

**STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS FACE PAGE**

<p>STATE AGENCY (Name &amp; Address):                  Department of Environmental Conservation                   625 Broadway                  Albany, NY 12233-1080</p>	<p>BUSINESS UNIT/DEPT. ID:     DEC01                  CONTRACT NUMBER:     DEC01-T01466GG-3350000                  CONTRACT TYPE:  <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year Agreement  <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Renewal Agreement  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Term Agreement</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME:                  ULYSSES TOWN OF</p>	<p>TRANSACTION TYPE:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New  <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal  <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR DOS INCORPORATED NAME:                  Town of Ulysses</p>	<p>PROJECT NAME:                  Town of Ulysses Culvert Study and Report</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:                   NYS Vendor ID Number:     1000002911                  Federal Tax ID Number:     156001172                  DUNS Number (if applicable):</p>	<p>AGENCY IDENTIFIER:                   CFDA NUMBER (Federally Funded Grants Only):</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS:                  10 ELM ST                  TRUMANSBURG, NY 14886-9544</p> <p>CONTRACTOR PAYMENT ADDRESS:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p> <p>CONTRACT MAILING ADDRESS:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p>	<p>CONTRACTOR STATUS:   <input type="checkbox"/> For Profit  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality, Code:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Nation  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual  <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit</p> <p>Charities Registration Number:                   Exemption State/Code:   <input type="checkbox"/> Sectarian Entity</p>

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<p><b>CURRENT CONTRACT TERM:</b></p> <p>From: 05/02/2022                      To: 05/01/2025</p> <p><b>CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD:</b></p> <p>From: 05/02/2022                      To: 05/01/2025</p> <p><b>AMENDED TERM:</b></p> <p>From:    To:</p> <p><b>AMENDED PERIOD:</b></p> <p>From:    To:</p>	<p><b>CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNT</b></p> <p>(Multi-year - enter total projected amount of the contract; Fixed Term/Simplified Renewal - enter current period amount):</p> <p><b>CURRENT:</b>            \$30,000.00</p> <p><b>AMENDED:</b></p> <p><b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Federal</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
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*FOR MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS ONLY - CONTRACT AND FUNDING AMOUNT:*

(Out years represents projected funding amounts)

#	CURRENT PERIOD	CURRENT AMOUNT	AMENDED PERIOD	AMENDED AMOUNT
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ATTACHMENTS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT:

Attachment A:  A-1 Program Specific Terms and Conditions  
 A-2 Federally Funded Grants

Attachment B:  B-1 Expenditure Based Budget  
 B-2 Performance Based Budget  
 B-3 Capital Budget  
 B-4 Net Deficit Budget  
 B-1 (A) Expenditure Based Budget (Amendment)  
 B-2 (A) Performance Based Budget (Amendment)  
 B-3 (A) Capital Budget (Amendment)  
 B-4 (A) Net Deficit Budget (Amendment)

Attachment C: Work Plan

Attachment D: Payment and Reporting Schedule

Other:

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have electronically executed or approved this Master Contract on the dates below their signature.

In addition, I, acting in the capacity as Contractor, certify that I am the signing authority, or have been delegated or designated formally as the signing authority by the appropriate authority or officials, and as such I do agree, and I have the authority to agree, to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Contract, including all appendices and attachments. I understand that (i) payment of a claim on this Master Contract is conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance with all applicable conditions of participation in this program and ( if I am acting in the capacity as a not-for profit Contractor) the accuracy and completeness of information submitted to the State of New York through the Gateway vendor prequalification process and (ii) by electronically indicating my acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract, I certify that (a) to the extent that the Contractor is required to register and/or file reports with the Office of Attorney General's Charities Bureau ("Charities Bureau"), the Contractor's registration is current, all applicable reports have been filed, and the Contractor has no outstanding requests from the Charities Bureau relating to its filings and (b) all data and responses in the application submitted by the Contractor are true, complete and accurate. I also understand that use of my assigned User ID and Password on the State's contract management system is equivalent to having placed my signature on the Master Contract and that I am responsible for any activity attributable to the use of my User ID and Password. Additionally, any information entered will be considered to have been entered and provided at my direction. I further certify and agree that the Contractor agrees to waive any claim that this electronic record or signature is inadmissible in court, notwithstanding the choice of law provisions.

CONTRACTOR:  
ULYSSES TOWN OF

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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

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

In addition, the party below certifies that it has verified the electronic signature of the Contractor to this Master Contract.

STATE AGENCY:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SIGNATURE  
APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

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

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

STATE COMPTROLLER'S SIGNATURE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

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

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

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS**

This State of New York Master Contract for Grants (Master Contract) is hereby made by and between the State of New York acting by and through the applicable State Agency (State) and the public or private entity (Contractor) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services, design or the execution and performance of construction projects, as applicable and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such program services or the execution and performance of construction projects and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**A. Executory Clause:** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under the Master Contract to the Contractor, or to anyone else, beyond funds appropriated and available for the Master Contract.

**B. Required Approvals:** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if the Master Contract is with the State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY), Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if the Master Contract exceeds \$50,000 (or \$85,000 for contracts let by the Office of General Services, or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for certain SUNY and CUNY contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount including, but not limited to, changes in amount, consideration, scope or contract term identified on the Face Page (Contract Term), it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and OSC. If, by the Master Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the AG and OSC.

**Budget Changes:** An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than

five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment may be subject to prior approval by the applicable State Agency as detailed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

### **C. Order of Precedence:**

In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Master Contract (including any and all attachments and amendments) or (ii) between the terms of the Master Contract and the original request for proposal, the program application or other attachment that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Master Contract, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. Standard Terms and Conditions
2. Modifications to the Face Page
3. Modifications to Attachment A-2<sup>1</sup>, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
4. The Face Page
5. Attachment A-2<sup>2</sup>, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
6. Modification to Attachment A-1
7. Attachment A-1
8. Other attachments, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

**D. Funding:** Funding for the term of the Master Contract shall not exceed the amount specified as “Contract Funding Amount” on the Face Page or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Master Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget).

**E. Contract Performance:** The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Master Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Attachment C (Work Plan) in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

**F. Modifications:** To modify the Attachments or Face Page, the parties mutually agree to record, in writing, the terms of such modification and to revise or complete the Face Page and all the appropriate attachments in conjunction therewith. In addition, to the extent that such modification meets the criteria set forth in Section I.B herein, it shall be subject to the approval of the AG and

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent that the modifications to Attachment A-2 are required by Federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the modifications to Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V).

<sup>2</sup> To the extent that the terms of Attachment A-2 are required by Federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the Federal requirements of Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V). Contract Number: # DEC01-T01466GG-3350000

OSC before it shall become valid, effective and binding upon the State. Modifications that are not subject to the AG and OSC approval shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Master Contract.

**G. Governing Law:** The Master Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.

**H. Severability:** Any provision of the Master Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Master Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Master Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

**I. Interpretation:** The headings in the Master Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Master Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

**J. Notice:**

1. All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
  - a) by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
  - b) by facsimile transmission;
  - c) by personal delivery;
  - d) by expedited delivery service; or
  - e) by e-mail.
2. Notices to the State shall be addressed to the Program Office designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).
3. Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the Contractor's designee as designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).
4. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or e-mail, upon receipt.
5. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different e-mail address, facsimile number or address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under the

Master Contract by giving fifteen (15) calendar days prior written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under the Master Contract. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation, administration, billing and resolving issues and/or disputes.

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

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

**M. Indemnification:** The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Master Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Master Contract.

**N. Non-Assignment Clause:** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so shall be considered to be null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract, let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law, may be waived at the discretion of the State Agency and with the concurrence of OSC, where the original contract was subject to OSC's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that the merged contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless the Master Contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

**O. Legal Action:** No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Master Contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from



any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term “regulatory action” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding, or requesting any regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

**P. No Arbitration:** Disputes involving the Master Contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

**Q. Secular Purpose:** Services performed pursuant to the Master Contract are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

**R. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying:** Funds provided pursuant to the Master Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

**S. Reciprocity and Sanctions Provisions:** The Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state, or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers shall be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that it be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain.<sup>3</sup>

**T. Reporting Fraud and Abuse:** Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the Federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act, and whistleblower protections.

**U. Non-Collusive Bidding:** By submission of this bid, the Contractor and each person signing on behalf of the Contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Contractor further affirms that, at the time the Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive binding certification on the Contractor’s behalf.

**V. Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws:** All of the Specific Federal requirements that are applicable to the Master Contract are identified in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws) hereto. To the extent that the Master Contract is funded in whole or part with Federal funds or mandated by Federal laws, (i) the provisions of the Master Contract that conflict with Federal rules, Federal regulations, or Federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws) hereto.

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<sup>3</sup>As of October 9, 2012, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for the most current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

## II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

**A. Term:** The term of the Master Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

**B. Renewal:**

**1. General Renewal:** The Master Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Master Contract (a “Simplified Renewal Contract”). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Master Contract.

**2. Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:**

a) Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Master Contract is with a not-for-profit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State’s intent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State’s intent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State (“Unusual Circumstances”), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, “Unusual Circumstances” shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.

b) Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State’s intent to not renew the Master Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Master Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Master Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Master Contract.

## **C. Termination:**

### **1. Grounds:**

- a) Mutual Consent: The Master Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.
- b) Cause: The State may terminate the Master Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to the Master Contract.
- c) Non-Responsibility: In accordance with the provisions of Sections IV(N)(6) and (7) herein, the State may make a final determination that the Contractor is non-responsible (Determination of Non-Responsibility). In such event, the State may terminate the Master Contract at the Contractor's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
- d) Convenience: The State may terminate the Master Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.
- e) Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Master Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Master Contract, the Master Contract may be terminated or reduced at the State Agency's discretion, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Master Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Master Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.
- f) Force Majeure: The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Master Contract immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Master Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

### **2. Notice of Termination:**

- a) Service of notice: Written notice of termination shall be sent by:
  - (i) personal messenger service; or
  - (ii) certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

b) Effective date of termination: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Contractor, and shall be established as follows:

(i) if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Contractor or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or

(ii) if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or if no receipt is returned, five (5) business days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

**3. *Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:***

a) Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.

b) The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements of the Master Contract after its termination date.

