with the provisions hereof related to Work Product and Intellectual Property Rights with any employees, agents, consultants, contractors or subcontractors providing Services or Work Product pursuant to the Contract, prior to their providing such Services or Work Product, and that it shall maintain such written agreements at all times during performance of this Contract, which are sufficient to support all performance and grants of rights by Vendor. Copies of such agreements shall be provided to the Customer promptly upon request.

**K. License to Customer.**

Vendor grants to Customer, a perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free license, solely for the Customer's internal business purposes, to use, copy, modify, display, perform (by any means), transmit and prepare derivative works of any Vendor IP embodied in or delivered to Customer in conjunction with the Work Product. The foregoing license includes the right to sublicense third parties, solely for the purpose of engaging such third parties to assist or carryout Customer's internal business use of the Work Product. Except for the preceding license, all rights in Vendor IP remain in Vendor.

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**L. Vendor Development Rights.**

To the extent not inconsistent with Customer's rights in the Work Product or as set forth herein, nothing in this Contract shall preclude Vendor from developing for itself, or for others, materials which are competitive with those produced as a result of the Services provided hereunder, provided that no Work Product is utilized, and no Intellectual Property Rights of Customer therein are infringed by such competitive materials. To the extent that Vendor wishes to use the Work Product, or acquire licensed rights in certain Intellectual Property Rights of Customer therein in order to offer competitive goods or services to third parties, Vendor and Customer agree to negotiate in good faith regarding an appropriate license and royalty agreement to allow for such.

**6. Product Terms and Conditions**

**A. Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Standards, As Required by 1 TAC Chapters 206 and 213 (Applicable to State Agency and Institution of Higher Education Purchases Only)**

1) Effective September 1, 2006 state agencies and institutions of higher education shall procure products which comply with the State Accessibility requirements for Electronic and Information Resources specified in 1 TAC Chapters 206 and 213 when such products are available in the commercial marketplace or when such products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation.

2) Upon request, but not later than thirty (30) calendar days after request, Vendor shall provide DIR with a completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) of the specified product or a URL to the VPAT for reviewing compliance with the State Accessibility requirements (based on the federal standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act).

**B. Purchase of Commodity Items (Applicable to State Agency Purchases Only)**

1) Texas Government Code, §2157.068 requires State agencies to buy commodity items, as defined in 6.B.2, below, in accordance with contracts developed by DIR, unless the agency obtains an exemption from DIR or a written certification that a commodity is not on DIR contract (for the limited purpose of purchasing from a local government purchasing cooperative).

2) Commodity items are commercially available software, hardware and technology services that are generally available to businesses or the public and for which DIR determines that a reasonable demand exists in two or more state agencies. Hardware is the physical technology used to process, manage, store, transmit, receive or deliver information. Software is the commercially available programs that operate hardware and includes all supporting documentation, media on which the software may be contained or stored, related materials, modifications, versions, upgrades, enhancements, updates or replacements. Technology services are the services, functions and activities that facilitate the design, implementation, creation, or use of software or hardware. Technology services include seat management, staffing augmentation, training, maintenance and subscription services. Technology services do not include telecommunications services. Seat management is services through which a state agency transfers its responsibilities to a vendor to manage its personal

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computing needs, including all necessary hardware, software and technology services.

3) Vendor agrees to coordinate all State agency commodity item sales through existing DIR contracts. Institutions of higher education are exempt from this Subsection 5.B.

**7. Contract Fulfillment and Promotion**

**A. Service, Sales and Support of the Contract**

Vendor shall provide service, sales and support resources to serve all Customers throughout the State. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to sell, market, and promote products and services available under the Contract. Vendor shall use its best efforts to ensure that potential Customers are made aware of the existence of the Contract. All sales to Customers for products and services available under the Contract shall be processed through the Contract.

**B. Use of Order Fulfillers**

DIR agrees to permit Vendor to utilize designated Order Fulfillers to provide service, sales and support resources to Customers. Such participation is subject to the following conditions:

**1) Designation of Order Fulfillers**

a) Vendor may designate Order Fulfillers to act as the distributors for products and services available under the Contract. In designating Order Fulfillers, Vendor must be in compliance with the State's Policy on Utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses. In addition to the required Subcontracting Plan, Vendor shall provide DIR with the following Order Fulfiler information: Order Fulfiler name, Order Fulfiler business address, Order Fulfiler CPA Identification Number, Order Fulfiler contact person email address and phone number.

b) DIR reserves the right to require the Vendor to rescind any such Order Fulfiler participation or request that Vendor name additional Order Fulfillers should DIR determine it is in the best interest of the State.

c) Vendor shall be fully liable for its Order Fulfillers' performance under and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. Vendor shall enter into contracts with Order Fulfillers and use terms and conditions that are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

d) Vendor shall have the right to qualify Order Fulfillers and their participation under the Contract provided that: i) any criteria is uniformly applied to all potential Order Fulfillers based upon Vendor's established, neutrally applied criteria, ii) the criteria is not based on a particular procurement, and iii) all Customers are supported under the different criteria.

e) Vendor shall not prohibit Order Fulfiler from participating in other procurement opportunities offered through DIR.

**2) Changes in Order Fulfiler List**

Vendor may add or delete Order Fulfillers throughout the term of the Contract upon written authorization by DIR. Prior to adding or deleting Order Fulfillers, Vendor

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must make a good faith effort in the revision of its Subcontracting Plan in accordance with the State's Policy on Utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses. Vendor shall provide DIR with its updated Subcontracting Plan and the Order Fulfiller information listed in Section 6.B.1.a above.

