

# Information Technology Services Contract

between

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency

on behalf of

The Commonwealth of Virginia

and

Triad Technology Partners, LLC

Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1.

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES CONTRACT ("**Contract**") is entered into by and between the Virginia Information Technologies Agency ("**VITA**"), pursuant to §2.2-2012 of the *Code of Virginia* and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia ("**Commonwealth**"), and Triad Technology Partners, LLC ("**Supplier**"), a LLC headquartered at 175 South Pantops Drive, Charlottesville VA 22911 to be effective as of 02/28/22 Contract Award Date ("**Effective Date**").

### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

VITA, on behalf of the Commonwealth, is engaging Supplier(s) to provide software published by International Business Machines Corporation ("**IBM**") as well as associated services, IBM appliances and software maintenance on existing software. This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions under which Supplier shall provide software published by IBM to Authorized Users and to provide various Services to the Authorized Users. By executing this Contract, Supplier agrees to be bound by the terms of Master Terms and Conditions applicable to all contracts for IBM products and related Services (VA-141008-IBM), entered into by and between VITA and IBM, as of October 8, 2014 and as subsequently amended by the parties thereto (the "**IBM Agreement**"), which is incorporated into this Contract as Exhibit E. Supplier shall provide these products and services to all Authorized Users, as defined below.

This Contract is a jointly and cooperatively procured contract pursuant to § 2.2 -4304 of the Code. Accordingly, Supplier agrees that other public bodies outside of the Commonwealth may purchase the products and services furnished pursuant to this Contract even if those public bodies did not participate in the procurement, provided those entities execute a participating addendum that incorporates the terms and conditions of the Contract.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this Contract have the meaning as provided (i) where each term is used in the Contract unless the term is (ii) set forth in this "Definitions" section below which lists the capitalized terms used in this Contract and provides a definition for the term.

#### A. Acceptance

The written acknowledgement by the Authorized User of successful delivery and performance by the Supplier of its contractual commitments at the location(s) designated in the applicable order or Statement of Work ("**SOW**"), including completed and successful acceptance testing in conformance with the Requirements as determined by the Authorized User and set forth in the applicable order or SOW.

#### B. Authorized Users

All public bodies, including VITA, as defined by Code § 2.2-4301 and referenced by Code §§ 2.2-4304 and 2.2-2012, authorized to participate in the procurement of information technology under this Contract. Authorized Users include private institutions of higher education that are listed at: <http://www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Profiles.aspx>.

Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4304, "Authorized Users" also includes those public bodies, or public agencies or institutions or localities of the several states, of the United States or its territories, the District of Columbia, the U.S. General Services Administration, or the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments that have executed a participating addendum with the Supplier to utilize this Contract.

#### C. Claim

Any and all losses, damages, claims, demands, proceedings, suits and actions, including any related liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, assessments, fines, penalties (whether criminal or civil), judgments, settlements, expenses (including attorneys' and accountants' fees and disbursements), and costs. Collectively, "Claims".

#### D. Code

The Code of Virginia, as in effect and amended from time-to-time.

#### E. Commercial Off-The-Shelf ("**COTS**") Software

Software that is general in nature, not broad enterprise applications, which can be purchased and used immediately "as is," without modification, in the same form in which it was sold in the commercial marketplace. Standard options are not considered modifications.

- F. Commonwealth**  
The Commonwealth of Virginia.
- G. Commonwealth Indemnified Parties**  
The Commonwealth, public bodies of the Commonwealth, VITA, and Authorized Users, together with their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees.
- H. Component**  
Any part or service of the Software or Deliverable delivered by Supplier under this Contract, including under all orders or SOWs.
- I. Computer Virus**  
Any malicious code, program, malware, or other internal component (e.g., computer virus, computer worm, computer time bomb, or similar component), which could damage, destroy, alter or disrupt any computer program, firmware, or hardware or which could, in any manner, reveal, damage, destroy, alter or disrupt any data or other information accessed through or processed by such software in any manner.
- J. Concurrent Users**  
The maximum number of concurrent active users utilizing the Software at a given point in time.
- K. Confidential Information**  
Non-public proprietary or trade secret information of VITA, Supplier, or an Authorized User, whether the information is in written, graphic, machine readable or other tangible form, and which at the time of disclosure to any other Party is either (i) marked as being "Confidential" or "Proprietary"; (ii) Health Records; (iii) Personally Identifiable Information, including information about VITA's employees, contractors, and customers, or Sensitive Data, including PHI; or (iv) information that is protected by statute or other applicable law. In the case of VITA, "Confidential Information" also includes any (a) information to which the Supplier has access in VITA facilities or VITA's systems, (b) Work Product and information pertaining to the Work Product, (c) VITA data, VITA software, and systems access codes, and (d) information concerning VITA's and any other Authorized User's operations, plans, employees, contractors or third party suppliers
- The term "Confidential Information" does not include information that is:
- i. in the public domain through no fault of the receiving Party or of any other person or entity that is similarly contractually or otherwise obligated;
  - ii. obtained independently from a third-party without an obligation of confidentiality to the disclosing Party and without breach of this Contract;
  - iii. developed independently by the receiving Party without reference to the Confidential Information of the other Party; or
  - iv. required to be disclosed under The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (§§2.2-3700 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) or similar laws or pursuant to a court order.
- L. Contract**  
This agreement, including all exhibits, schedules, and attachments, including any modifications or amendments thereto, entered into by VITA and Supplier.
- M. Contractor**  
The use of the term "Contractor" in any of the following terms, conditions, links, or IRS Publication 1075 means the same as the term "Supplier" as defined and used in this Contract.
- N. Deliverable**  
Software, Documentation, Components, plans, reports, data, Work Product, and any other materials, items or events, in each case described or itemized as something that is developed, prepared or created and delivered or required to be developed, prepared or created and delivered or made available to VITA or other Authorized User as part of the Services, Maintenance Services, Software, or Updates, including the development or creation of Work Product.
- O. Documentation**  
Those materials (including user manuals, training materials, guides, product descriptions, technical manuals, product specifications, supporting materials and Updates) detailing the information and instructions needed in order to allow any Authorized User and its agents to make

productive use of the Software, Service, or Deliverable, including any and all components, and to implement and develop self-sufficiency with regard to the Software, Service, Deliverable, including any and all components, provided by Supplier in fulfilling its obligations under the Contract or as may be specified in any order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract.

**P. Effective Date**

The date this Contract goes into full force and effect as set forth in the preamble of this Contract above.

**Q. Federal Tax Information (“FTI”)**

FTI consists of federal tax returns and return information (and information derived from it) that is in the possession or control of any Authorized User, which is covered by the confidentiality protections of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and subject to the IRC § 6103(p)(4) safeguarding requirements including IRS oversight. FTI is categorized as “Sensitive” but “Unclassified” information and may contain personally identifiable information.

**R. Industrial Funding Adjustment (“IFA”)**

The fee paid by Supplier to VITA to compensate VITA for the cost of procuring and managing the Contract.

**S. Maintenance Coverage Period (“MCP”)**

The period of time during which Supplier is obligated to provide Maintenance Services for a unit of Software.