**4. *Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:***

Where the Master Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Master Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

a) the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or

b) the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Master Contract; or

c) an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(4) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

**D. Suspension:** The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

### III. PAYMENT AND REPORTING

#### A. Terms and Conditions:

1. In full consideration of contract services to be performed, the State Agency agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page.
2. The State has no obligation to make payment until all required approvals, including the approval of the AG and OSC, if required, have been obtained. Contractor obligations or expenditures that precede the start date of the Master Contract shall not be reimbursed.
3. Contractor must provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the State in order to receive payment. Provided, however, the State may, at its discretion, automatically generate a voucher in accordance with an approved contract payment schedule. Billing invoices submitted to the State must contain all information and supporting documentation required by Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein. The State may require the Contractor to submit billing invoices electronically.
4. Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payments.
5. If travel expenses are an approved expenditure under the Master Contract, travel expenses shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the rates set forth in the written standard travel policy of the Contractor, the OSC guidelines, or United States General Services Administration rates. No out-of-state travel costs shall be permitted unless specifically detailed and pre-approved by the State.
6. Timeliness of advance payments or other claims for reimbursement, and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.
7. Article 11-B of the State Finance Law sets forth certain time frames for the Full Execution of contracts or renewal contracts with not-for-profit organizations and the implementation of any program plan associated with such contract. For purposes of this section, "Full Execution" shall mean that the contract has been signed by all parties thereto and has obtained the approval of the AG and OSC. Any interest to be paid on a missed payment to the Contractor based on a delay in the Full Execution of the Master Contract shall be governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law.

## **B. Advance Payment and Recoupment:**

1. Advance payments, which the State in its sole discretion may make to not-for-profit grant recipients, shall be made and recouped in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179(u), this Section and the provisions of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
2. Initial advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the first day of the Contract Term or, if renewed, in the period identified on the Face Page. Subsequent advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the dates specified in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
3. For subsequent contract years in multi-year contracts, Contractor will be notified of the scheduled advance payments for the upcoming contract year no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the contract year. For simplified renewals, the payment schedule (Attachment D) will be modified as part of the renewal process.
4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting the percentage of subsequent claims listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein and such claims shall be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the Contract Term. Any unexpended advance balance at the end of the Contract Term shall be refunded by the Contractor to the State.
5. If for any reason the amount of any claim is not sufficient to cover the proportionate advance amount to be recovered, then subsequent claims may be reduced until the advance is fully recovered.

## **C. Claims for Reimbursement:**

1. The Contractor shall submit claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the State under the Master Contract in accordance with this Section and the applicable claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

Vouchers submitted for payment shall be deemed to be a certification that the payments requested are for project expenditures made in accordance with the items as contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget) and during the Contract Term. When submitting a voucher, such voucher shall also be deemed to certify that: (i) the payments requested do not duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding; and (ii) the funds provided herein do not replace funds that, in the absence of this grant, would have been made available by the Contractor for this program. Requirement (ii) does not apply to grants funded pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation.

2. Consistent with the selected reimbursement claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the appropriate following provisions:
  - a) Quarterly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency quarterly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

b) Monthly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency monthly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

c) Biannual Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency biannually voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

d) Milestone/Performance Reimbursement:<sup>4</sup> Requests for payment based upon an event or milestone may be either severable or cumulative. A severable event/milestone is independent of accomplishment of any other event. If the event is cumulative, the successful completion of an event or milestone is dependent on the previous completion of another event.

Milestone payments shall be made to the Contractor when requested in a form approved by the State, and at frequencies and in amounts stated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall make milestone payments subject to the Contractor's satisfactory performance.

e) Fee for Service Reimbursement:<sup>5</sup> Payment shall be limited to only those fees specifically agreed upon in the Master Contract and shall be payable no more frequently than monthly upon submission of a voucher by the contractor.

f) Rate Based Reimbursement:<sup>6</sup> Payment shall be limited to rate(s) established in the Master Contract. Payment may be requested no more frequently than monthly.

g) Scheduled Reimbursement:<sup>7</sup> The State Agency shall generate vouchers at the frequencies and amounts as set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and service reports shall be used to determine funding levels appropriate to the next annual contract period.

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<sup>4</sup> A milestone/ performance payment schedule identifies mutually agreed-to payment amounts based on meeting contract events or milestones. Events or milestones must represent integral and meaningful aspects of contract performance and should signify true progress in completing the Master Contract effort.

<sup>5</sup> Fee for Service is a rate established by the Contractor for a service or services rendered.

<sup>6</sup> Rate based agreements are those agreements in which payment is premised upon a specific established rate per unit.

<sup>7</sup> Scheduled Reimbursement agreements provide for payments that occur at defined and regular intervals that provide for a specified dollar amount to be paid to the Contractor at the beginning of each payment period (i.e. quarterly, monthly or bi-annually). While these payments are related to the particular services and outcomes defined in the Master Contract, they are not dependent upon particular services or expenses in any one payment period and provide the Contractor with a defined and regular payment over the life of the contract.

- h) Interim Reimbursement: The State Agency shall generate vouchers on an interim basis and at the amounts requested by the Contractor as set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
- i) Fifth Quarter Payments:<sup>8</sup> Fifth quarter payment shall be paid to the Contractor at the conclusion of the final scheduled payment period of the preceding contract period. The State Agency shall use a written directive for fifth quarter financing. The State Agency shall generate a voucher in the fourth quarter of the current contract year to pay the scheduled payment for the next contract year.
3. The Contractor shall also submit supporting fiscal documentation for the expenses claimed.
  4. The State reserves the right to withhold up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the Master Contract as security for the faithful completion of services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract. This amount may be withheld in whole or in part from any single payment or combination of payments otherwise due under the Master Contract. In the event that such withheld funds are insufficient to satisfy Contractor's obligations to the State, the State may pursue all available remedies, including the right of setoff and recoupment.
  5. The State shall not be liable for payments on the Master Contract if it is made pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation if insufficient monies are available pursuant to Section 99-d of the State Finance Law.
  6. All vouchers submitted by the Contractor pursuant to the Master Contract shall be submitted to the State Agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the period for which reimbursement is claimed. In no event shall the amount received by the Contractor exceed the budget amount approved by the State Agency, and, if actual expenditures by the Contractor are less than such sum, the amount payable by the State Agency to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount of actual expenditures.
  7. All obligations must be incurred prior to the end date of the contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(6) above, with respect to the final period for which reimbursement is claimed, so long as the obligations were incurred prior to the end date of the contract, the Contractor shall have up to ninety (90) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures; provided, however, that if the Master Contract is funded, in whole or in part, with Federal funds, the Contractor shall have up to sixty (60) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures.

#### **D. Identifying Information and Privacy Notification:**

1. Every voucher or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a State Agency by the Contractor, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property, must include the Contractor's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System, and any or all of the following identification numbers: (i) the Contractor's Federal employer identification number,

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<sup>8</sup> Fifth Quarter Payments occurs where there are scheduled payments and where there is an expectation that services will be continued through renewals or subsequent contracts. Fifth Quarter Payments allow for the continuation of scheduled payments to a Contractor for the first payment period quarter of an anticipated renewal or new contract.



(ii) the Contractor's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) DUNS number. Failure to include such identification number or numbers may delay payment by the State to the Contractor. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor, on its voucher or Claim for Payment, must provide the reason or reasons for why the Contractor does not have such number or numbers.

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

#### **E. Refunds:**

1. In the event that the Contractor must make a refund to the State for Master Contract-related activities, including repayment of an advance or an audit disallowance, payment must be made payable as set forth in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions). The Contractor must reference the contract number with its payment and include a brief explanation of why the refund is being made. Refund payments must be submitted to the Designated Refund Office at the address specified in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).

2. If at the end or termination of the Master Contract, there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under the Master Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end or termination of the Master Contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to refund such balance the State may pursue all available remedies.

**F. Outstanding Amounts Owed to the State:** Prior period overpayments (including, but not limited to, contract advances in excess of actual expenditures) and/or audit recoveries associated with the Contractor may be recouped against future payments made under this Master Contract to Contractor. The recoupment generally begins with the first payment made to the Contractor following identification of the overpayment and/or audit recovery amount. In the event that there are no payments to apply recoveries against, the Contractor shall make payment as provided in Section III(E) (Refunds) herein.

#### **G. Program and Fiscal Reporting Requirements:**

1. The Contractor shall submit required periodic reports in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). All required reports or other work products developed pursuant to the Master Contract must be completed as provided by the agreed upon work schedule in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the State Agency in order for the Contractor to be eligible for payment.

2. Consistent with the selected reporting options in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the following applicable provisions:

a) If the Expenditure Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with one or more of the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

(i) *Narrative/Qualitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a report, in narrative form, summarizing the services rendered during the quarter. This report shall detail how the Contractor has progressed toward attaining the qualitative goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). This report should address all goals and objectives of the project and include a discussion of problems encountered and steps taken to solve them.

(ii) *Statistical/Quantitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed report analyzing the quantitative aspects of the program plan, as appropriate (e.g., number of meals served, clients transported, patient/client encounters, procedures performed, training sessions conducted, etc.)

(iii) *Expenditure Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed expenditure report, by object of expense. This report shall accompany the voucher submitted for such period.

(iv) *Final Report*: The Contractor shall submit a final report as required by the Master Contract, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) which reports on all aspects of the program and detailing how the use of funds were utilized in achieving the goals set forth in Attachment C (Work Plan).

(v) *Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)*: The Contractor shall submit a CFR, which includes a year-end cost report and final claim not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

b) If the Performance-Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

(i) *Progress Report*: The Contractor shall provide the State Agency with a written progress report using the forms and formats as provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the period. These reports shall detail the Contractor's progress toward attaining the specific goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). Progress reports shall be submitted in a format prescribed in the Master Contract.

(ii) *Final Progress Report*: Final scheduled payment is due during the time period set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The deadline for submission of the final report shall be the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall complete its audit and notify the Contractor of the results no later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Payment shall be adjusted by the State Agency to reflect only those services/expenditures that were made in accordance with the Master Contract. The Contractor shall submit a detailed comprehensive final progress report not later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), summarizing the work performed during the entire Contract Term (i.e., a cumulative report), in the forms and formats required.

3. In addition to the periodic reports stated above, the Contractor may be required (a) to submit such other reports as are required in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and (b) prior to receipt of final payment under the Master Contract, to submit one or more final reports in accordance with the form, content, and schedule stated in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

#### **H. Notification of Significant Occurrences:**

1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Contractor agrees to submit to the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.