**3) Order Fulfiller Pricing to Customer**

Order Fulfiller pricing to the Customer shall comply with the Customer price as stated within Appendix A, Section L, Pricing, Purchase Orders, Invoices and Payment, and as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index, and shall include the DIR Administrative Fee. This pricing shall only be offered by Order Fulfillers to Customers for sales that pass through the Contract.

**C. Product Warranty and Return Policies**

Order Fulfiller will adhere to the Vendor's then-currently published policies concerning product warranties and returns. Product warranty and return policies for Customers will not be more restrictive or more costly than warranty and return policies for other similarly situated Customers for like products.

**D. Customer Site Preparation**

Customers shall prepare and maintain its site in accordance with written instructions furnished by Order Fulfiller prior to the scheduled delivery date of any product or service and shall bear the costs associated with the site preparation.

**E. Internet Access to Contract and Pricing Information**

**1) Vendor Website**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the Contract, Vendor will establish and maintain a website specific to the product and service offerings under the Contract which is clearly distinguishable from other, non-DIR Contract offerings at Vendor's website. The website must include the product and services offered, product and service specifications, specific contract pricing expressed in dollars as well as discount off MSRP or List Price, designated Order Fulfillers, contact information for Vendor and designated Order Fulfillers, instructions for obtaining quotes and placing Purchase Orders, and warranty and return policies. The Vendor's website shall list the DIR Contract number, reference the DIR Information and Communications Technology Cooperative Contracts program, display the DIR logo in accordance with the requirements in paragraph F of this Section, and contain a link to the DIR website for the Contract.

**2) Accurate and Timely Contract Information**

Vendor warrants and represents that the website information specified in the above paragraph will be accurately and completely posted, maintained and displayed in an objective and timely manner. Vendor, at its own expense, shall correct any non-conforming or inaccurate information posted at Vendor's website within ten (10) business days after written notification by DIR.

**3) Website Compliance Checks**

Periodic compliance checks of the information posted for the Contract on Vendor's website will be conducted by DIR. Upon request by DIR, Vendor shall provide

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verifiable documentation that pricing listed upon this website is compliant with the pricing as stated in the Contract.

**4) Website Changes**

Vendor hereby consents to a link from the DIR website to Vendor's website in order to facilitate access to Contract information. The establishment of the link is provided solely for convenience in carrying out the business operations of the State. DIR reserves the right to suspend, terminate or remove a link at any time, in its sole discretion, without advance notice, or to deny a future request for a link. DIR will provide Vendor with subsequent notice of link suspension, termination or removal. Vendor shall provide DIR with timely written notice of any change in URL or other information needed to access the site and/or maintain the link.

**5) Use of Access Data Prohibited**

If Vendor stores, collects or maintains data electronically as a condition of accessing Contract information, such data shall only be used internally by Vendor for the purpose of implementing or marketing the Contract and shall not be disseminated to third parties or used for other marketing purposes. The Contract constitutes a public document under the laws of the State and Vendor shall not restrict access to Contract terms and conditions including pricing, i.e., through use of restrictive technology or passwords.

**6) Responsibility for Content**

Vendor is solely responsible for administration, content, intellectual property rights, and all materials at Vendor's website. DIR reserves the right to require a change of listed content if, in the opinion of DIR, it does not adequately represent the Contract.

**F. DIR Logo**

Order Fulfiller may use the DIR logo in the promotion of the Contract to Customers with the following stipulations: (i) the logo may not be modified in any way, (ii) when displayed, the size of the DIR logo must be equal to or smaller than the Order Fulfiller logo, (iii) the DIR logo is only used to communicate the availability of products and services under the Contract to Customers, and (iv) any other use of the DIR logo requires prior written permission from DIR.

**G. Vendor and Order Fulfiller Logo**

DIR may use the Vendor's and Order Fulfiller's name and logo in the promotion of the Contract to communicate the availability of products and services under the Contract to Customers. Use of the logos may be on the DIR website or on printed materials. Any use of Vendor's and Order Fulfiller's logo by DIR must comply with and be solely related to the purposes of the Contract and any usage guidelines communicated to DIR from time to time. Nothing contained in the Contract will give DIR any right, title, or interest in or to Vendor's or Order Fulfiller's trademarks or the goodwill associated therewith, except for the limited usage rights expressly provided by Vendor and Order Fulfiller.

**H. Trade Show Participation**

At DIR's discretion, Vendor and Order Fulfillers may be required to participate in one or more DIR sponsored trade shows each calendar year. Vendor understands and agrees that

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participation, at the Vendor's and Order Fulfiller's expense, includes providing a manned booth display or similar presence. DIR will provide four months advance notice of any required participation. Vendor and Order Fulfillers must display the DIR logo at all trade shows that potential Customers will attend. DIR reserves the right to approve or disapprove of the location or the use of the DIR logo in or on the Vendor's or Order Fulfiller's booth.

**I. Orientation Meeting**

Within thirty (30) calendar days from execution of the Contract, Vendor and Order Fulfillers will be required to attend an orientation meeting to discuss the content and procedures of the Contract. DIR, at its discretion, may waive the orientation requirement for Vendors who have previously held DIR contracts. The meeting will be held in the Austin, Texas area at a date and time mutually acceptable to DIR and the Vendor or by teleconference, at DIR's discretion. DIR shall bear no cost for the time and travel of the Vendor or Order Fulfillers for attendance at the meeting.