**T. Maintenance Level**

The defined parameters of Maintenance Services, including the times during which, and time frames in which, Supplier shall respond to a request for Maintenance Services. The available Maintenance Levels are defined in Exhibit B to this Contract or as defined in any Statement of Work or order issued pursuant to this Contract. The actual Maintenance Level for a unit of Software will be set forth in the signed order or Statement of Work for Maintenance Services of that Software referencing this Contract.

**U. Maintenance Services**

Those services, preventive and remedial, provided or performed by Supplier under the Contract or for an Authorized User in order to ensure continued operation of the Software, including Software Updates. Maintenance Services include support services. Maintenance Services for Software may include the development of Work Product, if so authorized in the Contract.

**V. Party**

Supplier, VITA, or in the case of a SOW, any Authorized User.

**W. Operating Condition**

The condition that allows the Software to function in a normal, acceptable working manner, as designed by the Software manufacturer, and, if applicable, in compliance with any service levels established in the Contract or any order or SOW issued under the Contract.

**X. Response Time**

The time between Supplier’s receipt of Authorized User’s request for Maintenance and the time Supplier has notified Authorized User that it has commenced repair and resolution of the reported problem.

**Y. Receipt**

An Authorized User has physically received or has unfettered access to any Deliverable at the correct “ship-to” location.

**Z. Requirements**

The functional, performance, operational, compatibility, Acceptance testing criteria, and other parameters and characteristics of the Software or Service(s), including any and all components, as authorized by any combination of the Contract, as set forth in Exhibit A or the applicable order or SOW, and such other parameters, characteristics, or performance standards that may be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

**AA. Services**

Any work performed or service provided by Supplier – including the design and development of software and modifications, software updates, solution, products, implementation, installation,



maintenance, support, testing, training, or other provision of service – in meeting the Requirements and fulfilling Supplier's obligations under the Contract or, as applicable, under any order or SOW authorized by the scope of the Contract. "Services" includes all functions, responsibilities, activities, and tasks of the Supplier that are an inherent, necessary, or customary part of the Services, or are required for the proper performance or provision of the Services. As permitted by the scope of the Contract, "Services" may include the discovery, creation, or development of Work Product.

**BB. Software**

The programs and code provided by Supplier under the Contract or any order or SOW issued hereunder as a component(s) of any Deliverable or component of any Solution, and any subsequent modification of such programs and code, excluding Work Product. For COTS Software, "Software" means the programs and code, and any subsequent releases, provided by Supplier under this Contract as set forth in Exhibit B or as described on Supplier's US and International price lists in effect at time of Authorized User's placement of order or Statement of Work. If this Contract is for Software Maintenance, "Software" also includes the programs and code provided by Supplier under the Contract or any order or SOW issued pursuant to the Contract in the form of Software Updates.

**CC. Software Publisher**

The third-party licensor of the Software, other than the Supplier, provided by Supplier under this Contract.

**DD. Statement of Work ("SOW")**

Any document in substantially the form of Exhibit C (describing the deliverables, due dates, assignment duration, Acceptance criteria, and payment obligations for a specific project, engagement, or assignment that Supplier commits to provide to an Authorized User), which, upon signing by both Parties, is made a part of the Contract.

**EE. Subcontractor**

Any entity to which Supplier (or other Subcontractor of any tier) has subcontracted for performance of, or delegated any of its responsibilities under the Contract, including an affiliate of the Supplier.

**FF. Supplier**

The entity set forth in the preamble of this Contract and any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Supplier.

**GG. Supplier Personnel**

Any and all of Supplier's employees, agents, contractors, or Subcontractors performing under this Contract.

**HH. Supplier Reporting System ("SRS")**

The VITA system used by Supplier to fulfill reporting obligations under this Contract. The SRS can be accessed at the following URL(s): <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/supplier-reporting/supplier-reporting-system-access/>, or any successor URL(s).

**II. SWaM**

Any entity certified by the Commonwealth's Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity as a small, women-owned, minority-owned, or service disabled veteran-owned business, as defined in Code §§ 2.2-2000.1 and 2.2-4310, or a certified micro business as defined in Executive Order Number 35 (2019).

**JJ. Transition Out Plan**

The written plan developed by Supplier addressing the transition of Supplier's contractual obligations, in whole or in part, away from the Supplier and to Authorized User, or its designee, after the expiration or termination of the Contract.

**KK. Transition Period**

The period of time after the expiration or termination of the Contract that Supplier is obligated to continue providing assistance to Authorized Users so as to transition the Supplier's contractual obligations, or any portion thereof, to any other supplier.

**LL. Total Sales**

Sales under this Contract for which Supplier has received full and complete payment from an Authorized User.

**MM. Update**

Any update, modification, or new release of the Software that Supplier makes generally available to its customers at no additional cost. Software Updates include patches, fixes, upgrades, enhancements, improvements, or access mode, including without limitation additional capabilities to or otherwise improve the functionality, increase the speed, efficiency, or base operation of the Software.

**NN. VITA**

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to Chapter 20.1 (§§ 2.2-2005 et seq.) of the Code, or any successor agency.

**OO. Warranty Period**

The period of time during which Supplier is obligated to provide maintenance for a unit of Software.

**PP. Web Site**

The Internet site operated by Supplier to provide access to the Application, with the Uniform Resource Locator ("**URL**") specified in the applicable order or SOW (or any successor URL(s)).

**QQ. Work Product**

Inventions, combinations, machines, methods, formulae, techniques, processes, improvements, software designs, computer programs, strategies, specific computer-related know-how, data and original works of authorship discovered, created, or developed by Supplier, or jointly by Supplier and an Authorized User(s) in the performance of this Contract. Work Product does not include configuration of software, nor does it include anything developed by Supplier prior to, or outside of, this Contract.

**3. TERM AND TERMINATION**

**A. Contract Term**

This Contract is effective and legally binding as of the Effective Date and, unless terminated as provided for in this section, will be effective and legally binding for a period of one (1) year ("**Initial Term**"). VITA, in its sole discretion, may renew this Contract for up to four (4) additional one (1) year renewal periods after the expiration of the Initial Term (collectively with the Initial Term, the ("**Contract Term**"). VITA will issue a written notification to the Supplier stating VITA's intention to exercise a renewal period no less than 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of any current term. In addition, performance of an order or SOW issued during the Contract Term may survive the expiration of the Contract Term, in which case all contractual terms and conditions required for the operation of such order or SOW will remain in full force and effect until all of Supplier's obligations pursuant to such order or SOW have met the final Acceptance criteria of the applicable Authorized User.

**B. Termination for Convenience**

VITA may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason upon not less than 30 calendar days prior written notice to Supplier. An Authorized User may terminate an order or SOW, in whole or in part, at any time and for any reason upon not less than 30 calendar days prior written notice to Supplier. Any termination under this provision will not affect the rights and obligations attending any order or SOW outstanding at the termination date.

**C. Termination for Breach**

In the event of breach by the Supplier, VITA will have the right to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, and an Authorized User may terminate an order or SOW issued hereunder, in whole or in part. Supplier will be deemed in breach in the event that Supplier fails to meet any material obligation set forth in this Contract or in any order or SOW issued hereunder. Any termination under the provisions of this section will be deemed a "Termination for Breach".