2. The Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Master Contract of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Contractor, any subcontractor or program participant funded through the Master Contract, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

### **IV. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

#### **A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:**

1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an employee of the State and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee, or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand, or application to or for any right based upon any different status. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State and the Contractor agree that if the Contractor is a New York State municipality, the Contractor shall be permitted to hold itself out, and claim, to be a subdivision of the State.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Master Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Master Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Master Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

**B. Subcontractors:**

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Master Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.

2. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Master Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the Master Contract, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State. In addition, subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.

3. If requested by the State, prior to executing a subcontract, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.

4. If requested by the State, when a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

5. If requested by the State, upon the execution of a subcontract, the Contractor shall provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.

6. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to the State agency, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting

Schedule) and Section III. Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

**C. Use Of Material, Equipment, Or Personnel:**

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Master Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Master Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.
2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Master Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Master Contract.

**D. Property:**

1. Property is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.
  - a) If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property.
  - b) If the State consents in writing, the Contractor may retain possession of Property owned by the State, as provided herein, after the termination of the Master Contract to use for similar purposes. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such Property to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Master Contract.
  - c) In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.
  - d) The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Master Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to the State Agency, naming the State Agency as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment.
  - e) A rental charge to the Master Contract for a piece of Property owned by the Contractor shall not be allowed.
  - f) The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Master Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any

Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.

g) No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Master Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.

2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Master Contract:

a) For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the State.

b) For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.

3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Master Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws).

4. Upon written direction by the State, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State as provided herein.

5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

## **E. Records and Audits:**

### **1. General:**

a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Master Contract (collectively, Records).

b) The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Master Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Master Contract and (ii) the most recent renewal of the Master Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Master Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:

(i) personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders,

detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(ii) payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iii) non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iv) receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.

c) The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the State Agency or State Agencies involved in the Master Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.

d) The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.

e) Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.

## **2. Cost Allocation:**

a) For non-performance based contracts, the proper allocation of the Contractor's costs must be made according to a cost allocation plan that meets the requirements of OMB Circulars A-87, A-122, and/or A-21. Methods used to determine and assign costs shall conform to generally accepted accounting practices and shall be consistent with the method(s) used by the Contractor to determine costs for other operations or programs. Such accounting standards and practices shall be subject to approval of the State.

b) For performance based milestone contracts, or for the portion of the contract amount paid on a performance basis, the Contractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating that milestones were attained.

## **3. Federal Funds:** For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws).

**F. Confidentiality:** The Contractor agrees that it shall use and maintain personally identifiable information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Master Contract, or any other information, data or records marked as, or reasonably deemed, confidential by the State (Confidential Information) only for the limited purposes of the Master Contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Contractor (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

**G. Publicity:**

1. Publicity includes, but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.

2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Master Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:

a) Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and

b) State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.

3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Contractor is an educational research institution, the Contractor may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Master Contract and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Contractor's performance under this Master Contract, or if requested by the State, the Contractor shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements; or (ii) if the Contractor is not an educational research institution, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Master Contract (but are not deliverable under the Master Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section IV(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

**H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility:** Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the Master Contract or procurement shall comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility



Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08-005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that State Agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing shall be conducted by the State Agency and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to the State Agency before web content shall be considered a qualified deliverable under the Master Contract or procurement.

**I. Non-Discrimination Requirements:** Pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex (including gender expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that the Master Contract shall be performed within the State of New York, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. The Contractor shall be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 of the Labor Law.

**J. Equal Opportunities for Minorities and Women; Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises:** In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if the Master Contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State Agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the Contractor certifies and affirms that (i) it is subject to Article 15-A of the Executive Law which includes, but is not limited to, those provisions concerning the maximizing of opportunities for the participation of minority and women-owned business enterprises and (ii) the following provisions shall apply and it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status;

2. The Contractor shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts;
3. The Contractor shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;
4. At the request of the State, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative shall affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and
5. The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants shall be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subclauses 1 – 5 of this Section (IV)(J), in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (Work) except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 of the Executive Law does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to the Master Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by the Contractor or a subcontractor with the requirements of any Federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The State shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such Federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the State shall waive the applicability of Section 312 of the Executive Law to the extent of such duplication or conflict. The Contractor shall comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

**K. Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992:** It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

1. If the total dollar amount of the Master Contract is greater than \$1 million, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing the Master Contract, the Contractor certifies the following:
  - a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

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

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

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

**L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:**

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Master Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

**M. Unemployment Insurance Compliance:** The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to the State Agency staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;
2. any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
3. the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
4. copies of wage reporting information.

Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Master Contract.

**N. Vendor Responsibility:**

1. If a Contractor is required to complete a Questionnaire, the Contractor covenants and represents that it has, to the best of its knowledge, truthfully, accurately and thoroughly completed such Questionnaire. Although electronic filing is preferred, the Contractor may

obtain a paper form from the OSC prior to execution of the Master Contract. The Contractor further covenants and represents that as of the date of execution of the Master Contract, there are no material events, omissions, changes or corrections to such document requiring an amendment to the Questionnaire.

2. The Contractor shall provide to the State updates to the Questionnaire if any material event(s) occurs requiring an amendment or as new information material to such Questionnaire becomes available.

3. The Contractor shall, in addition, promptly report to the State the initiation of any investigation or audit by a governmental entity with enforcement authority with respect to any alleged violation of Federal or state law by the Contractor, its employees, its officers and/or directors in connection with matters involving, relating to or arising out of the Contractor's business. Such report shall be made within five (5) business days following the Contractor becoming aware of such event, investigation, or audit. Such report may be considered by the State in making a Determination of Vendor Non-Responsibility pursuant to this section.

4. The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the Master Contract:

a) to require updates or clarifications to the Questionnaire upon written request;

b) to inquire about information included in or required information omitted from the Questionnaire;

c) to require the Contractor to provide such information to the State within a reasonable timeframe; and

d) to require as a condition precedent to entering into the Master Contract that the Contractor agree to such additional conditions as shall be necessary to satisfy the State that the Contractor is, and shall remain, a responsible vendor; and

e) to require the Contractor to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity. By signing the Master Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of the Master Contract.

5. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Master Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

6. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final Determination of Non-Responsibility at any time during the term of the Master Contract based on:

- a) any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or in any updates, clarifications or amendments thereof; or
- b) the State's discovery of any material information which pertains to the Contractor's responsibility.

7. Prior to making a final Determination of Non-Responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non-responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination, and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

**O. Charities Registration:** If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) obtain not-for-profit status, a Federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish the State Agency with this information as soon as it is available, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements at the time of the awarding of this Master Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Master Contract.

**P. Consultant Disclosure Law:**<sup>9</sup> If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

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

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<sup>9</sup> Not applicable to not-for-profit entities.

**ATTACHMENT A-1  
PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Standard Clauses for All New York State  
Department of Environmental Conservation Contracts**

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, grant, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract. The word "Contractor" herein refers to any party to the contract, other than the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter "Department").

**A) AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination by the Department:** Within 15 days of receipt of notice, the Contractor shall deliver to the Department all data, reports, plans, or other documentation related to the performance of this contract, including but not limited to source codes and specifications, guarantees, warranties, as-built plans and shop drawings. In any of these events, the Department shall make settlement with the Contractor upon an equitable basis as determined by the Department which shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Contractor prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination of this contract. This clause shall not apply to this contract if the contract contains other provisions applicable to postponement, suspension or termination of the contract.

**II. Conflict of Interest**

(a) Organizational Conflict of Interest - To the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, the Contractor warrants that there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as herein defined, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information to the Department.

(1) An organizational conflict of interest exists when the nature of the work to be performed under this contract may, without some restriction on future activities, impair or appear to impair the Contractor's objectivity in performing the work for the Department.

(2) The Contractor agrees that if an actual, or potential organizational conflict of interest is discovered at any time after award, whether before or during performance, the Contractor will immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Department. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Department, to avoid, mitigate, or minimize the actual or potential conflict.

(3) To the extent that the work under this contract requires access to personal, proprietary or confidential business or financial data of persons or other companies, and as long as such data remains proprietary or confidential, the Contractor shall protect such data from unauthorized use and disclosure and agrees not to use it to compete with such companies.

(b) Personal Conflict of Interest - The following provisions with regard to management or professional level employee personnel performing under this contract shall apply until the earlier of the termination date of the affected employee(s) or the duration of the contract.

(1) A personal conflict of interest is defined as a relationship of an employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant with an entity that may impair or appear to impair the objectivity of the employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant in performing the contract work. The Contractor agrees to notify the Department immediately of any actual or potential personal conflict of interest with regard to any such person working on or having access to information regarding this contract, as soon as Contractor becomes aware of such conflict. The Department will notify the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(2) The Contractor agrees to advise all management or professional level employees involved in the work of this contract, that they must report any personal conflicts of interest to the Contractor. The Contractor must then advise the Department which will advise the Contractor of the appropriate action to be taken.

(3) Unless waived by the Department, the Contractor shall certify annually that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, all actual, apparent or potential conflicts of interest, both personal and organizational, as defined herein, have been reported to the Department. Such certification must be signed by a senior executive of the Contractor and submitted in accordance with instructions provided by the Department. Along with the annual certification, the Contractor shall also submit an update of any changes in any conflict of interest plan submitted with its proposal for this contract. The initial certification shall cover the one-year period from the date of contract award, and all subsequent certifications shall cover successive annual periods thereafter. The certification is to be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of the previous certification period covered.

(4) In performing this contract, the Contractor recognizes that its employees may have access to data, either provided by the Department or first generated during contract performance, of a sensitive nature which should not be released without Department approval. If this situation occurs, the Contractor agrees to obtain confidentiality agreements from all affected employees working on requirements under this contract including subcontractors and consultants. Such agreements shall contain provisions which stipulate that each employee agrees not to disclose, either in whole or in part, to any entity external to the Department, Department of Health or the New York Department of Law, any information or data provided by the Department or first generated by the Contractor under this contract, any site-specific cost information, or any enforcement strategy without first obtaining the written permission of the Department. If a Contractor, through an employee or otherwise, is subpoenaed to testify or produce documents, which could result in such disclosure, the Contractor must provide immediate advance notification to the Department so that the Department can authorize such disclosure or have the opportunity to take action to prevent such disclosure. Such agreements shall be effective for the life of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion of the contract.