**J. Performance Review Meetings**

DIR will require the Vendor to attend periodic meetings to review the Vendor's performance under the Contract. The meetings will be held within the Austin, Texas area at a date and time mutually acceptable to DIR and the Vendor or by teleconference, at DIR's discretion. DIR shall bear no cost for the time and travel of the Vendor for attendance at the meeting.

**K. DIR Cost Avoidance**

As part of the performance measures reported to state leadership, DIR must provide the cost avoidance the State has achieved through the Contract. Upon request by DIR, Vendor shall provide DIR with a detailed report of a representative sample of products sold under the Contract. The report shall contain: product part number, product description, list price, price to Customer under the Contract, and pricing from three (3) alternative sources under which DIR customers can procure the products.

**8. Pricing, Purchase Orders, Invoices, and Payments**

**A. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) or List Price**

MSRP is defined as the product sales price list published in some form by the manufacturer or publisher of a product and available to and recognized by the trade. A price list especially prepared for a given solicitation is not acceptable.

**B. Customer Discount**

The minimum Customer discount for all products and services will be the percentage off MSRP as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index.

**C. Customer Price**

1) The price to the Customer shall be calculated as follows:

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**Customer Price = (MSRP or List Price – Customer Discount as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index) x (1 + DIR Administrative Fee, as set forth in the Contract).**

2) Customers purchasing products and services under this Contract may negotiate more advantageous pricing or participate in special promotional offers. In such event, a copy of such better offerings shall be furnished to DIR upon request.

3) If pricing for products or services available under this Contract is provided by the Vendor at a lower price to: (i) an eligible Customer who is not purchasing those products or services under this Contract or (ii) to any other customer under the same terms and conditions provided for the State for the same commodities and services under this contract, then the available Customer Price in this Contract shall be adjusted to that lower price. This requirement applies to products or services quoted by Vendor or its resellers for a quantity of one (1) under like terms and conditions, and does not apply to volume or special pricing purchases. Vendor shall notify DIR within ten (10) days and this Contract shall be amended to reflect the lower price.

**D. DIR Administrative Fee**

The administrative fee specified in Section L below shall not be broken out as a separate line item when pricing or invoice is provided to Customer.

**E. Shipping and Handling Fees**

The price to the Customer under this Contract shall include all shipping and handling fees. Shipments will be Free On Board Customer's destination. No additional fees shall be charged to the Customer for standard shipping and handling. If the Customer requests expedited or special delivery, Customer will be responsible for any charges for expedited or special delivery.

**F. Tax-Exempt**

As per Section 151.309, Texas Tax Code, Customers under this Contract are exempt from the assessment of State sales, use and excise taxes. Further, Customers under this Contract are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, 26 United States Code Sections 4253(i) and (j).

**G. Travel Expense Reimbursement**

Pricing for services provided under this Contract are exclusive of any travel expenses that may be incurred in the performance of those services. Travel expense reimbursement may include personal vehicle mileage or commercial coach transportation, hotel accommodations, parking and meals; provided, however, the amount of reimbursement by Customers shall not exceed the amounts authorized for state employees as adopted by each Customer; and provided, further, that all reimbursement rates shall not exceed the maximum rates established for state employees under the current State Travel Management Program (<http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/>). Travel time may not be included as part of the amounts payable by Customer for any services rendered under this Contract. The DIR administrative fee specified in Section L below is not

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applicable to travel expense reimbursement. Anticipated travel expenses must be pre-approved in writing by Customer.

**H. Changes to Prices**

Subject to the requirements of this section, Vendor may change the price of any product or service at any time, based upon changes to the MSRP, but discount levels shall remain consistent with the discount levels specified in this Contract.

1) Price increase or decrease change requests must be requested with a signed cover letter indicating the change in price. Price increase requests must be accompanied by a copy of the manufacturer or publisher's price list.

2) Price decreases shall take effect automatically during the term of this Contract and shall be passed onto the Customer immediately.

3) Requests for price increases will be accepted or rejected by DIR within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a properly submitted request. Increases that are not accepted within thirty (30) calendar days will be deemed rejected. If a properly submitted increase is rejected, Vendor may request that the product or service rejected be removed from the Contract. The product or service will be removed from the Contract upon execution of a written Contract amendment, which shall be transmitted to Vendor by DIR within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written request to remove the product or service and executed by both parties without undue delay. Existing pricing must be honored up to the date of execution of the Contract amendment. Prices may not be increased for at least ninety (90) days after the contract start date. Price reductions will be accepted at any time.

**I. Purchase Orders**

All Customer Purchase Orders will be placed directly with the Order Fulfiller. Accurate Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon Order Fulfiller when accepted by Order Fulfiller.

**J. Invoices**

1) Invoices shall be submitted by the Order Fulfiller directly to the Customer and shall be issued in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code. All payments for products and/or services purchased under the Contract and any provision of acceptance of such products and/or services shall be made by the Customer to the Order Fulfiller.

2) Invoices must be timely and accurate. Each invoice must match Customer's Purchase Order and include any written changes that may apply, as it relates to products, prices and quantities. Invoices must include the Customer's Purchase Order number or other pertinent information for verification of receipt of the product or services by the Customer.