If VITA deems the Supplier to be in breach, VITA shall provide Supplier with notice of breach and allow Supplier 15 business days to cure the breach. If Supplier fails to cure the breach as noted, VITA may immediately terminate this Contract or any order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract, in whole or in part. If an Authorized User deems the Supplier to be in breach of an order

or SOW, that Authorized User shall provide Supplier with notice of breach and allow Supplier 15 business days to cure the breach. If Supplier fails to cure the breach as noted, the Authorized User may immediately terminate its order or SOW, in whole or in part. In addition, if Supplier is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of or to have violated 31 U.S.C. § 1352, or if Supplier becomes a party excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs, VITA may immediately terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, for breach, and VITA shall provide written notice to Supplier of such termination. Supplier shall provide prompt written notice to VITA if Supplier is charged with violation of 31 U.S.C. § 1352, or if federal debarment proceedings are instituted against Supplier.

**D. Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds**

All payment obligations from public bodies under this Contract are subject to the availability of legislative appropriations at the federal, state, or local level for this purpose. In the event of non-appropriation of funds, irrespective of the source of funds, for the items under this Contract, VITA may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, or any order or SOW, in whole or in part, or an Authorized User may terminate an order or SOW, in whole or in part, for those goods or services for which funds have not been appropriated. Written notice will be provided to the Supplier as soon as possible after legislative action is completed.

**E. Effect of Termination**

Upon termination, neither the Commonwealth, nor VITA, nor any Authorized User will have any future liability except for Deliverables accepted by an Authorized User or Services (including any applicable Licensed Services and Maintenance Services) rendered by Supplier and accepted by the Authorized User prior to the termination date.

In the event of a Termination for Breach, Supplier shall accept return of any Deliverable that was not accepted by the Authorized User, and Supplier shall refund any monies paid by any Authorized User for the unaccepted Deliverable. The Authorized User will also have the right, in its sole discretion, to return any accepted Deliverable and Supplier shall refund any monies paid for the accepted Deliverable, less a reasonable value for the use of those components. Supplier will bear all costs of de-installation and return of Deliverables.

**F. Termination by Supplier**

In no instance will termination by Supplier be considered. Failure by an Authorized User to make timely payments owed to Supplier for its performance under this Contract will constitute a breach by that Authorized User. Supplier's remedy for a breach is limited to the remedies set forth in Code § 2.2-4363 and the "Remedies" section of this Contract below.

**G. Transition of Services**

At the request of an Authorized User prior to or upon expiration or termination of this Contract, Supplier shall provide all assistance as the Authorized User may reasonably require to transition the Supplier's contractual obligations, or any portion thereof, to any other supplier with whom the Authorized User contracts for provision of same. This Transition Period obligation may extend beyond expiration or termination of the Contract for a period of six (6) months. If this Contract includes Supplier's provision of licensed products, Supplier shall take no action to restrict or terminate the use of such licensed products after the date of expiration or termination of the Contract or during any Transition Period, or both. Authorized Users shall pay for any additional maintenance or licensing fees during any Transition Period at the hourly rate or at a fee agreed upon by Supplier and the applicable Authorized User. Supplier shall provide all reasonable transition assistance requested by the applicable Authorized User to allow for the expired or terminated portion of the Services to continue without interruption or adverse effect, and to facilitate the orderly transfer of such Services to Authorized User. The transition assistance will be deemed by the parties to be governed by the terms and conditions of this Contract, except for those terms or conditions that do not reasonably apply to transition assistance. Further, any Transition Period will not affect any Authorized User's rights in regards to any purchased Software perpetual licenses which are paid in full.

**H. Contract Kick-Off Meeting**

Within 30 calendar days of the Effective Date, Supplier may be required to attend a contract orientation meeting, along with the VITA contract manager/administrator, Authorized User project manager(s) or authorized representative(s), and any other significant stakeholders who have a part in the successful performance of this Contract. The purpose of this meeting will be to review

all contractual obligations for both parties, all administrative and reporting requirements, and to discuss any other relationship, responsibility, communication and performance criteria set forth in the Contract.

**I. Transition Out Plan**

Within three (3) months of the Effective Date, Supplier will develop and distribute to the applicable Authorized User a Transition Out Plan. The Supplier will maintain the Transition Out Plan throughout the Term, and update the Transition Out Plan as needed and subject to Authorized User's approval.

**J. Contract Closeout**

Prior to the Contract's expiration date, Supplier may be provided contract closeout documentation by VITA. If contract closeout documentation is provided, then Supplier shall complete, sign, and return to VITA Supply Chain Management any required documentation within 30 calendar days of receipt to ensure completion of closeout administration and to maintain a positive performance reputation with the Commonwealth. Any required closeout documentation not received within 30 calendar days of Supplier's receipt of the Commonwealth's request will be documented in the contract file as Supplier non-compliance. Supplier's non-compliance may affect any pending payments due to the Supplier, including final payment, until the documentation is returned to VITA.

**4. SUPPLIER PERSONNEL**

**A. Selection and Management of Supplier Personnel**

Supplier shall ensure that all Supplier Personnel performing under this Contract are competent and knowledgeable of the contractual arrangements and the applicable order or SOW between Authorized User and Supplier. Supplier acknowledges that Supplier is the employer of all Supplier employees and shall have the sole responsibility to supervise, counsel, discipline, review, evaluate, set the pay rates of, provide (to the extent required by law) health care and other benefits for, and terminate the employment of Supplier employees. Supplier shall be solely responsible for the supervision and conduct of Supplier Personnel, including all acts, omissions, gross negligence, and willful misconduct of Supplier Personnel. Additionally, Supplier shall ensure that Supplier Personnel comply with the appropriate Authorized User's site security, information security and personnel conduct rules, as well as applicable federal, state and local laws, including export regulations. Authorized User reserves the right to require the immediate removal from such Authorized User's premises of any Supplier Personnel whom such Authorized User believes has failed to comply with the above or whose conduct or behavior is unacceptable or unprofessional or results in a security or safety breach.

**B. Key Personnel**

An order or SOW may designate certain of Supplier's personnel as "Key Personnel" or "Project Managers". Supplier's obligations with respect to Key Personnel and Project Managers will be described in the applicable order or SOW. Any changes to Key Personnel must be mutually agreed to in writing by Supplier and Authorized User. Failure of Supplier to perform in accordance with such obligations may be deemed a breach of this Contract or of the applicable order or SOW.

**C. Subcontractors**

Supplier shall not use Subcontractors to perform its contractual obligations or any order or SOW issued pursuant to the Contract unless specifically authorized in writing to do so by the Authorized User. If an order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract is supported in whole or in part with federal funds, Supplier may not subcontract to any Subcontractor that is a party excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs. In no event may Supplier subcontract to any Subcontractor that is debarred by the Commonwealth or that owes back taxes to the Commonwealth and has not made arrangements with the Commonwealth for payment of such back taxes.

If Supplier subcontracts the provision of any performance obligation under this Contract to any other party, Supplier shall (i) act as prime contractor and will be the sole point of contact with regard to all obligations under this Contract; and (ii) represent and warrant that any authorized Subcontractors shall perform in accordance with the warranties set forth in this Contract.



## 5. NEW TECHNOLOGY

### A. Access to New Technology

Supplier will bring to VITA's attention any new products or services within the scope of the Contract that Supplier believes will be of interest to VITA and will work to develop proposals for the provision of any such products or services as VITA requests.