(c) **Remedies** - The Department may terminate this contract in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational or personal conflict of interest, or an unauthorized disclosure of information. If the Contractor fails to make required disclosures or misrepresents relevant information to the Department, the Department may terminate the contract, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by the terms of Clause I of this Attachment or other applicable provisions of this contract regarding termination.

(d) The Contractor will be ineligible to make a proposal or bid on a contract for which the Contractor has developed the statement of work or the solicitation package

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder (except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services) provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Department.

### **III. Dispute Resolution**

The parties agree to the following steps, or as many as are necessary to resolve disputes between the Department and the Contractor.

(a) The Contractor specifically agrees to submit, in the first instance, any dispute relating to this contract to the designated individual, who shall render a written decision and furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor.

(1) The Contractor must request such decision in writing no more than fifteen days after it knew or should have known of the facts which are the basis of the dispute.

(2) The decision of the designated individual shall be the final DEC determination, unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the designated appeal individual ("DAI") within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

(b) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the DAI, will review the record and decision. Following divisional procedures in effect at that time, the DAI will take one of the following actions, with written notice to the Contractor.

(1) Remand the matter to the program staff for further negotiation or information if it is determined that the matter is not ripe for review; or

(2) Determine that there is no need for further action, and that the determination of the designated individual is confirmed; or

(3) Make a determination on the record as it exists.

- (c) The decision of the DAI shall be the final DEC decision unless the Contractor files a written appeal of that decision with the Chair of the Contract Review Committee (“CRC”) within twenty days of receipt of that decision.

The designated individual to hear disputes is:

Karen Stainbrook, Director, Bureau of Water Resource Management  
NYS DEC, Division of Water  
625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12233  
(518) 402-8095

The designated appeal individual to review decisions is:

Edward Hampston, Director, Bureau of Water Compliance  
NYSDEC Division of Water  
625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, New York 12233  
(518) 402-9660

The Chair of the Contract Review Committee is:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Nancy W. Lussier, Chair  
Contract Review Committee  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-5010  
Telephone: (518) 402-9228

- (d) Upon receipt of the written appeal, the Chair of the CRC, in consultation with the members of the CRC and the Office of General Counsel, will take one of the following actions, or a combination thereof, with written notice to the Contractor.
- (1) Remand the matter to program staff for additional fact finding, negotiation, or other appropriate action; or
  - (2) Adopt the decision of the DAI; or
  - (3) Consider the matter for review by the CRC in accordance with its procedures.
- (e) Following a decision to proceed pursuant to (d) 3, above, the Chair of the CRC shall convene a proceeding in accordance with the CRC's established contract dispute resolution guidelines. The proceeding will provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.
- (f) Following a decision pursuant to (d) 2 or (d) 3, the CRC shall make a written recommendation to the Deputy Commissioner for Administration who shall render the final DEC determination.
- (g) At any time during the dispute resolution process, and upon mutual agreement of the parties, the Office of Hearings and Mediation Services (OHMS) may be requested to provide mediation services or other appropriate means to assist in resolving the dispute. Any findings or recommendations made by the OHMS will not be binding on either party.
- (h) Final DEC determinations shall be subject to review only pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.
- (i) Pending final determination of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the decision of the designated individual. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as making final the decision of any administrative officer upon a question of law.
- (j)(1) Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the option of the Contractor, the following shall be subject to review by the CRC: Disputes arising under Article 15-A of the Executive Law (Minority and Women Owned Business participation), the



Department's determination with respect to the adequacy of the Contractor's Utilization Plan, or the Contractor's showing of good faith efforts to comply therewith. A request for a review before the CRC should be made, in writing, within twenty days of receipt of the Department's determination.

- (2) The CRC will promptly convene a review in accordance with Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **IV. Tax Exemption**

Pursuant to Tax Law Section 1116, the State is exempt from sales and use taxes. A standard state voucher is sufficient evidence thereof. For federal excise taxes, New York's registration Number 14740026K covers tax-free transactions under the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **V. Litigation Support**

In the event the Department becomes involved in litigation related to the subject matter of this contract, the Contractor agrees to provide background support and other litigation support, including but not limited to depositions, appearances, and testimony. Any compensation paid to the Contractor under this paragraph will be negotiated and based on the rates established in the contract, or as may otherwise be provided in the contract. No compensation for such support will be paid if the litigation is the result of the Contractor's misconduct, negligence or omissions.

#### **VI. Inventions or Discoveries**

The Scope of work of this agreement shall not include any inventions. If, however, an invention results from this project it shall be owned as follows:

Any invention or discovery first made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by the Contractor shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract solely by Department or State shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Any invention or discovery made or conceived and reduced to practice in the performance of this Contract jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

#### **VII. Intellectual Property and Copyright Materials**

- (a) Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Contractor in the performance of this work shall remain with the Contractor; provided that the Contractor shall grant to the Department and the State a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for on behalf of the Department and the State the subject copyright throughout the world, where the Contractor is able to do so.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created solely by Department or State in the performance of this work shall remain with the State; provided that the Department or State shall grant to the Contractor a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to use for non-commercial research, educational, and public service purposes.

Title to, and the right to determine the disposition of any copyrights, or copyrightable material, first produced or created jointly by Contractor and Department or State in the performance of this work shall be jointly held by the Contractor and Department or State.

#### **VIII. Patent and Copyright Protection**

If any patented or copyrighted material is involved in or results from the performance of this Contract, this Article shall apply.

- (a) The Contractor shall, at its expense, defend any suit instituted against the Department and indemnify the Department

against any award of damages and costs made against the Department by a final judgment of a court of last resort based on the claim that any of the products, services or consumable supplies furnished by the Contractor under this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or other proprietary right; provided the Department gives the Contractor:

- (1) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, and
- (2) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action at the Contractor's sole expense, and
- (3) all available information, assistance and authority necessary to the action, at the Contractor's sole expense.

The Contractor shall control the defense of any such suit, including appeals, and all negotiations to effect settlement, but shall keep the Department fully informed concerning the progress of the litigation.

- (b) If the use of any item(s) or parts thereof is held to infringe a patent or copyright and its use is enjoined, or Contractor believes it will be enjoined, the Contractor shall have the right, at its election and expense to take action in the following order of precedence:
  - (1) procure for the Department the right to continue using the same item or parts thereof;
  - (2) modify the same so that it becomes non-infringing and of at least the same quality and performance;
  - (3) replace the item(s) or parts thereof with noninfringing items of at least the same quality and performance;
  - (4) if none of the above remedies are available, discontinue its use and eliminate any future charges or royalties pertaining thereto. The Contractor will buy back the infringing product(s) at the State's book value, or in the event of a lease, the parties shall terminate the lease. If discontinuation or elimination results in the Contractor not being able to perform the Contract, the Contract shall be terminated.
- (c) In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Department arising out of a claim that the Department's use of any item or material pursuant to or resulting from this Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and such action is forwarded by the Department to the Contractor for defense and indemnification pursuant to this Article, the Department shall copy all pleadings and documents forwarded to the Contractor together with the forwarding correspondence and a copy of this Contract to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. If upon receipt of such request for defense, or at any time thereafter, the Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action, in whole or in part, are not covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York in writing and shall specify to what extent the Contractor believes it is and is not obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Department and State of New York and secure a continuance to permit the State of New York to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses which the Department and State shall have.
- (d) The Contractor shall, however, have no liability to the Department under this Article if any infringement is based upon or arises out of:
  - (1) compliance with designs, plans, or specifications furnished by or on behalf of the Department as to the items;
  - (2) alterations of the items by the Department;
  - (3) failure of the Department to use updated items provided by the Contractor for avoiding infringement;
  - (4) use of items in combination with apparatus or devices not delivered by the Contractor;
  - (5) use of items in a manner for which the same were neither designed nor contemplated; or
  - (6) a patent or copyright in which the Department or any affiliate or subsidiary of the Department has any direct or indirect interest by license or otherwise.

- (e) The foregoing states the Contractor's entire liability for, or resulting from, patent or copyright infringement or claim thereof.

**IX. Freedom of Information Requests**

In response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request received by the Department, the Contractor agrees to provide to the Department records generated by the Contractor as a result of this contract's scope of work that are responsive to the FOIL request. The contractor may request that the Department except from disclosure records on the basis that they contain trade secrets or confidential commercial information in accordance with FOIL (Public Officers Law Section 87 and 6 NYCRR Part 616).

**X. Article 15-Requirements**

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

**(a) General Provisions**

- (1) The Department is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 ("MWBE Regulations") for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- (2) The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Department (the "Department"), to fully comply and cooperate with the Department in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) for minority group members and women and contracting opportunities for certified Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs). Contractor's demonstration of Good Faith Efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- (3) Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Article or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

**(b) Contract Goals**

- (1) For purposes of this procurement, the Department hereby establishes an overall goal of **30%** for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBE") participation, (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- (2) For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address; <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- (3) Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document "good faith efforts" to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to the Department for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

**(c) MWBE Utilization Plan**

- (1) The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
- (2) Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the

prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section X-B-1 of this Attachment.

(3) Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, Department shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

(4) The MWBE Utilization Plan must be completed via the New York State Contract System on-line:  
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.

**(d) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)**

(1) Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (DMWBD). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:

- (i) Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
- (ii) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the Department within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the notice by Department to award the Contract to the Contractor.
- (iii) If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the Department may provide the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement. This statement can be found at the link provided in Section 8.
- (iv) The Contractor's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
  - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its workforce.
  - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
  - c. The Contractor shall request each employer Department, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employer Department, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
  - d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

**(2) Staffing Plan Form**

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a Staffing Plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Staffing Plan and submit at the time of award of the contract.

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

**(e) Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report**

Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report Form to the Department by the 10<sup>th</sup> day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract. This reporting must be done online, through the New York State Contract System: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>. The reports document the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

**(f) Waivers**

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

**(g) Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation**

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

## **XI. PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN OWNED BUSINESSES**

Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law provides for more meaningful participation in public procurement by certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (“SDVOB”), thereby further integrating such businesses into New York State’s economy. The Department recognizes the need to promote the employment of service-disabled veterans and to ensure that certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of Department contracts.