**K. Payments**

Customers shall comply with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code, in making payments to Order Fulfiller. The statute states that payments for goods and services are due thirty (30) calendar days after the goods are provided, the services completed, or a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. Payment under the Contract shall not

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foreclose the right to recover wrongful payments.

**9. Contract Administration**

**A. Contract Managers**

DIR and the Vendor will each provide a Contract Manager to support the Contract. Information regarding the Contract Manager will be posted on the Internet website designated for the Contract.

**1) State Contract Manager**

DIR shall provide a Contract Manager whose duties shall include but not be limited to: i) advising DIR and Vendor of Vendor's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, ii) periodic verification of product pricing, and iii) verification of monthly reports submitted by Vendor.

**2) Vendor Contract Manager**

Vendor shall provide a dedicated Contract Manager whose duties shall include but not be limited to: i) supporting the marketing and management of the Contract, ii) facilitating dispute resolution between a Order Fulfiller and a Customer, and iii) advising DIR of Order Fulfillers performance under the terms and conditions of the Contract. DIR reserves the right to require a change in Vendor's then-current Contract Manager if the assigned Contract Manager is not, in the reasonable opinion of DIR, adequately serving the needs of the State.

**B. Reporting and Administrative Fees**

**1) Reporting Responsibility**

a) Vendor shall be responsible for reporting all products and services purchased through Order Fulfillers under the Contract. Vendor shall file the monthly reports, subcontract reports, and pay the administrative fees in accordance with the due dates specified in this section.

b) DIR shall have the right to verify required reports and to take any actions necessary to enforce its rights under this section, including but not limited to, compliance checks of Vendor's applicable Contract books at DIR's expense.

**2) Detailed Monthly Report**

Vendor shall electronically provide DIR with a detailed monthly report in the format required by DIR showing the dollar volume of any and all sales under the Contract for the previous calendar month period. Reports shall be submitted to the DIR ICT Cooperative Contracts E-Mail Box at [ict.sales@dir.texas.gov](mailto:ict.sales@dir.texas.gov). Reports are due on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the close of the previous month period. The monthly report shall include, per transaction: the detailed sales for the period, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, quantity, MSRP or List Price, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, the administrative fee due for the reporting period, and other information as required by DIR. Each report must contain all information listed above per transaction or the report will be rejected and returned to the Vendor for correction in accordance with this section.

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**3) Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontract Reports**

a) Vendor shall electronically provide each Customer with Vendor's relevant Historically Underutilized Business Subcontracting Report, pursuant to the Contract, as required by Chapter 2161, Texas Government Code. Reports shall also be submitted to DIR.

b) Reports shall be due in accordance with the CPA rules.

**4) DIR Administrative Fee**

a) An administrative fee shall be paid by Vendor to DIR to defray the DIR costs of negotiating, executing, and administering the Contract. The maximum administrative fee is set by the Texas Legislature in the biennial General Appropriations Act. Payment of the administrative fee shall be due on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day after the close of the previous month period. DIR may change the amount of the administrative fee upon thirty (30) days written notice to Vendor without the need for a formal contract amendment.

b) Vendor shall reference the DIR Contract number, reporting period, and administrative fee amount on any remittance instruments.

**5) Accurate and Timely Submission of Reports**

a) The reports and administrative fees shall be accurate and timely and submitted in accordance with the due dates specified in this section. Vendor shall correct any inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments within three (3) business days upon written notification by DIR. Vendor shall deliver any late reports or late administrative fee payments within three (3) business days upon written notification by DIR. If Vendor is unable to correct inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments or deliver late reports and fee payments within three (3) business days, Vendor must contact DIR and provide a corrective plan of action, including the timeline for completion of correction. The corrective plan of action shall be subject to DIR approval.

b) Should Vendor fail to correct inaccurate reports or cure the delay in timely delivery of reports and payments within the corrective plan of action timeline, DIR reserves the right to require an independent third party audit of the Vendor's records as specified in C.3 of this Section, at DIR's expense.

c) Failure to timely submit three (3) reports or administrative fee payments within any rolling twelve (12) month period may, at DIR's discretion, result in the addition of a late fee penalty of \$100/day for each day the report or payment is due (up to \$1000/month) or suspension or termination of Vendor's Contract.

**C. Records and Audit**

1) Acceptance of funds under the Contract by Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency or designee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Vendor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor or designee in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Vendor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Vendor or directly by Order Fulfillers

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and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract or Order Fulfiller contract it awards pertaining to the Contract. Under the direction of the Legislative Audit Committee, a Vendor that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor's Office must provide the State Auditor's Office with access to any information the State Auditor's Office considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

2) Vendor and Order Fulfillers shall maintain adequate records to establish compliance with the Contract until the later of a period of four (4) years after termination of the Contract or until full, final and unappealable resolution of all Compliance Check or litigation issues that arise under the Contract. Such records shall include per transaction: the Order Fulfiller's company name if applicable, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, part number, manufacturer, quantity, MSRP or list price, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, the calculations supporting each administrative fee owed DIR under the Contract, Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontracting reports, and such other documentation as DIR may request.

3) Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers shall grant access to all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices and any other items relevant to the performance of the Contract to the DIR Internal Audit department or DIR Contract Management staff, including the compliance checks designated by the DIR Internal Audit department, DIR Contract Management staff, the State Auditor's Office, and of the United States, and such other persons or entities designated by DIR for the purposes of inspecting, Compliance Checking and/or copying such books and records. Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers shall provide copies and printouts requested by DIR without charge. DIR shall provide Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers ten (10) business days' notice prior to inspecting, Compliance Checking, and/or copying Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's records. Vendor's and/or Order Fulfillers records, whether paper or electronic, shall be made available during regular office hours. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller personnel familiar with the Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's books and records shall be available to the DIR Internal Audit department, or DIR Contract Management staff and designees as needed. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller shall provide adequate office space to DIR staff during the performance of Compliance Check. If Vendor is found to be responsible for inaccurate reports, DIR may invoice for the reasonable costs of the audit, which Vendor must pay within thirty (30) days of receipt.

4) For procuring State Agencies whose payments are processed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the volume of payments made to Order Fulfillers through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the administrative fee based thereon shall be presumed correct unless Vendor can demonstrate to DIR's satisfaction that Vendor's calculation of DIR's administrative fee is correct.

**D. Contract Administration Notification**

1) Upon execution of the Contract, Vendor shall provide DIR with written notification of the following: i) Vendor Contract Administrator name and contact information, ii) Vendor sales representative name and contact information, and iii)

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name and contact information of Vendor personnel responsible for submitting reports and payment of administrative fees specified herein.

2) Upon execution of the Contract, DIR shall provide Vendor with written notification of the following: i) DIR Contract Administrator name and contact information, and ii) DIR Cooperative Contracts E-Mail Box information.

**10. Vendor Responsibilities**

**A. Indemnification**

**1) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, IT IS FURNISHING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE CAPACITY OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND THAT VENDOR IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUSTOMER OR THE STATE OF TEXAS.

**2) Acts or Omissions**

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the Vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, Order Fulfillers, or suppliers of subcontractors in the execution or performance of the Contract and any Purchase Orders issued under the Contract. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

**3) Infringements**

a) Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES from any and all third party claims involving infringement of United States patents, copyrights, trade and service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights in connection with the PERFORMANCES OR ACTIONS OF VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY

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SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

b) Vendor shall have no liability under this section if the alleged infringement is caused in whole or in part by: (i) use of the product or service for a purpose or in a manner for which the product or service was not designed, (ii) any modification made to the product without Vendor's written approval, (iii) any modifications made to the product by the Vendor pursuant to Customer's specific instructions, (iv) any intellectual property right owned by or licensed to Customer, or (v) any use of the product or service by Customer that is not in conformity with the terms of any applicable license agreement.

c) If Vendor becomes aware of an actual or potential claim, or Customer provides Vendor with notice of an actual or potential claim, Vendor may (or in the case of an injunction against Customer, shall), at Vendor's sole option and expense; (i) procure for the Customer the right to continue to use the affected portion of the product or service, or (ii) modify or replace the affected portion of the product or service with functionally equivalent or superior product or service so that Customer's use is non-infringing.

**B. Taxes/Worker's Compensation/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

1) VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, VENDOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF VENDOR'S AND VENDOR'S EMPLOYEES' TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. THE CUSTOMER AND/OR THE STATE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE VENDOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER.

2) VENDOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CUSTOMERS, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST

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OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

**C. Vendor Certifications**

Vendor certifies on behalf of Vendor and its designated Order Fulfillers that they:

- (i) have not given, offered to give, and do not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the Contract;
- (ii) are not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State and are not ineligible to receive payment under §231.006 of the Texas Family Code and acknowledge the Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;
- (iii) neither they, nor anyone acting for them, have violated the antitrust laws of the United States or the State, nor communicated directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business for the purpose of obtaining an unfair price advantage;
- (iv) have not received payment from DIR or any of its employees for participating in the preparation of the Contract;
- (v) under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;
- (vi) to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no suits or proceedings pending or threatened against or affecting them, which if determined adversely to them will have a material adverse effect on the ability to fulfill their obligations under the Contract;
- (vii) Vendor and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)* maintained by the General Services Administration;
- (viii) as of the effective date of the Contract, are not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control;
- (ix) to the extent applicable to this scope of this Contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and its rules, 30 TAC Chapter 328;
- (x) agree that any payments due under this contract will be applied towards

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any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas;

- (xi) are in compliance Section 669.003, Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with executive head of a state agency;
- (xii) have identified all current or former, within the last five years, employees of the State assigned to work on the DIR Contract 20% or more of their time and have disclosed them to DIR and have disclosed or do not employ any relative of a current or former state employee within two degrees of consanguinity, and, if these facts change during the course of the Contract, certify they shall disclose the name and other pertinent information about the employment of current and former employees and their relatives within two degrees of consanguinity;
- (xiii) represent and warrant that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the Contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest and certify that they will not reasonably create the appearance of impropriety, and, if these facts change during the course of the Contract, certify they shall disclose the actual or potential conflict of interest and any circumstances that create the appearance of impropriety;
- (xiv) under Section 2155.006, Government Code, are not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledge that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate; and
- (xv) have complied with the Section 556.0055, Texas Government Code, restriction on lobbying expenditures. In addition, they acknowledge the applicability of §2155.444 and §2155.4441, Texas Government Code, in fulfilling the terms of the Contract.

During the term of the Contract, Vendor shall, for itself and on behalf of its Order Fulfillers, promptly disclose to DIR all changes that occur to the foregoing certifications, representations and warranties. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate in the development and execution of resulting documentation necessary to maintain an accurate record of the certifications, representations and warranties.