### B. New Services Offerings Not Available from Supplier

If new or replacement product or service offerings become available and cannot be competitively provided by the Supplier under the scope of this Contract, VITA will have the right to purchase the new or replacement products or services from a third party. If VITA elects to use such new or replacement product or service offerings, Supplier will reasonably assist VITA to migrate to such products or services.

If VITA elects to acquire new products or services as described in the paragraph above and such services replace existing Supplier-provided services, discount tiers and any commitments (as applicable per the Contract) will be reduced to reflect reductions in purchases of the replaced products or services.

## 6. GENERAL WARRANTY

THE OBLIGATIONS OF SUPPLIER UNDER THIS GENERAL WARRANTY SECTION ARE MATERIAL. SUPPLIER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ANY CONCERNING MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY OTHER PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

Supplier warrants and represents to VITA that Supplier will fulfill its contractual obligations and meet all needed Requirements as described in Exhibit A. Supplier warrants and represents to VITA that:

### A. Ownership

Supplier has the right to perform and provide all contractual obligations and provide all needed services or products without violating or infringing any law, rule, regulation, copyright, patent, trade secret, or other proprietary right of any third party. Supplier is the owner of the Product or otherwise has, to the best of its knowledge, the right to grant to the Commonwealth or any Authorized User title or the right to use the Product provided pursuant to this Contract. Upon Supplier's receipt of payment, the Commonwealth or ordering Authorized User, as applicable, will obtain good and clear title to the Product, excluding the System Software, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests, and encumbrances.

### B. Coverage Period

During the Warranty Period of 365 calendar days, or as specified in the applicable order or SOW, Supplier warrants that any Deliverables provided by Supplier under this Contract will meet or exceed the Requirements. Supplier shall correct, at no additional cost to any Authorized User, all errors identified during the warranty period that result in supplier's failure to meet the Requirement, or its contractual obligations.

### C. Performance Warranty

With respect to Supplier's performance under this Contract:

i. Supplier shall perform all contractual obligations with the care, skill and diligence, consistent with or above applicable professional standards currently recognized in Supplier's profession, and Supplier shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, completeness, and coordination of all plans, information, specifications, Deliverables, and Services furnished under this Contract; and

ii. Supplier shall ensure that any contractually-obligated Services or Deliverables, or both, meet or exceed the Requirements and that any Product will function in conformance with the Requirements.

### D. Documentation and Deliverables

i. Any required Documentation Supplier is obligated to provide under this Contract will be sufficient in detail and content to allow an appropriately trained user/programmer to understand and fully utilize, as applicable, the Deliverables without reference to any other materials or information.

ii. All Deliverables provided or delivered pursuant to this Contract are at the current release level unless an Authorized User specifies an older version in its order or SOW.

iii. No Update, engineering change, or revision made to any Supplier-provided Deliverables will (a) degrade the performance of any Deliverable or its components to a level below that defined in the Requirements or the Software Publisher's published specifications, as applicable; (b) cause any other warranty to be breached; or (c) require an Authorized User to acquire additional hardware equipment or software.

**E. Component Warranty**

For any Component, the applicable warranty period shall be the period from written acceptance of the Component until final acceptance of the Solution, or as specified in the applicable order or SOW.

**F. Interoperability Warranty**

Supplier warrants that each Component, regardless of the origin of the Component, delivered under this Contract or pursuant to an order or SOW shall be interoperable with other Components so as to meet or exceed the performance specified in the Requirements and the applicable order or SOW.

**G. Malicious Code**

Supplier has used commercially reasonable efforts through quality assurance procedures to verify that there are no Computer Viruses or undocumented features in any of the Deliverables, as obligated and provided by Supplier under the order or SOW, at the time of delivery to the Authorized User. Supplier has used the best available means to scan any media provided to the Authorized User. Supplier warrants that the Deliverables, as obligated and provided by Supplier under the order or SOW, do not contain any embedded device or code (e.g., time bomb) that is intended to obstruct or prevent any Authorized User's use of the Deliverables.

Notwithstanding any rights granted under this Contract or at law, Supplier waives, under any and all circumstances, any right it has or may have in the future to exercise its license termination rights by electronic means. Supplier agrees that an Authorized User may pursue all remedies provided under law in the event of a breach or threatened breach of this section, including injunctive or other equitable relief.

**H. Supplier Viability**

Supplier has the financial capacity to perform and continue to perform its obligations under this Contract. Supplier has no constructive or actual knowledge of a potential legal proceeding being brought against Supplier that could materially adversely affect performance of this Contract. Further, Supplier is not prohibited by any contract, or order by any court of competent jurisdiction from entering into this Contract.

**I. Supplier's Past Experience**

Supplier has met similar contractual obligations and fulfilled the Requirements as set forth in Exhibit A and in this Contract, in similar or greater complexity, to other customers without significant problems due to Supplier's performance and without causing a contractual breach or default claim by any customer.

**7. SOFTWARE LICENSE**

**A. License Grant**

The license to the Software granted to the Commonwealth and all Authorized Users is as set forth in the IBM Agreement attached to this Contract as Exhibit E.

**B. Authorized User Compliance**

Compliance with the terms and conditions of any license granted pursuant to this Contract is solely the responsibility of the Authorized User that purchased the license or for whom that license was purchased. VITA will have no responsibility for compliance with the terms and conditions of the purchased license, unless VITA purchased the license on its own behalf.

**C. No Subsequent, Unilateral Modification of Terms by Supplier ("Shrink Wrap")**

The terms and conditions set forth in this section supersede and govern the licensing and delivery of all Products and Services in this Contract. The terms and conditions of this Contract will supersede any other provision or other unilateral license terms that may be issued by Supplier after the Effective Date, regardless of when those provisions were proposed or the fact that another agreement may be affixed to, or accompany, Software upon delivery ("shrink wrap").

**D. Reservation of Rights**

Nothing contained in this section will be construed to restrict or limit the rights of the Commonwealth or any Authorized User to use any technical data that the Commonwealth or Authorized User may already possess or acquire under proper authorization from other sources.

**8. RIGHTS TO WORK PRODUCT**

Any license to pre-existing work will be held, and all rights in, title to, and ownership of Work Product will vest, pursuant to the terms of the "Licensing Within the Commonwealth" section of this Contract below.

**A. Work Product**

VITA and Supplier mutually acknowledge that performance of this Contract may result in Work Product. The Parties shall document all Work Product specifications and these specifications will be set forth in Exhibit A and incorporated into this Contract. Supplier shall promptly and fully disclose to the Commonwealth or the Authorized User any and all Work Product generated, conceived, reduced to practice, or learned by Supplier or any Supplier Personnel, either solely or jointly with others, during the term or performance of this Contract, which in any way relates to the business of the Commonwealth, VITA, or any Authorized User. Supplier and Supplier Personnel shall not make use of, or disclose to others, any proprietary information relating to the Work Product, other than as is required in the performance of this Contract. All Services performed pursuant to this Contract will include delivery of all source and object code and all executables and documentation for all Work Product. At no time may Supplier deny VITA or an Authorized User access to the Work Product, regardless of form.