In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic

activity in doing business in New York State, Bidders are expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

**(a) Contract Goals**

The Department hereby establishes an overall goal of **6%** for SDVOB participation, based on the current availability of qualified SDVOBs. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by SDVOBs, the Bidder/Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified SDVOBs found at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans/>. Questions regarding compliance with SDVOB participation goals should be directed to the Department’s Designated Contacts.

Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by SDVOBs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract (see clause (XI)(d) below).

**(b) SDVOB Utilization Plan**

1. In accordance with 9 NYCRR § 252.2(i), Bidders are required to submit a completed SDVOB Utilization Plan on Form SDVOB 100 with their bid.
2. The Utilization Plan shall list the SDVOBs that the Bidder intends to use to perform the Contract, a description of the work that the Bidder intends the SDVOB to perform to meet the goals on the Contract, the estimated dollar amounts to be paid to an SDVOB, or, if not known, an estimate of the percentage of Contract work the SDVOB will perform. By signing the Utilization Plan, the Bidder acknowledges that making false representations or providing information that shows a lack of good faith as part of, or in conjunction with, the submission of a Utilization Plan is prohibited by law and may result in penalties including, but not limited to, termination of a contract for cause, loss of eligibility to submit future bids, and/or withholding of payments. Any modifications or changes to the agreed participation by SDVOBs after the Contract award and during the term of the Contract must be reported on a revised SDVOB Utilization Plan and submitted to the Department.
3. The Department will review the submitted SDVOB Utilization Plan and advise the Bidder/Contractor of Department acceptance or issue a notice of deficiency within 20 days of receipt.
4. If a notice of deficiency is issued, Bidder/Contractor agrees that it shall respond to the notice of deficiency, within seven business days of receipt, by submitting to the Department, a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by the Department to be inadequate, The Department shall notify the Bidder/Contractor and direct the Bidder/Contractor to submit, within five business days of notification by the Department, a request for a partial or total waiver of SDVOB participation goals on SDVOB 200. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.
5. The Department may disqualify a Bidder’s bid or proposal as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:
  - (i) If a Bidder fails to submit an SDVOB Utilization Plan;
  - (ii) If a Bidder fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
  - (iii) If a Bidder fails to submit a request for waiver; or
  - (iv) If the Department determines that the Bidder has failed to document good faith efforts.
6. If awarded a Contract, Contractor certifies that it will follow the submitted SDVOB Utilization Plan for the performance of SDVOBs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed SDVOB contract goals set forth above.
7. Contractor further agrees that a failure to use SDVOBs as agreed in the Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, The Department shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsibility.

**(c) Request for Waiver**

1. Prior to submission of a request for a partial or total waiver, Bidder/Contractor shall speak to the Designated Contacts at the Department for guidance.
2. In accordance with 9 NYCRR § 252.2(m), a Bidder/Contractor that is able to document good faith efforts to meet the goal requirements, as set forth in clause (XI)(d) below, may submit a request for a partial or total waiver on Form SDVOB 200, accompanied by supporting documentation. A Bidder may submit the request for waiver at the same time it submits its SDVOB Utilization Plan. If a request for waiver is submitted with the SDVOB Utilization Plan and is not accepted by the Department at that time, the provisions of clauses (XI)(b) 3., 4., & 5. will apply. If the documentation included with the Bidder's/Contractor's waiver request is complete, the Department shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within 20 days of receipt.
3. Contractor shall attempt to utilize, in good faith, the SDVOBs identified within its SDVOB Utilization Plan, during the performance of the Contract. Requests for a partial or total waiver of established goal requirements made subsequent to Contract award may be made at any time during the term of the Contract to the Department but must be made no later than prior to the submission of a request for final payment on the Contract.
4. If the Department, upon review of the SDVOB Utilization Plan and Monthly SDVOB Compliance Report (SDVOB 101) determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the Department may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of SDVOB contract goals.

Waiver requests should be sent to the Department.

**(d) Required Good Faith Efforts**

In accordance with 9 NYCRR § 252.2(n), Contractors must document their good faith efforts toward utilizing SDVOBs on the Contract. Evidence of required good faith efforts shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Copies of solicitations to SDVOBs and any responses thereto.
- (2) Explanation of the specific reasons each SDVOB that responded to Bidders/Contractors' solicitation was not selected.
- (3) Dates of any pre-bid, pre-award or other meetings attended by Contractor, if any, scheduled by the Department with certified SDVOBs whom the Department determined were capable of fulfilling the SDVOB goals set in the Contract.
- (4) Information describing the specific steps undertaken to reasonably structure the Contract scope of work for the purpose of subcontracting with, or obtaining supplies from, certified SDVOBs.
- (5) Other information deemed relevant to the waiver request.

**(e) Quarterly SDVOB Contractor Compliance Report**

In accordance with 9 NYCRR § 252.2(q), Contractor is required to report Quarterly SDVOB Contractor Compliance within the first month of each quarter to the Department during the term of the Contract for the preceding quarters' activity, documenting progress made towards achieving the Contract SDVOB goals. This information must be submitted using form SDVOB 101 and should be completed by the Contractor and submitted to the Department, by the 10th day of the first month of each quarter during the term of the Contract, for the preceding quarters' activity to: [sdvob@dec.ny.gov](mailto:sdvob@dec.ny.gov)

**(f) Breach of Contract and Damages**

In accordance with 9 NYCRR § 252.2(s), any Contractor found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the SDVOB participation goals set forth in the Contract, shall be found to have breached the contract and Contractor shall pay damages as set forth therein.

## **XII. Iran Divestment Act Requirements**

By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law §165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerors pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted at: <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/about/regs/docs/ListofEntities.pdf>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

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

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

## **XIII. Americans With Disabilities Act**

In the event the monies defined herein are to be used for the development of facilities, outdoor recreation areas, transportation or written or spoken communication with the public, the Contractor shall comply with all requirements for providing access for individuals with disabilities as established by Article 4A of the New York State Public Buildings Law, Americans with Disabilities Act, and relevant sections of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Standards for certain Recreation Facilities are found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design while others are found in the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Recreation Areas, <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards>

## **XIV. Public Access to Facilities**

If applicable to the project, the Contractor agrees to allow public access to any facilities developed with monies defined herein on the same basis to all residents of New York State for a period not less than five (5) years after the date of final payment under this Contract or five (5) years after the date that the final payment was due. Failure to comply with the provisions of this clause shall be considered an abandonment of the Project.

## **XV. Project Insurance Considerations**

Refer to project insurance requirements as set forth in A-1 (B) Program Specific Terms and Conditions.

## **XVI. Amendment/Extensions**

The Contract may be amended and/or extended by mutual written consent of all parties. Amendment forms will be incorporated into this Contract and will not take effect until approved by all applicable State agencies and final approval by the Office of the State Comptroller, if applicable. Contract amendments may be conditioned upon funds being re-appropriated in the State Budget each state fiscal year to the Department.

## **XVII. Environmental Protection Fund Acknowledgement**

If applicable, in recognition of a portion of the Department funds utilized for any work completed under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to acknowledge in any communication to the public, that such funding was provided from the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

## **XVIII. Vendor Responsibility**

- a) The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.



- b) The Department recommends that vendors file a required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor\\_index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/vendor_index.htm) or go directly to the VendRep System online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.
- c) Vendors must provide their New York State Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at [ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us). Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the VendRep website [www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep) or may contact the Department of the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.
- d) Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Department officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

### **XVIII. Permits**

- a) If applicable, the Contractor agrees to obtain all required permits, including but not limited to, local, state and federal permits prior to the commencement of any project related work. The Contractor agrees that all work performed in relation to the project by the Contractor or its agents, representatives, or contractors will comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and standards, zoning and building codes, ordinances, operating certificates for facilities, or licenses for an activity.
- b) With respect to the project, the contractor certifies that is has complied, and shall continue to comply with all requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The Contractor agrees to provide all environmental documents as may be required by the Department. The Contractor has notified, and shall continue to notify, the Department of all actions proposed for complying with the environmental review requirements imposed by SEQRA.

### **XIX. Approvals**

The Contractor agrees that the project will be performed in accordance with the condition of any applicable administrative, judicial or governmental orders or approvals.

### **XX. Site Access**

If applicable, the Contractor represents it has or will obtain title to or sufficient interest in the project site, including rights-of-way and necessary easements, before the start of the project to ensure undisturbed use and possession for purposes of construction and completion of the project, as well as operation of the project throughout its useful life.

### **XXI. Cost Overruns**

If applicable, any cost overruns will not be paid by the Department and the Department is not committed to seeking additional appropriations or re-appropriation of funds and will not be responsible for the maintenance and operation of any facility which may be developed or equipment which may be purchased with the funds herein identified.

### **XXII. Construction Plans**

It is the Contractor's responsibility (if applicable to the Project) to have all construction contract plans, specifications and cost estimates certified by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of New York. All certified plans and specifications shall become part of this Contract and shall be kept on the project site at all times.

### **XXIII. Payment and Reporting**

- a) The Contractor agrees to fully fund the Project and then seek reimbursement from the Department for eligible project costs. The Department will not process final payment for this Contract, until the Department determines that the project was completed satisfactorily and upon receipt of all required final close-out payment documentation in accordance with the direction and requirements described in Attachment D.
- b) The Contractor will be entitled to receive reimbursement payments for work, projects, and/or services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C and Attachment D of this Contract. Claims for reimbursement must be accompanied by such receipts and documents verifying expenditures as may be required by the Department and by the

Comptroller. Satisfactory documentation shall include, but is not limited to, signed copies of payment vouchers or invoices, canceled checks/or the latest cumulative work-in-place estimate for each construction Contract, and any further documentation as may be required by the Department and/or the Comptroller. The Department reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine if the reimbursement request and accompanying documentation submitted by the Contractor is in satisfactory form and substance. A final payment determination will be based upon the Department's review of the Contractor's final voucher submission and reporting as described in Attachment D.

**XXIV. On-Site Inspections**

The State, Department or authorized representatives will conduct a review of the Project funded from this Contract, which may include on-site inspections, at a time that is satisfactory to the Department.