In addition, Vendor understands and agrees that Vendor may be required to comply with additional terms and conditions or certifications that an individual customer may require due to state and federal law (e.g, privacy and security requirements).

**D. Ability to Conduct Business in Texas**

Vendor and its Order Fulfiler shall be authorized and validly existing under the laws of its state of organization, and shall be authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

**E. Equal Opportunity Compliance**

Vendor agrees to abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders pertaining to equal employment opportunity, including federal laws and the laws of the State in which its primary place of business is located. In accordance with such laws, regulations, and executive orders, the Vendor agrees that no person in the United States

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shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, veteran status or handicap, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed by Vendor under the Contract. If Vendor is found to be not in compliance with these requirements during the term of the Contract, Vendor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies. Upon request, Vendor will furnish information regarding its nondiscriminatory hiring and promotion policies, as well as specific information on the composition of its principals and staff, including the identification of minorities and women in management or other positions with discretionary or decision-making authority.

**F. Use of Subcontractors**

If Vendor uses any subcontractors in the performance of this Contract, Vendor must make a good faith effort in the submission of its Subcontracting Plan in accordance with the State's Policy on Utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses. A revised Subcontracting Plan shall be required before Vendor can engage additional subcontractors in the performance of this Contract. Vendor shall remain solely responsible for the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

**G. Responsibility for Actions**

- 1) Vendor is solely responsible for its actions and those of its agents, employees, or subcontractors, and agrees that neither Vendor nor any of the foregoing has any authority to act or speak on behalf of DIR or the State.
- 2) Vendor, for itself and on behalf of its subcontractors, shall report to DIR promptly when the disclosures under Certification Statement of Appendix A to the RFO and/or Section 9.C. (xii) and (xiii), Vendor Certifications of this Appendix A to the Contract change. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate with DIR to update and amend the Contract to accurately disclose employment of current or former State employees and their relatives and/or the status of conflicts of interest.

**H. Confidentiality**

- 1) Vendor acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are state agencies are government agencies subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Vendor also acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are state agencies will comply with the Public Information Act, and with all opinions of the Texas Attorney General's office concerning this Act.
- 2) Under the terms of the Contract, DIR may provide Vendor with information related to Customers. Vendor shall not re-sell or otherwise distribute or release Customer information to any party in any manner.

**I. Security of Premises, Equipment, Data and Personnel**

Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller may, from time to time during the performance of the Contract, have access to the personnel, premises, equipment, and other property, including data, files and /or materials (collectively referred to as "Data") belonging to the Customer. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller shall use their best efforts to preserve the safety, security, and the integrity of the personnel, premises, equipment, Data and other property of the Customer, in accordance with the instruction of the Customer. Vendor and/or

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Order Fulfiller shall be responsible for damage to Customer's equipment, workplace, and its contents when such damage is caused by its employees or subcontractors. If a Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller fails to comply with Customer's security requirements, then Customer may immediately terminate its Purchase Order and related Service Agreement.

**J. Background and/or Criminal History Investigation**

Prior to commencement of any services, background and/or criminal history investigation of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller's employees and subcontractors who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract may be performed by certain Customers having legislative authority to require such investigations. Should any employee or subcontractor of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract not be acceptable to the Customer as a result of the background and/or criminal history check, then Customer may immediately terminate its Purchase Order and related Service Agreement or request replacement of the employee or subcontractor in question.

**K. Limitation of Liability**

For any claim or cause of action arising under or related to the Contract: i) to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State, none of the parties shall be liable to the other for punitive, special, or consequential damages, even if it is advised of the possibility of such damages; and ii) Vendor's liability for damages of any kind to the Customer shall be limited to the total amount paid to Vendor under the Contract during the twelve months immediately preceding the accrual of the claim or cause of action. However, this limitation of Vendor's liability shall not apply to claims of bodily injury; violation of intellectual property rights including but not limited to patent, trademark, or copyright infringement; indemnification requirements under this Contract; and violation of State or Federal law including but not limited to disclosures of confidential information and any penalty of any kind lawfully assessed as a result of such violation.

**L. Overcharges**

Vendor hereby assigns to DIR any and all of its claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C.A. Section 1, et seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. and Comm. Code Section 15.01, et seq.

**M. Prohibited Conduct**

Vendor represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge as of the date of this certification, neither Vendor nor any Order Fulfiller, subcontractor, firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by Vendor, nor anyone acting for such Order Fulfiller, subcontractor, firm, corporation or institution has: (1) violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas under Texas Business & Commerce Code, Chapter 15, or the federal antitrust laws; or (2) communicated its response to the Request for Offer directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business during the procurement for the Contract.