**B. Ownership**

All Work Product discovered, created, or developed under this Contract, or in the course of executing an order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract, is and will remain the sole property of the Authorized User, regardless of whether the Deliverable or Services are considered "works made for hire" or "hired to invent". Supplier agrees that the Authorized User will have all rights with respect to any Work Product discovered, created or developed under this Contract, or any order or SOW issued hereunder, without regard to the origin of the Work Product.

Supplier irrevocably transfers, grants, conveys, assigns and relinquishes exclusively to the Authorized User any and all right, title and interest it now has or may hereafter acquire in and to the Work Product under patent, copyright, trade secret and trademark law in perpetuity, or for the longest period otherwise permitted by law. If any moral rights are created, Supplier expressly waives all moral rights created in the Work Product. Supplier shall assist the Authorized User in every reasonable way to obtain and, from time to time, enforce patents, copyrights, trade secrets and other rights and protection relating to the Work Product. Upon the reasonable request by Authorized User with respect to the Work Product, Supplier and any required Supplier Personnel shall execute all documents necessary for use in applying for and obtaining patents, copyrights, and other rights and protection, and in protecting trade secrets with respect to the Work Product.

Supplier agrees that the provisions of this section will survive any termination of this Contract by VITA, or the termination of any order or SOW issued hereunder by an Authorized User. Supplier also agrees that in the event of a breach of this Contract by VITA or any Authorized User, Supplier's remedy will not include any right to rescind, revoke, or otherwise invalidate the provisions of this section.

Supplier acknowledges that in the case of an Authorized User which is a public body of the Commonwealth, all rights and remedies afforded that Authorized User under this section shall also be held and exercisable by the Commonwealth.

**C. Pre-existing Work**

If, and to the extent that, any pre-existing rights are embodied or reflected in the Work Product, Supplier grants to the Commonwealth or the Authorized User the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license to (i) use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such pre-existing rights and any derivative works thereof; and (ii) authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing. Supplier will retain all ownership rights in any pre-existing works.

**D. Return of Materials**

Upon termination of this Contract or in the event Authorized User terminates any order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract, Supplier shall immediately return to VITA or the appropriate Authorized User all copies, in whatever form, of any and all Confidential Information, Work Product and other properties provided by VITA or the Authorized User that are in Supplier's possession, custody, or control.

**9. PRODUCT SCOPE OF USE**

Any Authorized User may use the Product, and any Software licensed in connection with the Product, on a worldwide basis for the benefit of itself and its agents. Supplier further authorizes use of the Product by third parties who are under contract with an Authorized User to provide outsourcing services. If the Commonwealth or an Authorized User takes title under the terms of this Contract to any Products with System Software that is integral to the Products, there will be no restrictions on subsequent resale or distribution of the Products and System Software by the Commonwealth or the Authorized User.

**10. SERVICES**

**A. Nature of Services and Engagement**

This Contract is optional use and non-exclusive, all Authorized Users may, at their sole discretion, receive benefits from third party suppliers of services similar to, or in competition with, Services provided by Supplier.

VITA, in its sole discretion, may cancel any order or SOW resulting in a commitment of any individual Supplier Personnel for more than 1,000 hours of work during any six (6) month period or of any such individual Supplier Personnel for more than eight (8) months in any twelve (12) month period. Any order or SOW cancelled by VITA will no longer be binding on either Party, and all obligations with respect to the cancelled order or SOW shall expire.

**11. DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION**

**A. Scheduling of Software Installation**

Supplier shall deliver Software and perform the Services according to the delivery dates set forth on the appropriate order or SOW.

**B. Installation of Software**

**1. Supplier Installation of Software**

The Software license fee listed in Exhibit B includes initial installation. Supplier shall install the Software in accordance with the installation schedule set forth in the applicable order or SOW. Supplier shall conduct its standard appropriate diagnostic evaluation at the Authorized User's user site to determine that the Software is properly installed and fully ready for productive use, and shall supply the Authorized User with a copy of the results of the diagnostic evaluation promptly after completion of installation.

Supplier agrees that failure to install the Software in accordance with the delivery schedule in the applicable order or SOW constitutes a material breach of this Contract resulting in damages to the Authorized User. As an estimate of the damages the affected Authorized User will suffer, Supplier agrees to credit an affected Authorized User an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total license fee, for each day the Software is undelivered or delivered but non-operational for a period of 30 calendar days following the agreed upon delivery date. If the delay exceeds than 30 calendar days, the affected Authorized User may immediately cancel the order or SOW and collect the damages for that period of late delivery. The affected Authorized User may also pursue any and all other remedies available at law or in equity for delays lasting longer than 30 calendar days or for non-delivery.

**2. Authorized User Installation of Software**

For Software that an Authorized User elects to install itself, or to contract with a third party to perform installation services, the Software will be deemed to be installed when all programs, program libraries, and user interfaces are copied to and initialized on the appropriate equipment as executable by having the ordering Authorized User, its Agent, or its third party installer invoke the primary function of each major component of the Software or when Acceptance criteria have



been met. Authorized User shall provide to Supplier written notice of Acceptance upon completion of installation and successful Acceptance testing.

**C. Documentation of Software Configuration**

If the license fee for the Software listed in Exhibit B includes configuration by the Supplier, Supplier shall provide to the appropriate Authorized User documentation containing a description of the configuration. Such documentation shall be sufficiently detailed such that any appropriately trained employee or Agent of any Authorized User may reconstruct the configuration of the Software.

**D. Scheduling of Software Maintenance**

Supplier shall deliver Software Updates according to the delivery dates set forth on the appropriate order or SOW, or as mutually agreed by Supplier and Authorized User.

**E. Installation of Software Updates**

Software Updates will be deemed to be installed when all Acceptance criteria as specified in the Authorized User's order or SOW have been met.

**12. ACCEPTANCE AND CURE PERIOD**

**A. Services Acceptance Criteria**

Service(s) will be deemed accepted when the Authorized User determines that the Service(s) meet(s) the Requirements set forth in the applicable order or SOW. Supplier shall ensure any individual Deliverable functions properly with any other Deliverables provided pursuant to the order or SOW. In the event that a previously Accepted Deliverable requires further modification in order to work properly with any other Deliverable, Supplier shall be responsible for all costs associated with the modification.

Authorized User shall commence Acceptance testing within ten (10) calendar days after Receipt of the Service, or within such other period as set forth in the applicable order or SOW. Acceptance testing will last no longer than thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise agreed to in writing between Authorized User and Supplier, for each Deliverable, or for the first instance of each Service type set forth in Exhibit B. Supplier shall provide the Authorized User any assistance and advice as the Authorized User may reasonably require, at no additional cost, during Acceptance testing. Authorized User shall provide Supplier written notice of Acceptance upon completion of installation and successful Acceptance testing. In the event that the Authorized User fails to provide Supplier written notice of successful or unsuccessful Acceptance testing within five (5) business days following the Acceptance testing period, the Service will be deemed Accepted.