**XXV. Prohibition on Purchase of Tropical Hardwoods**

The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State of any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

**B) PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. Notices:**

The Department's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract and for approval, direction and receipt of all Project reports called for in this Contract is listed below. Whenever it is provided in this Contract that notice must be given or other communications sent to the Department, the notices or communications must be in writing and delivered or sent to the Department's authorized representative at:

Address:

\_\_\_\_ Division of Water, Fiscal Planning and Management Section  
\_\_\_\_ New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
\_\_\_\_ 625 Broadway, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-3506  
[dowcontracts@dec.ny.gov](mailto:dowcontracts@dec.ny.gov)

A copy of all legal notices shall be sent to:

General Counsel  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway - 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12233-1500

The Contractor's authorized representative for the implementation of this Contract is the person authorized in the Resolution of Support for the contract. Notices or communications regarding this Contract should be in writing and delivered or sent to the Contractor's authorized representative at the address identified on the Face Page, with copies sent to the Contractor's contract administrator as identified in the contract application.

Notices delivered or sent shall be deemed for all purposes as notice to all persons who are Parties to this Contract as Department or Contractor.

**II. Project Insurance Considerations**

The Contractor agrees to procure and maintain at its own expense and without expense to the Department until final acceptance by the Department of the services covered by this Contract, insurance of the kinds and amounts as determined by the Department and based upon the project work plan. The insurance policies should be provided by insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of New York. Any delay or time lost as a result of the Contractor not having insurance required by the Contract shall not give rise to a delay claim or any other claim against the Department.

Upon execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish to the Department a certificate or certificates, satisfactory to the Department, showing that it has complied with this Article. The insurance documentation shall provide that:

- Liability and protective liability insurance policies shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for any claims arising from the Contractor’s Work under this contract, or as a result of Contractor’s activities.
- The State of New York, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, its officers, agents and employees, Division of Materials Management, shall be listed as Certificate Holder on all liability insurance certificate(s), as additional insureds on endorsements(s) and on additional supporting documentation.
- The policies shall include a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the Department as an additional insured. The endorsement shall be on ISO Form Number CG 24 04 or a similar form with same modification to the policy.
- Policies shall not be changed or canceled until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Department; as evidenced by an endorsement or declarations page.
- Insurance documentation shall disclose any deductible, self-insured retention, aggregate limit or any exclusion to the policy that materially changes the coverage required by the Contract.
- Endorsements in writing must be added to and made part of the insurance contract for the purpose of changing the original terms to reflect the revisions and additions as described. A copy of these endorsements must be provided to the Department within a reasonable amount of time.
- Applicable insurance policy number(s) reference on the ACORD form must be referenced in the supporting documentation requested by the Department and supplied by the insurance company (e.g. endorsement page, declarations page, etc.).
- This Contract shall be void and of no effect unless the Contractor procures the required insurance policies and maintains them until completion of the work or acceptance by the Department, whichever event is later.

The kinds and amounts of insurance required are as follows:

- a) Workers’ Compensation coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain full New York State coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Law.

Evidence of Workers’ Compensation and Employers Liability coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board:

<b><u>FORM #</u></b>	<b><u>FORM TITLE</u></b>
C-105.2	Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance
U-26.3	State Insurance Fund Version of the C-105.2 form
SI-12/ GSI-105.2	Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

- b) Disability Benefits coverage must be provided for work to be performed in New York State. The Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Any waiver of this requirement must be approved by the Department of Environmental Conservation and will only be granted in unique or unusual circumstances.

Evidence of Disability Benefits coverage must be provided on one of the following forms specified by the Chairman of the New York State Workers' Compensation Board:

<u>FORM #</u>	<u>FORM TITLE</u>
DB-120.1	Certificate of Disability Benefit Insurance
DB-155	Certificate of Disability Benefit Self-Insurance
CE-200	Certificate of Attestation of Exemption – (no employees)

An ACORD form is **NOT** an acceptable proof of Workers' Compensation coverage. **ALL OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED FORMS, EXCEPT CE-200, SI-12 & DB-155 MUST NAME** The State of New York and The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-3500, as the Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage.

Additional information can be obtained at the Worker's Compensation website:  
<http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/Employers.jsp>

Upon review of the scope of work outlined in the Grant Application by the Department, the following types of liability insurance may be required:

- c) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence, and \$5,000,000 General aggregate. Such insurance shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage, personal and advertising injury, cross liability assumed in a contract (including tort liability of another assumed in a contract). Limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess liability policies. The CGL aggregate shall be endorsed to apply on a per project basis for construction contracts.
- d) Business Automobile Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any registered motor vehicle including owned, leased, hired and non-owned vehicles. If the Contractor does not own, rent or lease any registered vehicles and will not be using any vehicles on State Land proof of Business Automobile Liability Insurance shall not be required for this Contract. The Contractor shall assume full responsibility and liability that owners and operators of any registered vehicles entering State Land to conduct work under this contract carry the same Business Automobile Liability Insurance of the kinds and amounts listed above. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation reserves the right to request proof of the same.
- e) Environmental Liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 providing primary coverage for bodily injury and property damage, including loss of use of damaged property or of property that has not been physically injured. Such policy shall provide coverage for actual, alleged or threatened emission, discharge, dispersal, seepage, release or escape of pollutants, including any loss, cost or expense incurred as a result of any cleanup of pollutants or in the investigation, settlement or defense of any claim, suit, or proceedings against the Department of Environmental Conservation arising from the Contractor's Work.
- f) Professional Liability Insurance includes coverage for its negligent act, error or omission in rendering or failing to render professional services required by this contract arising out of specifications, installation, modification, abatement, replacement or approval of products, materials or processes containing pollutants, and the failure to advise of or detect the existence or the proportions of pollutants. The Contractor, any subcontractor or supplier retained by the Contractor to work on the contract shall procure and maintain during and for a period of three (3) years after completion of this contract, Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The professional liability insurance may be issued on a claims-made policy form, in which case the Contractor shall purchase at its sole expense, extended Discovery Clause coverage of up to three (3) years after work is completed if coverage is cancelled or not renewed.
- g) Marine Protection & Indemnity: Anytime the activity involves work on navigable water or the work is connected to water related activities, the Contractor shall procure Marine Protection & Indemnity and Hull and Machinery coverage, if available. Hull and Machinery coverage shall be provided for the total value of the watercraft or equipment. The Contractor shall obtain Protective and Indemnity Liability insurance for all marine operations under the contract, with a minimum \$2,000,000 limit.

Should the Contractor engage a subcontractor, the Contractor shall impose the insurance requirements of this document on the subcontractor. Contractor shall determine the required insurance types and limits, commensurate with the work of the Subcontractor. The Contractor will maintain the certificate or certificates and endorsements for all subcontractors hired as part of the Contractor’s records.

### III. Requirements for all Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Projects

1. **Eligible costs:** Funding can be used for the preparation of planning reports, feasibility studies, and supplemental costs as listed by grant category. This includes planning activities to determine the scope of water quality issues, evaluation of alternatives, and the recommendation of an improvement project, including sampling and monitoring associated with the planning studies/reports

i. **Other eligible costs:**

- Salary and fringe benefit costs
- Contractual, travel, and administrative costs
- On-site evaluations
- Necessary environmental review for the recommended project (e.g. SEQR, SHPO, Coastal Consistency)
- Administrative costs

2. **Ineligible costs/reports:**

- i. Reports for projects that have already received Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant funding
- ii. Costs incurred outside the start and end date of the contract
- iii. Post installation / follow-up monitoring
- iv. Feasibility reports for algaecide use
- v. Construction costs
- vi. Reports for projects that have already received funding for planning from another State source
- vii. Equipment
- viii. Indirect costs (e.g. space/property rent, utilities, office supplies, and other costs not directly related to the Project)
- ix. Legal fees

3. **Report requirements for all projects:**

- i. All reports and studies must be prepared by a qualified professional as indicated in Table 1 below.
- ii. For reports and studies prepared by someone other than a professional engineer, applicants must demonstrate in the application that the preparer is a qualified professional through work experience and/or education.
- iii. Reports and studies must be prepared and stamped by a professional engineer when required by New York State Education Law.

Table 1: NPG Professional Requirements

Project Type	Report Type	Professional Requirement
Decentralized Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems	Feasibility Study	Professional Engineer
Green Infrastructure	Feasibility Study	Professional Engineer

Project Type	Report Type	Professional Requirement
Stormwater Retrofits	Feasibility Study	Professional Engineer
Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization	Engineering or conceptual design report	Professional Engineer
Comprehensive Stream Corridor Assessment	Comprehensive stream corridor assessment study	Professional engineer with 2 years of relevant experience; OR professional hydrologist or professional geologist with 2 years of relevant experience; OR bachelor's degree in hydrology or a related field with 2 years of relevant experience; OR associate degree in hydrology or a related field with 5 years of relevant experience
Stream Debris Management Plan	Management Plan	Completed Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention Training
In-waterbody Controls for Nutrients	Feasibility study or engineering report	Professional Engineer
	Professional study report	Professional engineer; OR certified lake manager; OR master's degree in limnology or related field; OR bachelor's degree in limnology or related field with 2 years of relevant experience
	Long-term operation and maintenance plan	Professional Engineer
Bathing Beach Restoration	Sanitary Survey	Professional engineer with 2 years of relevant experience OR environmental health professional (sanitarian or environmental health technician) with 2 years of relevant experience OR bachelor's degree in environmental health or a related field with 2 years of relevant experience OR associate degree in environmental health or a related field with 5 years of relevant experience.
	Feasibility Study	Professional Engineer
Stream Culvert Repair and	Feasibility Study	Professional Engineer

Project Type	Report Type	Professional Requirement
Replacement	Culvert site assessment report	Trained and certified by North Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC)

4. **Match:** All grants require a local match equal to ten percent of the grant amount. The match can include cash and/or in-kind services. Only costs eligible for this grant may be used as match. Match funds cannot come from other New York State funding sources but may come from federal funding sources.
5. **Grant payment:** The grant will be disbursed based on the awardee’s progress toward completion of an acceptable report or final deliverable.
  - i. After the contract is executed, Contractors that are soil and water conservation districts may request an advance payment of up to twenty-five percent of the grant amount for project start up funding. After the advance payment, all subsequent payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, whereby the Contractor expends its own money first, then applies to the Department for reimbursement; however, no additional payments will be made until the Contractor provides documentation showing that all of the advance payment was spent on the project.
  - ii. Contractors that are municipalities are not eligible for advance payments. All payments to municipalities will be made on a reimbursement basis.
  - iii. All Contractors may apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses once per calendar quarter and each application for reimbursement shall be accompanied by a narrative progress report covering the same period as the reimbursement request.
  - iv. The final reimbursement will be made to the Contractor when the report and/or final deliverable is complete and accepted by the Department.
6. **Federal Grant Match:** The Department reserves the right to use some or all funding paid to the Contractor via this Contract as match for federal grants that the Department either has already received or may receive in the future, or as match for federal grants received by partner organizations collaborating with the Department. To ensure that the Department, the Contractor, and partner organizations comply with federal grant rules, the Contractor shall request approval from the Department if the Contractor wishes to use this funding as match for its own federal grant(s).