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**N. Required Insurance Coverage**

As a condition of this Contract with DIR, Vendor shall provide the listed insurance coverage within 5 days of execution of the Contract if the Vendor is awarded services which require that Vendor's employees perform work at any Customer premises and/or use employer vehicles to conduct work on behalf of Customers. In addition, when engaged by a Customer to provide services on Customer premises, the Vendor shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain the insurance coverage specified herein, and shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to the related Customer within five (5) business days following the execution of the Purchase Order. Vendor may not begin performance under the Contract and/or a Purchase Order until such proof of insurance coverage is provided to, and approved by, DIR and the Customer. All required insurance must be issued by companies that are A rated by A.M. Best, licensed in the State of Texas, and authorized to provide the corresponding coverage. The Customer and DIR will be named as Additional Insureds on all required coverage. Required coverage must remain in effect through the term of the Contract and each Purchase Order issued to Vendor there under. The minimum acceptable insurance provisions are as follows:

**1) Commercial General Liability**

Commercial General Liability must include a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for coverage A, B, & C including products/completed operations, where appropriate, with a separate aggregate limit of \$2,000,000. [*Medical Expense each person: \$5,000; Personal Injury and Advertising Liability: \$1,000,000; Products /Completed Operations Aggregate Limit: \$2,000,000; Damage to Premises Rented to You: \$50,000*] Agencies may require additional Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance. The policy shall contain the following provisions:

- a) Blanket contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract;
- b) Independent Contractor coverage;
- c) State of Texas, DIR and Customer listed as an additional insured;
- d) 30-day Notice of Termination in favor of DIR and/or Customer; and
- e) Waiver of Transfer Right of Recovery Against Others in favor of DIR and/or Customer.

**2) Workers' Compensation Insurance**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY COVERAGE MUST INCLUDE LIMITS CONSISTENT WITH STATUTORY BENEFITS OUTLINED IN THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT (ART. 8308-1.01 ET SEQ. TEX. REV. CIV. STAT) AND MINIMUM POLICY LIMITS FOR EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY OF \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY PER ACCIDENT, \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY DISEASE POLICY LIMIT AND \$1,000,000 PER DISEASE PER EMPLOYEE.**

**3) Business Automobile Liability Insurance**

Business Automobile Liability Insurance must cover all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for

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bodily injury and property damage. Alternative acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident. The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of DIR and/or Customer:

- a) Waiver of Subrogation;
- b) 30-day Notice of Termination; and
- c) Additional Insured.

**O. Use of State Property**

Vendor is prohibited from using the Customer's equipment, the customer's location, or any other resources of the Customer or the State for any purpose other than performing services under this Agreement. For this purpose, equipment includes, but is not limited to, copy machines, computers and telephones using State long distance services. Any charges incurred by Vendor using the Customer's equipment for any purpose other than performing services under this Agreement must be fully reimbursed by Vendor to the Customer immediately upon demand by the Customer. Such use shall constitute breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract and other remedies available to DIR and Customer under the contract and applicable law.

**P. Immigration**

Vendor shall comply with all requirements related to federal immigration laws and regulations, to include but not be limited to, the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA") and the Immigration Act of 1990 (8 U.S.C.1101, et seq.) regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individual(s) hired on or after the effective date of the 1996 Act who will perform any labor or services under this Contract. Nothing herein is intended to exclude compliance by Vendor with all other relevant federal immigration statutes and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

**Q. Public Disclosure**

No public disclosures or news releases pertaining to this contract shall be made without prior written approval of DIR.

**R. Product and/or Services Substitutions**

Substitutions are not permitted without the written permission of DIR or Customer.

**S. Secure Erasure of Hard Disk Products and/or Services**

Vendor agrees that all products and/or services equipped with hard disk drives (i.e. computers, telephones, printers, fax machines, scanners, multifunction devices, etc.) shall have the capability to securely erase data written to the hard drive prior to final disposition of such products and/or services, either at the end of the Customer's Managed Services product's useful life or the end of the related Customer Managed Services Agreement for such products and/ services, in accordance with 1 TAC 202.

**T. Deceptive Trade Practices; Unfair Business Practices**

a) Vendor represents and warrants that neither Vendor nor any of its Subcontractors has been (i) found liable in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding of

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Deceptive Trade Practices violations as defined under Chapter 17, Texas Business & Commerce Code, or (ii) has outstanding allegations of any Deceptive Trade Practice pending in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding.

b) Vendor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who (i) have been found liable in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or (ii) have outstanding allegations of any Deceptive Trade Practice pending in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding.

**U. Drug Free Workplace Policy**

Vendor shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) and maintain a drug-free work environment; and the final rule, government-wide requirements for drug-free work place (grants), issued by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Defense (32 CFR Part 280, Subpart F) to implement the provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 is incorporated by reference and Vendor shall comply with the relevant provisions thereof, including any amendments to the final rule that may hereafter be issued.

**V. Accessibility of Public Information**

- 1) Pursuant to S.B. 1368 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session, Vendor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to this Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.
- 2) Each State government entity should supplement the provision set forth in Subsection A, above, with the additional terms agreed upon by the parties regarding the specific format by which the Vendor is required to make the information accessible by the public.

**W. Vendor Reporting Requirements**

Vendor shall comply with Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, Chapter 109 as added by HB 2539 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session, requiring computer technicians to report images of child pornography.

**11. Contract Enforcement**

**A. Enforcement of Contract and Dispute Resolution**

- 1) Vendor and DIR agree to the following: (i) a party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of the Contract shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision, (ii) for disputes not resolved in the normal course of business, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, shall be used, and (iii) actions or proceedings arising from the Contract shall be heard in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.
- 2) Disputes arising between a Customer and the Vendor shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution process of the Customer that is not inconsistent with subparagraph A.1 above. DIR shall not be a party to any such

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dispute unless DIR, Customer, and Vendor agree in writing.

3) State agencies are required by rule (34 TAC §20.108(b)) to report vendor performance through the Vendor Performance Tracking System (VPTS) on every purchase over \$25,000.