**B. Software Acceptance Criteria**

Software is deemed accepted when the Authorized User determines, in writing, that the Software successfully operates in accordance with the Requirements. The Authorized User will commence Acceptance testing within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the Software, or within such other period as set forth in the applicable SOW or order. The Acceptance testing period for the first instance of each product type set forth in Exhibit B will last no longer than 30 calendar days, unless a longer period is agreed to in writing between Authorized User and Supplier. Supplier shall provide Authorized User with any assistance and advice the Authorized User may reasonably require throughout the Acceptance testing period. Supplier shall provide this assistance and advice at no additional cost, other than pre-approved travel expenses incurred which are reimbursable by the Authorized User pursuant to the terms and conditions of the "Reimbursement of Expenses" section of this Contract below. Authorized User shall provide to Supplier written notice of Acceptance upon completion of successful Acceptance testing. In the event that Authorized User fails to provide Supplier written notice of successful or unsuccessful Acceptance testing within five (5) business days following the end of the Acceptance testing period, the Software will be deemed Accepted.

**C. Software Maintenance Acceptance Criteria**

A Software Update is deemed accepted when the Authorized User determines that the Software Update meets the Requirements set forth in the applicable order or SOW. Authorized User shall commence Acceptance testing within ten (10) calendar days after Receipt of the Software, or within such other period as set forth in the applicable order or SOW. Acceptance testing for the first instance of each Update will be no longer than thirty (30) calendar days, or such longer

period as may be agreed in writing between Authorized User and Supplier. Supplier shall provide to the Authorized User such assistance and advice as the Authorized User may reasonably require, at no additional cost, during any Acceptance testing. Throughout the Acceptance testing period, Supplier shall provide to the Authorized User any assistance and advice as the Authorized User may reasonably require. Supplier shall provide this assistance and advice at no additional cost, other than pre-approved travel expenses incurred which are reimbursable by the Authorized User pursuant to the terms and conditions of the "Reimbursement of Expenses" section of this Contract below. Authorized User shall provide to Supplier written notice of Acceptance upon completion of installation and successful Acceptance testing. Should Authorized User fail to provide Supplier written notice of successful or unsuccessful Acceptance testing within five (5) business days following the Acceptance testing period, the Software Update will be deemed Accepted.

**D. Services Cure Period**

Supplier shall correct any non-conformities identified during Acceptance testing and re-submit the non-conforming Service for re-testing within seven (7) calendar days of Supplier's receipt of written notice of non-conformance, unless otherwise agreed to between the Authorized User and Supplier in the applicable order or SOW. Should Supplier fail to cure the non-conformity or deliver a Service which meets the Requirements, the Authorized User may, in its sole discretion:

- i. reject the Service in its entirety, and any other Service(s) rendered unusable due to the non-conforming Service, and recover amounts previously paid to Supplier for all such Services;
- ii. issue a "partial Acceptance" of the Service with an equitable adjustment in the price to account for such deficiency; or
- iii. conditionally accept the applicable Service while reserving its right to revoke Acceptance if Supplier fails to make a timely correction.

Failure of a Service to meet, in all material respects, the Requirements after the second set of acceptance tests may constitute a breach by Supplier. In the event of such breach, the Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, terminate its order or SOW, in whole or in part, for the Services to be provided by Supplier.

**E. Software Cure Period**

Supplier shall correct any non-conformities identified during Acceptance testing and re-submit the corrected Software for re-testing within seven (7) calendar days of the appropriate Authorized User's written notice of non-conformance, or as otherwise agreed between the Authorized User and Supplier in the applicable order or SOW. In the event Supplier fails to cure the non-conformity or deliver Software that meets the Requirements, the Authorized User may, in its sole discretion: (i) reject the Software in its entirety and recover amounts previously paid to Supplier; (ii) issue a "partial Acceptance" of the Software with an equitable adjustment in the price to account for any deficiency; or (iii) conditionally accept the applicable Software while reserving its right to revoke Acceptance if timely correction is not forthcoming. Failure of the Software to meet, in all material respects, the Requirements after the second set of Acceptance tests will constitute a breach by Supplier and the Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, terminate its order or SOW, in whole or in part, for the Software and Services to be provided by Supplier. In addition, Supplier shall refund any monies previously paid by the Authorized User for Software or Services that were to be provided pursuant to the order of SOW.

**F. Software Maintenance Cure Period**

Supplier shall correct any non-conformities identified during Acceptance testing and re-submit the non-conforming Software Update for re-testing within seven (7) calendar days of the Supplier's receipt of the written notice of non-conformance, unless otherwise agreed to between the Authorized User and Supplier in the applicable order or SOW. In the event that Supplier fails to cure the non-conformity or deliver a Software Update which meets the Requirements, the Authorized User may, in its sole discretion: (i) reject the Software Update in its entirety and recover amounts previously paid pursuant to this Contract; (ii) issue a "partial Acceptance" of the Software Update with an equitable adjustment in the price to account for the deficiency; or (iii) conditionally accept the applicable Software Update while reserving its right to revoke Acceptance if timely correction is not forthcoming. Failure of a Software Update to meet, in all material respects, the Requirements after the second set of Acceptance tests will constitute a breach by Supplier. In the event of breach, the Authorized User may, at its sole discretion,



terminate its order or SOW, in whole or in part, for the Software Update and any associated Services to be provided by Supplier.

### **13. FEES, ORDERING, AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

#### **A. Fees and Charges**

In consideration for the Supplier's performance obligations under this Contract, an Authorized User shall pay Supplier the fee(s) owed pursuant to the schedule of fees and charges as set forth on Exhibit B attached to this Contract. Supplier will only be entitled to those fees owed for Supplier's performance obligations and any additional Products and Services provided to an Authorized User in accordance with the scope of this Contract and the Requirements, as authorized by Exhibit A, and per the Authorized User's order or SOW. The fees, and any associated discounts, will be applicable throughout the Contract Term unless modified pursuant to the terms and conditions below.

In the event the fees or discounts apply for any period less than the entire Term, Supplier agrees that it will not request an increase in the fees during the first twelve (12) month period following the Effective Date and will not request an increase in the fees more than once in any subsequent twelve (12) month period thereafter. Beginning 12 months after the Effective Date, Supplier may request in writing an adjustment to the prices set forth in Exhibit B to this Contract. No increase in fee amounts will exceed the lesser of three percent (3%) or the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>) for the period ending 60 to 90 days prior to the effective date of the increase compared with the same index one (1) year prior. Supplier and VITA will work in good faith to agree on an appropriate change in pricing. Supplier must submit any change in price in writing to an Authorized User if the change impacts any order or SOW and in accordance with the above and will not become effective for 60 calendar days thereafter. Supplier agrees to offer price reductions to ensure compliance with the "Competitive Pricing" section of this Contract below.

#### **B. Reproduction Rights for Supplier Provided Software**

At an Authorized User's request, Supplier shall provide the Authorized User with a reproducible, portable data storage device (e.g. USB flash drive) of Software and Updates. The Authorized User will be responsible for making copies and distributing the Software and Updates as required. Within 30 calendar days of the end of each calendar quarter, the Authorized User shall provide to Supplier a report of the net number of additional copies of the Software or Updates or both deployed during the quarter. Supplier will invoice such Authorized User for the net number of new licenses reported as deployed.

#### **C. Demonstration and/or Evaluation**

If the Supplier's contractual obligations include the provision of a Solution, an Application and Licensed Services, or Software-as-a-Service, at the request of any Authorized User, then Supplier shall perform any reasonable demonstration of its Solution, Application and Licensed Services, or Software-as-a Service at the Authorized User's location and at no charge.