**IV. Additional Requirements for Decentralized Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities for Failing On-Site Treatment Systems**

1. **Eligible costs:** An engineering feasibility study report for municipally owned decentralized wastewater treatment facilities in areas with failing on-site treatment systems, including the necessary collection and conveyance system. The decentralized wastewater treatment facility must consist of a subsurface treatment and disposal system designed in accordance with Department standards. Collection may take the form of either a septic tank effluent pump (STEP) or septic tank effluent gravity (STEG), grinder pump or gravity sewer system. An engineering feasibility study report may include conceptual designs and necessary percolation tests.
2. **Report requirements:** Engineering reports must follow the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation/DEC Engineering Report Outline for New York State Wastewater Infrastructure Projects (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

## V. Additional Requirements for Green Infrastructure Practice

1. **Eligible reports:** An engineering feasibility study report for projects that: construct green infrastructure to address combined sewer overflows, reduce a pollutant impacting a receiving waterbody, or address a regional water quality issue; or install green infrastructure retrofits designed to capture and remove the pollutant contributing to a water quality impairment. Green Infrastructure practices are limited to bioretention, rain gardens, constructed wetlands, porous pavement, green roofs, downspout disconnection, stormwater street trees, stormwater harvesting and reuse, and stream daylighting. All Green Infrastructure projects must be designed in accordance with the *2015 New York State Stormwater Design Manual* and must go above and beyond the water quality volume treatment and/or reduction requirements listed in the SPDES Construction General Permit. An engineering feasibility study report must include conceptual designs and infiltration tests, if applicable.
2. **Report requirements:** Feasibility studies must include all Required Elements listed in the Green Infrastructure or Stormwater Retrofits Feasibility Study Outline (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

## VI. Additional Requirements for Stormwater Retrofits

1. **Eligible reports:** An engineering feasibility study report for projects that: construct stormwater retrofits to reduce a pollutant impacting a receiving waterbody or address a regional water quality issue. Eligible practices are limited to those identified in Chapters 5 and 6 of the *2015 NYS Stormwater Design Manual*. All projects must be designed in accordance with the *2015 NYS Stormwater Design Manual*. An engineering feasibility study report must include conceptual designs and infiltration tests (if applicable) and must include load reduction information.
2. **Report requirements:** Feasibility studies must include all Required Elements listed in the Green Infrastructure or Stormwater Retrofits Feasibility Study Outline (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

## VII. Additional Requirements for Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization Projects

1. **Eligible reports:** An engineering or conceptual design report for qualifying nature-based or “soft engineering” streambank or shoreline stabilization projects to reduce erosion, enhance flood resilience, and improve water quality and riparian/coastal habitats. Streambank or shoreline projects must incorporate natural features and materials alone or in combination with a minimal use of structural components to manage erosion. Streambank/shoreline stabilization projects may include, but are not limited to, natural buffer zones, constructed or restored wetlands, “living” sills or breakwaters, beach and dune restoration and/or nourishment, nature-based stabilization techniques such as tree/rootwad revetments, staking, live crib walls, and vegetated geogrids. Rip-rap may only be used in conjunction with natural restoration principles that incorporate vegetative materials.
2. **Report requirements:** Engineering reports must include all Required Elements listed in the Streambank/Shoreline Stabilization Engineering Design Report Outline (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

For projects requiring a permit, engineering designs must meet the minimum Protection of Waters permit requirements, NY’s Coastal Consistency requirements, or other state or federal permit requirements, as applicable.



## VIII. Additional Requirements for Comprehensive Stream Corridor Assessment

1. **Eligible reports:** A comprehensive stream corridor assessment study to identify areas of erosion across a watershed area. The comprehensive stream corridor study must be completed for a minimum of a HUC 12 size watershed area and must identify and/or prioritize opportunities for streambank stabilization, riparian buffer restoration, floodplain reconnection and/or culvert replacement and repair. Flood risk assessment and modeling may be included as part of the comprehensive study.
2. **Report requirements:** Comprehensive stream assessment studies must include all Required Elements listed in the Streambank Corridor Study Outline (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

## IX. Additional Requirements for Stream Sediment and Debris Management Plans

1. **Eligible reports:** A management plan report to identify areas within a stream basin where sediment and debris build-up contribute to flooding risk and collect information necessary to develop recommendations to reduce those risks. As part of the management plan, practical flood risk reduction projects and strategies must be identified, where possible.
2. **Report requirements:** Management plans must include all Required Elements listed in the Stream Sediment and Debris Management Plan Outline. (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

## X. Additional Requirements for In-Waterbody Controls for Nutrients

1. **Eligible costs:** A feasibility study or engineering report for projects that reduce internal loading of nutrients (mainly phosphorus) within waterbodies. Eligible practices to address these issues include: hypolimnetic aeration, aeration destratification systems for polymictic lakes, hypolimnetic withdrawal, and dredging.

and/or

A professional study report that provides justification for use of the best management practice (BMP) recommended by the above feasibility study or engineering report. For destratification systems, the professional study must identify the waterbody as a polymictic lake.

and/or

A written plan report for the long-term operation and maintenance of the BMP recommended by the above professional study or engineering report.

2. **Report requirements:** Feasibility study/engineering reports must include all Required Elements listed in the In-Waterbody for Control of Nutrients Feasibility Study/Engineering Report Outline ([www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html)).

## XI. Additional Requirements for Bathing Beach Restoration Projects

1. **Eligible reports:**
  - i. Beach sanitary survey

and/or

- ii. A feasibility study for projects to implement designs recommended in beach restoration green infrastructure design reports. Projects may include, but are not limited to, porous pavement, bioinfiltration/bioretenion, rain gardens, stormwater tree trenches, greenways, beach re-naturalization, beach sand enrichment/nourishment, beach sloping/grading, constructed wetlands.

**2. Report requirements:**

- i. Sanitary surveys must meet the criteria in Part 6, Subpart 6-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code for Beaches (<https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/subpart-6-2-bathing-beaches>). Sanitary surveys must also follow EPA's Beach Sanitary Survey Guidance (<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/sanitary-survey-guidance-manuals>). Beach sanitary surveys must include all Required Elements listed in the Beach Sanitary Survey Study Outline ([www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html)). Feasibility studies must include all Required Elements listed in the Green Infrastructure or Stormwater Retrofit Feasibility Study Outline ([www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html)).

**XII. Additional Requirements for Culvert Repair and Replacement Projects**

**1. Eligible costs:**

- i. Stream culvert site assessment report for projects to address erosion caused by inadequately sized or failing culverts.

and/or

- ii. An engineering feasibility study or engineering design report for stream culvert repair or replacement projects to address erosion.

**2. Report requirements:**

- i. Stream culvert assessments must utilize the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) framework to identify aquatic barriers, in addition to identifying erosion issues.
- ii. Feasibility study/engineering reports must include all Required Elements listed in the Stream Culvert Repair and Replacement Feasibility Study/Engineering Report Outline (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>).

**XIII. Additional Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Mapping:** For projects that complete comprehensive stormwater system maps. This program encourages and supports cooperation among regulated MS4s to complete mapping of their stormwater system.

**1. Eligible costs:**

- i. Salary and fringe benefits
- ii. Contractual, travel and administrative costs

**2. Ineligible costs:**

- i. Equipment (e.g., hardware)
- ii. Software or GIS licenses
- iii. Development of materials already available through the cooperative stormwater group
- iv. Operating expenses and indirect costs (e.g., space/property rent, utilities, and office supplies)
- v. Legal fees
- vi. Costs incurred outside the start and end date of the contract

- 3. Mapping must meet the minimum MS4 permit requirements.

4. The project must include the creation of an electronic or GIS system of mapping or specify the use of an already established electronic or GIS system to be expanded upon.
5. Basic mapping elements are either required by the DEC SPDES MS4 GP-0-15-003 or considered by DEC to be necessary for effective system management. Therefore, all Basic elements must be completed before grant or match funds can be used for items in the Intermediate or Advanced elements map categories. Simultaneous mapping of Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced elements is permitted but any unmapped Basic elements must be included in the scope of work.
6. Information from the WI/PWL must be included in the maps/deliverables created.
7. Final deliverables must include final map product and final summary report. Required elements for the final deliverables are available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/116725.html>.

**XIV. Quality Assurance:** Quality assurance applies to all programs/projects that involve the collection, generation or use of environmental data associated with the mapping, modeling, monitoring, and assessment of water quality data intended for use by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for its regulatory purposes. This includes the design or use of water quality focused environmental technology. Activities associated with these types of programs/projects, conducted in the field or laboratory, shall be:

1. Performed in accordance with an effective quality system for planning and assessing environmental measurements and tests, and for conducting required quality assurance and quality control procedures to promote and maintain the accuracy and reliability of environmental measurements and test results. An effective Quality System includes a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) based on guidance provided by the USEPA Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans (QA/G-5 May 2006), or American National Standard ASQ/ANSI E4:2014: Quality management systems for environmental information and technology programs—Requirements with guidance for use, approved February 4, 2014.
2. The fulfillment of the data verification, validation, and usability component of QAPP is to be documented in a Data Usability Assessment Report (DUAR).
3. Performed by a laboratory certified by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) under the Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) pursuant to Section 502 of the Public Health Law. This requirement shall not apply to specific parameters where NYS DOH ELAP has not issued a certificate for the specific parameter.
4. Performed in a manner that ensures all requisite quality control and calibration requirements are met, including field testing, sample collection, preservation, and record-keeping. Basic quality assurance and quality control requirements defined in 40 CFR Part 136.7 shall be followed as well as any specific method requirements.
5. Required to submit environmental monitoring data electronically to US EPA Water Quality Exchange (WQX) following the guidance as set by US EPA's WQX Submission Instructions.
6. Covered under the Publicity clause (article IV.G.) of the Master Contract for Grants – Standard Terms and Conditions. Specifically, the Contractor agrees that any work products, including but not limited to, water quality data or environmental information; measured, generated, or developed under this contract shall not be released, published, cited, or shared in draft or final form without prior written authorization from the Department.