**B. Termination**

**1) Termination for Non-Appropriation**

**a) Termination for Non-Appropriation by Customer**

Customer may terminate Purchase Orders if funds sufficient to pay its obligations under the Contract are not appropriated: i) by the governing body on behalf of local governments; ii) by the Texas legislature on behalf of state agencies; or iii) by budget execution authority provisioned to the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board as provided in Chapter 317, Texas Government Code. In the event of non-appropriation, Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller will be provided ten (10) calendar days written notice of intent to terminate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Customer issues a Purchase Order and has accepted delivery of the product or services, they are obligated to pay for the product or services or they may return the product and discontinue using services under any return provisions that Vendor offers. In the event of such termination, the Customer will not be considered to be in default or breach under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any further payments ordinarily due under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any damages or any other amounts which are caused by or associated with such termination.

**b) Termination for Non-Appropriation by DIR**

DIR may terminate Contract if funds sufficient to pay its obligations under the Contract are not appropriated: by the i) Texas legislature or ii) by budget execution authority provisioned to the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board as provided in Chapter 317, Texas Government Code. In the event of non-appropriation, Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller will be provided thirty (30) calendar days written notice of intent to terminate. In the event of such termination, DIR will not be considered to be in default or breach under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any further payments ordinarily due under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any damages or any other amounts which are caused by or associated with such termination.

**2) Absolute Right**

DIR shall have the absolute right to terminate the Contract without recourse in the event that: i) Vendor becomes listed on the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control; ii) Vendor becomes suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)* maintained by the General Services Administration; or (iii) Vendor is found by DIR to be ineligible to hold this Contract under Subsection (b) of Section 2155.006, Texas Government

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Code. Vendor shall be provided written notice in accordance with Section 11.A, Notices, of intent to terminate.

**3) Termination for Convenience**

DIR may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar days written notice. A Customer may terminate a Purchase Order by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar days written notice.

**4) Termination for Cause**

**a) Contract**

Either DIR or Vendor may issue a written notice of default to the other upon the occurrence of a material breach of any covenant, warranty or provision of the Contract, upon the following preconditions: first, the parties must comply with the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code in an attempt to resolve a dispute; second, after complying with Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the dispute remains unresolved, then the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of notice to cure said default. If the defaulting party fails to cure said default within the timeframe allowed, the non-defaulting party may, at its option and in addition to any other remedies it may have available, cancel and terminate the Contract. Customers purchasing products or services under the Contract have no power to terminate the Contract for default.

**b) Purchase Order**

Customer or Order Fulfiller may terminate a Purchase Order upon the occurrence of a material breach of any term or condition: (i) of the Contract, or (ii) included in the Purchase Order in accordance with Section 10.B.2 above, upon the following preconditions: first, the parties must comply with the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, in an attempt to resolve a dispute; second, after complying with Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the dispute remains unresolved, then the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of notice to cure said default. If the defaulting party fails to cure said default within the timeframe allowed, the non-defaulting party may, at its option and in addition to any other remedies it may have available, cancel and terminate the Purchase Order.

**5) Customer Rights Under Termination**

In the event the Contract expires or is terminated for any reason, a Customer shall retain its rights under the Contract and the Purchase Order issued prior to the termination or expiration of the Contract. The Purchase Order survives the expiration or termination of the Contract for its then effective term.

**6) Vendor or Order Fulfiller Rights Under Termination**

In the event a Purchase Order expires or is terminated, a Customer shall pay: 1) all amounts due for products or services ordered prior to the effective termination date and ultimately accepted, and 2) any applicable early termination fees agreed to in such Purchase Order.

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**C. Force Majeure**

DIR, Customer, or Order Fulfiller may be excused from performance under the Contract for any period when performance is prevented as the result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party experiencing the event of Force Majeure has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance and to shorten the duration of the event of Force Majeure. The party suffering an event of Force Majeure shall provide notice of the event to the other parties when commercially reasonable. Subject to this provision, such non-performance shall not be deemed a default or a ground for termination. However, a Customer may terminate a Purchase Order if it is determined by the Customer that Order Fulfiller will not be able to deliver product or services in a timely manner to meet the business needs of the Customer.

**12. Notification**

**A. Notices**

All notices, demands, designations, certificates, requests, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing and shall be validly given on: (i) the date of delivery if delivered by email, facsimile transmission, mailed by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered, or (ii) three business days after being mailed via United States Postal Service. All notices under the Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated in Section 6 of the Contract or to such other address as such party shall have notified the other party in writing.

**B. Handling of Written Complaints**

In addition to other remedies contained in the Contract, a person contracting with DIR may direct their written complaints to the following office:

Public Information Office  
Department of Information Resources  
Attn: Public Information Officer  
300 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1300  
Austin, Texas 78701  
(512) 475-4759, facsimile

**13. Captions**

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

**From:** Canty, Danita  
**To:** [Spencer, Marcus](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review and Advise - IT  
**Date:** Monday, December 15, 2014 4:04:00 PM

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Thank you

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**From:** Spencer, Marcus  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 4:04 PM  
**To:** Canty, Danita  
**Subject:** RE: Please Review and Advise - IT

Danita,

Approved as to legal form.

Marcus

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**From:** Canty, Danita  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 2:09 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Marcus  
**Subject:** Please Review and Advise - IT

Please review the DIR agreement, IT would like to use NWN's service to assist them with programs.

*Danita R. Canty*

Buyer II  
Fort Bend County Purchasing  
281-341-8648

**A strong woman master others, a wise woman masters self.**