If the Supplier's contractual obligations include the provision of Software, then the Supplier shall provide the Software to any Authorized User for evaluation purposes at no charge. The evaluation period will be determined by the complexity of testing but will be a period not less than 30 calendar days. Each new project is entitled to an evaluation copy regardless of whether an Authorized User has previously purchased the Software.

#### **D. Supplier Quote and Request for Quote**

An Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, issue a Request for Quote ("RFQ") for any combination of the Solution, Product, or Services provided under this Contract. Supplier shall respond to the RFQ by providing a written quote. Supplier's quote must include (a) a detailed description of each product or service proposed, including any applicable components, at the Exhibit B line item fee level; (b) the quantity of each line item; (c) the total contract price; (d) any additional percentage discount offered; (e) an extended price; (f) any optional or alternate pricing; and (g) any pricing assumptions. If requested by the Authorized User, Supplier's quote must also include a detailed description of the approach Supplier plans to take in developing, implementing, and maintaining its offering pursuant to the RFQ for the Authorized User. If Supplier is unable to



meet the requirements of the RFQ, Supplier shall notify the Authorized User in writing of its inability to perform the work requested by the Authorized User, and provide the reasons for its inability to perform, prior to the due date for the submission of quotes in response to the RFQ. Supplier's failure to respond to an RFQ may be deemed a breach of this Contract.

**E. Competitive Request for Quotes**

If an Authorized User determines that a competitive process is required to ensure it receives the best value for any combination of its needed Solution, Product, or Services under this Contract, then the Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, use a Competitive Request for Quote ("CRFQ") process to obtain identical or similar Solutions, Products, or Services to those provided by Supplier pursuant to this Contract. The CRFQ will clearly outline the project timing and requirements. If the Authorized User is not able to identify the exact specifications required, then the CRFQ respondents will be given the opportunity to identify and propose their recommended specifications.

**F. Ordering**

Supplier shall not accept any order or SOW from an Authorized User if the order or SOW is to be funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds and if, at the time the order or SOW is placed, Supplier is not eligible to be the recipient of federal funds as may be noted on any of the Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

All Authorized Users have the right to license or purchase Supplier's Products or Services under this Contract, but have no obligation to purchase or license from Supplier any of Supplier's Products or Services. This Contract is optional use and non-exclusive, and all Authorized Users may, at their sole discretion, purchase, license or otherwise receive benefits from third party suppliers of products and services similar to, or in competition with, the Products and Services provided by Supplier.

Supplier shall accept any order or SOW placed by an Authorized User through the Commonwealth's electronic procurement website portal, eVA (<http://www.eva.virginia.gov/>). Agencies, as defined by Code § 2.2-2006, and legislative, judicial, and independent agencies of the Commonwealth, must order through eVA. All other Authorized Users are encouraged to order through eVA, but may order through the following means:

- i. Purchase Order ("PO"): An official PO form issued by an Authorized User.
- ii. Any other order/payment charge or credit card process, such as AMEX, MASTERCARD, or VISA under contract for use by an Authorized User. This ordering authority is limited to issuing orders or SOWs for the contractual offerings and Requirements available under the scope of this Contract. No Authorized User will have the authority to modify this Contract under any circumstances. An order or SOW may contain additional terms and conditions. In the event that the terms and conditions of an order or SOW are inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the terms and conditions of this Contract will supersede.

ALL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH AN ORDER OR SOW PLACED BY ANY AUTHORIZED USER ARE THE SOLE OBLIGATION OF SUCH AUTHORIZED USER AND NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VITA UNLESS THE AUTHORIZED USER IS VITA.

**G. Statement of Work**

A SOW, in the format provided for in Exhibit C attached to this Contract, is required for any orders placed by an Authorized User pursuant to this Contract. Supplier shall perform any and all contractual obligations at the times and locations set forth in the applicable SOW and at the rates set forth in Exhibit B to this Contract. All SOWs will be of a fixed price type unless VITA issues a written authorization for a time and materials type SOW. The fixed price SOWs may, with the written approval of VITA, contain a cost-reimbursable line item(s) for pre-approved travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the "Reimbursement of Expenses" subsection below. If a time and materials type SOW is authorized, Supplier Personnel shall maintain daily time records of hours and tasks performed that must be submitted or made available for inspection by the Authorized User upon 48 hours advance written notice.

Any change to an SOW must be described in a written change request, in the format provided in Exhibit D. Either Party to an SOW may issue a change request that will be subject to written approval of the other Party before it becomes part of this Contract. In no event will any SOW or



any modification require the Supplier to provide any Products or Services that are beyond the scope of this Contract as such scope is defined in Exhibit A, which is attached to this Contract and incorporated by reference.

**H. Invoice Procedures**

Supplier shall remit each invoice to the "bill-to" address provided with the order promptly after all Supplier's performance obligations have been accepted and in accordance with the milestone payment schedule, if any, in the applicable order or SOW. Payment for any support services, as authorized in the Contract and the Authorized User's applicable order or SOW, will be annually in arrears unless otherwise stated in this Contract, or in any order or SOW referencing this Contract. No invoice may include any costs other than those identified in the signed order or SOW, and those costs must be in accordance with the schedule of fees listed on Exhibit B. Without limiting the foregoing, all shipping costs are the Supplier's responsibility except to the extent shipping charges are identified in Exhibit B and noted in any signed order or SOW referencing this Contract. Supplier shall issue invoices that identify, at a minimum:

- i. Dates/periods that invoice covers, including any service or subscription periods, as applicable.
- ii. Line item description of the Deliverable(s) applicable to this Contract, including any components or service type, and, if applicable, the project milestone.
- iii. Quantity, charge and extended pricing for each line item
- iv. Applicable date of the order or SOW or both
- v. This Contract number and the applicable order number or SOW number or both
- vi. Supplier's Federal Employer Identification Number ("FEIN")

Any terms included on Supplier's invoice will have no force or effect and will in no way bind the Authorized User.

**I. Purchase Payment Terms**

Supplier is responsible for the accuracy of its billing information. Supplier may not issue invoices pursuant to this Contract until all of Supplier's performance obligations have been accepted and are in accordance with the milestone payment schedule in the applicable order or SOW, or until after services have been rendered. Charges for Deliverables, Components or Services accepted more than 90 calendar days prior to receipt of a valid invoice may not be paid. In the event Supplier repeatedly over-bills an Authorized User, the Authorized User may assess a one percent (1%) charge for the amount over-billed for each month that such over-billing continues.

**J. Reimbursement of Expenses**

Authorized User shall pay, or reimburse Supplier, for all reasonable and actual travel-related expenses for greater than 30 miles from portal to portal incurred by Supplier during the relevant period. An Authorized User will only be liable to pay for Supplier's travel-related expenses, including transportation, meals, lodging and incidental expenses, that have been authorized by the Authorized User in advance in the order or SOW. The travel-related expenses will be reimbursable at the then-current per diem amounts and other travel regulations as published by the Virginia Department of Accounts (<http://www.doa.virginia.gov/>). Authorized Users who are not public bodies may have their own per diem amounts or other travel regulations applicable to Supplier's pre-approved travel expenses.

All reimbursed expenses will be billed to the Authorized User on a pass-through basis without any markup by Supplier. At Authorized User's request, Supplier shall provide copies of receipts for all travel expenses over US\$30.00.