7. At a minimum, performed in accordance with water quality standards in 6 NYCRR Part 703 and/or guidance values in Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS) 1.1.1. Projects designed to assess water quality or inform regulatory decisions must measure parameters with applicable water quality standards and/or guidance values.

**ATTACHMENT B-1 EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET**

***SUMMARY***

PROJECT NAME: Town of Ulysses Culvert Study and Report

CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME: ULYSSES TOWN OF

CONTRACT PERIOD: From: 05/02/2022

To: 05/01/2025

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	GRANT FUNDS	MATCH FUNDS	MATCH %	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
1. Personal Services					
a) Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
b) Fringe	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Non Personal Services					
a) Contractual Services	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	10 %	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
b) Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
c) Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
d) Space/Property & Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
e) Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
f) Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 %	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	10 %	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00	10 %	\$0.00	\$33,000.00

Contract Number: # DEC01-T01466GG-3350000

**ATTACHMENT B-1 EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET**

***PERSONAL SERVICES DETAIL***

<b>SALARY</b>					
<b>POSITION TITLE</b>	<b>ANNUALIZED SALARY PER POSITION</b>	<b>STANDARD WORK WEEK (HOURS)</b>	<b>PERCENT OF EFFORT FUNDED</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MONTHS FUNDED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
				Subtotal	
<b>TOTAL FRINGE</b>					
				PERSONAL SERVICES TOTAL	

**ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET**  
***NON-PERSONAL SERVICES DETAIL***

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Engineering Consultant	\$24,900.00
Grant Administration	\$3,500.00
Site Investigation - TBD	\$4,600.00
TOTAL	\$33,000.00

**ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET**  
***NON-PERSONAL SERVICES DETAIL***

<b>TRAVEL - TYPE/DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
TOTAL	



OTHER - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
TOTAL	

**ATTACHMENT C - WORK PLAN**

***SUMMARY***

PROJECT NAME: Town of Ulysses Culvert Study and Report

CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME: ULYSSES TOWN OF

CONTRACT PERIOD: From: 05/02/2022

To: 05/01/2025

Project Summary: A high-level overview of the project, including the overall goal and desired outcomes.

The local match for this project shall come from the Highway Fund.

The Town of Ulysses and selected consultant will prepare an engineering report to perform a condition assessment of various culverts throughout the Town to look at impacts due to structural integrity, age, streambank erosion and aquatic connectivity of streams. Town staff have evaluated a number of failing culverts and identified six failing culverts that need to be repaired and/or replaced. The Road embankments are becoming unstable and are eroding due to failing culvert pipes and concrete structures. Due to the age of the structures and the long-term impacts of road salt, the existing structures have deteriorated. These culverts are failing and potentially sized improperly. Since submission of the 2022 CFA, the Curry Road Culvert over Trumansburg Creek received a BridgeNY Grant award for funding to repair/replace. This culvert has been removed from the list for this Engineering Report as it was originally included in the 2022 CFA grant application. These culverts have been an issue for the Town and the Town is pursuing funding to move these projects forward for repair/replacement. The creeks are tributary to Cayuga Lake, which is a drinking water source for many, so it is imperative to address the erosion caused by the failing culverts.

The study and evaluation will culminate in an Engineering report that will recommend cost-effective solutions to address the failing culverts and prioritize culverts for repair/replacement. The improvements to the failing and potentially inadequately sized culverts will improve the flow of the waterways and the movement of aquatic life while reducing erosion of the stream systems. With reduction in erosion, water quality will improve. Once completed, the Town will use the Report to apply for construction funding to address the issues of these failing culverts. This project will allow the Town to inventory existing culverts, better plan for maintenance of its culverts and roads by addressing erosion issues, improving water quality, and improve aquatic habitat which will improve the quality of life for the community.

In preparing the Engineering report, site visits will be scheduled to assess culvert conditions and review inlet and outlet conditions at the six sites. Photographs of each of the culverts and surrounding areas will be taken. Drainage areas for each location will be determined using USGS mapping. Historical data and information will be reviewed regarding upstream and downstream culverts and their effect. Storm flows will be calculated for 50-year and 100-year events. The information gathered will be utilized to evaluate options and make assessments based on the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative framework. A

preliminary cost estimate will be prepared for each of the culvert sites associated with recommended improvements. Included in the Engineering Report will be preliminary/conceptual drawings with proposed details (as applicable) depicting any proposed improvements.

The 6 Culverts being reviewed are:

1. Agard Road Taughannock Creek tributary
2. Curry Road tributary to Bolter Creek
3. Garrett Road tributary to Cayuga Lake
4. Iradell Road tributary to Taughannock Creek
5. Maplewood Road tributary to Cayuga Lake
6. Reynolds Road over Taughannock Creek tributary

ATTACHMENT C - WORK PLAN

DETAIL

**Objective**

1 Procure Engineering Consultant -

**Tasks**

1.1 Engineering Proposal - Consult with the Town Engineer for a proposal

Performance Measures

- 1.1.1 Engineering Proposal - Receive proposal from Town Engineer. Completed August 30, 2023
- 1.1.2 Review and Approve Proposal - Review proposal with Town Board and approve proposal. Completed September 2023
- 1.1.3 Accept Proposal - Supervisor to sign Engineer Proposal and engage engineer to begin work. Completed September 2023

**Objective**

2 Engineering Report Preparation - MRB Group - Observation and collection of data for evaluation of 6 failing culverts in the Town of Ulysses and propose alternatives to control erosion and ensure resiliency of aquatic habitats and improve water quality for the area.

**Tasks**

2.1 Site visits to collect data – Completed by November 2023 - Survey culverts and surrounding area, take photographs, determine existing & proposed flow calculations, complete watershed & structural analysis, observe and investigate damage and erosion to existing facilities.

Performance Measures

- 2.1.1 Collection of physical data and calculations - Gather all data and calculations, photographs, etc. to prepare Final Engineering Report.

**Tasks**

2.2 Prepare Engineering Report - Completed by June 2024 - Use data collected and prepare Engineering Report to evaluate each of the 6 culverts and recommend solutions and options for each.

Performance Measures

- 2.2.1 Final Engineering Report - Preparation of Final Engineering Report for agency approval
- 2.2.2 Submit Engineering Report - Submit Engineering Report to DEC for approval.

**ATTACHMENT C - WORK PLAN**

***DETAIL***

**Objective**

3 Project Completion -

**Tasks**

3.1 Project Completion - Project Completion - Completed by September 2024

Performance Measures

3.1.1 Submit final reimbursement and closeout forms - Submit final reimbursement and closeout forms to DEC.

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**PAYMENT AND REPORTING SCHEDULE**

**I. PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

In full consideration of contract services to be performed the State Agency agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page hereof. All payments shall be in accordance with the budget contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget), which is attached hereto.

**A. Advance Payment, Initial Payment and Recoupment Language (if applicable):**

1. The State Agency will make an advance payment to the Contractor, during the initial period, in the amount of \_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_%) the budget as set forth in the most recently approved applicable Attachment B form (Budget).
  
2. The State Agency will make an initial payment to the Contractor in the amount of \_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_%) of the annual budget as set forth in the most recently approved applicable Attached B form (Budget). This payment will be no later than \_\_\_ days from the beginning of the budget period.
  
3. Scheduled advance payments shall be due in accordance with an approved payment schedule as follows:

Period	Amount	Due Date

4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) or initial payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting (\_\_\_%) of subsequent claims and such claims will be reduced until the advance or initial payment is fully recovered within the contract period.

**B. Interim and/or Final Claims for Reimbursement**

Claiming Frequency: Quarterly Reimbursement

Number of Days/Claims: 30

For Quarterly, Monthly and Biannual Reimbursement Claim Frequency, the above field represents the number of days after the claim period that the claim is due to the State from the Grantee.

For Interim Reimbursement as Requested by Contractor the Number of Days/Claims is not applicable.

For all other selected Claim Frequency, the Number of Days/Claims represents the number of claims due under the contract and listed in the table below.

Expenditure Period Dates		Due Date
From	To	

## II. REPORTING PROVISIONS

### A. Expenditure-Based Reports (select the applicable report type):

Narrative/Qualitative Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than 30 days from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(i) of the Master Contract

Statistical/Quantitative Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than \_\_\_ days from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(ii) of the Master Contract.

Expenditure Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than \_\_\_ days after the end date for which reimbursement is being claimed, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iii) of the Master Contract.

Final Report

The Contractor will submit the final report as described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iv) of the Master Contract, no later than 60 days after the end of the contract period.

Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) <sup>1</sup>

The Contractor will submit the CFR on an annual basis, in accordance with the time frames designated in the CFR manual. For New York City contractors, the due date shall be May 1 of each year; for Upstate and Long Island contractors, the due date shall be November 1 of each year.

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The Consolidated Fiscal Reporting System is a standardized electronic reporting method accepted by Office of Alcoholism & Substance Services, Office of Mental Health, Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and the State Education Department, consisting of schedules which, in different combinations, capture financial information for budgets, quarterly and/or mid-year claims, an annual cost report, and a final claim. The CFR, which must be submitted annually, is both a year-end cost report and a year-end claiming document.

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## **B. Progress-Based Reports**

### 1. Progress Reports

The Contractor shall provide the report described in Section III(G)(2)(b)(i) of the Master Contract in accordance with the forms and in the format provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the contract period (See Table 1 below for the annual schedule).

### 2. Final Progress Report

Final scheduled payment will not be due until \_\_\_ days after completion of agency's audit of the final expenditures report/documentation showing total grant expenses submitted by vendor with its final invoice. Deadline for submission of the final report is \_\_\_\_. The agency shall complete its audit and notify vendor of the results no later than \_\_\_\_\_. The Contractor shall submit the report not later than \_\_\_ days from the end of the contract.

## **C. Other Reports**

The Contractor shall provide reports in accordance with the form, content and schedule as set forth in Table 1.

**TABLE 1 - REPORTING SCHEDULE**

<b>PROGRESS REPORT #</b>	<b>PERIOD COVERED</b>		<b>Due Date</b>
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**III. SPECIAL PAYMENT AND REPORTING PROVISIONS**