**K. Disputed Charges**

If, before payment of an invoice, an Authorized User notifies the Supplier in writing of a disputed charge, Authorized User will have the right to withhold payment of the disputed amount until the dispute is settled or finally resolved. Supplier shall respond in writing to Authorized User's notification of a disputed charge acknowledging Supplier's receipt of the dispute within five (5) business days. Any charges disputed by Authorized User will be resolved (whether by credit or explanation of the charge to the Authorized User's satisfaction) in the Authorized User's required format within two (2) billing cycles (60 calendar days) following Authorized User's written notification. In the absence of the Supplier's written evidence identifying the merit of the disputed



amounts, Authorized User will not be obligated to pay the disputed amounts and may consider the matter concerning the specific identified amounts closed. Authorized User will not pay any disputed amounts that remain unresolved after 120 calendar days. If a disputed charge is reversed, Supplier shall reverse all associated surcharges, regulatory charges and taxes.

#### **14. SUPPLIER SPONSORED PROMOTIONS**

The Supplier, at its discretion, may sponsor Product and Service promotions during the Term or any extensions. In the event that Supplier chooses to sponsor such a promotion, Supplier shall provide in writing to VITA, at least five (5) days prior to the promotion, the following information: (i) the dates of the promotion or the duration of the promotion to include the commencement date and the ending date; (ii) the exact Products or Services covered in the promotion; and (iii) the pricing or percentage discount offered during the promotion. VITA will communicate to Supplier in writing its agreement to the promotion.

Supplier shall make all sponsored Product or Service promotions available to all Authorized Users. Should the Supplier request a promotion that would be limiting, either through product configuration or quantities of Products and Services, VITA, at its sole discretion, may not provide a written agreement. VITA and Supplier agree that promotions will not target any one Authorized User, or a few Authorized Users.

VITA and Authorized Users may, at their discretion, assist in advertising the promotion. This assistance may consist of advertising space on Authorized User web sites, or other assistance at an Authorized User's discretion.

If Supplier fails to obtain the prior written agreement of VITA for the promotion, proposes prices different from those in the Contract without VITA's consent, or otherwise does not adhere to the provisions of this section, Supplier will be deemed to be in breach of this Contract. VITA will have all remedies for this breach available under the Contract as well as in law and in equity.

#### **15. REPORTING**

Supplier shall submit to VITA monthly reports containing data on:

- i. Amount of Total Sales; and
- ii. Small Business Procurement and Subcontracting Spend

These reports must be submitted in accordance with the instructions and further detailed requirements, and on the templates set forth on the "Supplier & Vendor Reporting Requirements" webpage located at the following URL: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/supplier-reporting/supplier--vendor-reporting-requirements/>, or any successor URL(s). Supplier is encouraged to review the site periodically for updates on Supplier reporting requirements and methods. Supplier's failure to comply with all reporting, payment, and other requirements in this section may be deemed by VITA, in its sole discretion, to be a breach of the Contract.

##### **A. Amount of Total Sales**

Supplier shall submit to VITA a monthly report of Total Sales under this Contract.

In connection to the monthly report of Total Sales, Supplier shall pay to VITA the following monthly fees in accordance with instructions described on the "Supplier & Vendor Reporting Requirements" webpage located at: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/supplier-reporting/supplier--vendor-reporting-requirements/>. The monthly report of Total Sales must include these fees and percentages:

- IFA: 2% of monthly sales

##### **B. Small Business Procurement and Subcontracting Spend**

Supplier shall provide to VITA a report of monthly subcontracting spend data. This data must include Supplier's total spend to all Subcontractors who provide direct performance for obligations under this Contract. Supplier's monthly subcontracting spend data must be submitted via the SRS webpage located at: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/supplier-reporting/supplier-reporting-system-access/>.

In addition, every six (6) months following the Effective Date, Supplier shall submit to VITA a "SWaM Subcontracting Certification of Compliance" ("SSCC") certifying that Supplier has fully complied with the Contract's Supplier Procurement and Subcontracting Plan ("Plan"). A copy of



Supplier's Plan is attached to this Contract as Exhibit H, and is incorporated by reference. The SSCC must include a written explanation of any variances of greater than 20% between the Plan and the actual subcontractor spend by Supplier. Supplier's SSCC will be maintained by VITA in the Supplier's procurement file. Supplier must submit the SSCC to the following address: [SCMInfo@vita.virginia.gov](mailto:SCMInfo@vita.virginia.gov). In the event that Supplier fails to comply with its contractually obligated Plan spend or fails to report its contractually obligated Plan spend, VITA may, at its sole discretion, prohibit or delay any renewals or extensions of the Contract, withhold any final payments due, or both. Supplier's failure to comply will be considered in the prospective award of any future contracts with Supplier.

#### **16. STATUS MEETINGS**

Supplier will be prepared to conduct monthly stewardship meetings with VITA to provide a broad review of all services, projects and ongoing operations. Supplier should also be prepared to conduct semi-annual meetings/presentations to discuss new products and services and their potential benefit to VITA.

#### **17. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDE**

Within 30 calendar days of the Effective Date of the Contract, Supplier will provide VITA with a policy and procedures guide that describes how the Supplier and VITA will work together and how performance, including Deliverables and Services, is to be measured. The guide will provide process diagram details, working activities, and interface points with VITA and Supplier deliverables. Updated versions of the guide will be provided by Supplier to VITA and all Authorized Users every six (6) months during the Term, including any extensions, of the Contract.

#### **18. TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION**

##### **A. Training**

In addition to any online tutorial training Supplier may make available, Supplier's fee, unless expressly excluded, includes all costs for any and all training as agreed upon for the training of one (1) Authorized User trainer per order or SOW. In order to allow Authorized User the full benefit of the applicable Deliverable, the training will cover the use and operation of the Deliverable provided to Authorized User including instruction in any necessary conversion, manipulation, or movement of such Authorized User's data. Supplier shall provide personnel sufficiently experienced and qualified to conduct such training at a time and location mutually agreeable to Supplier and Authorized User. Available additional and optional training, and applicable pricing and discounts, are described in Exhibit B.

##### **B. Documentation**

Supplier shall deliver to Authorized User complete copies of any Documentation applicable to the Deliverable(s) provided to Authorized User, in a quantity and media format as agreed upon by the Parties under an order or SOW. Should Supplier revise or replace the Documentation, or should Documentation be modified to reflect Updates, Supplier shall deliver to the Authorized User copies of the updated or replacement Documentation, in the same quantity and media format as originally requested by the Authorized User, or as agreed upon between the Parties. Any Authorized User will have the right, as part of any license grant, to make as many additional copies of the Documentation, in whole or in part, for its own use as required. This Documentation must include, but is not limited to, overview descriptions of all major functions, detailed step-by-step installation and operating procedures for each screen and activity, and technical reference manuals. Such Documentation must be revised to reflect any modifications, fixes or updates made by Supplier. Any Authorized User, at its own discretion, will have the right, as part of the license granted by Supplier, to modify or completely customize all or part of the Documentation in support of the authorized use of the licensed Application or Software. The Authorized User may also duplicate such Documentation and include it in such Authorized User's document or platform. All Authorized Users shall continue to include Supplier's copyright notice.

#### **19. AUTHORIZED USER SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

At Authorized User's request, and pursuant to an order or SOW for Supplier's Services issued under this Contract, Supplier shall provide all assistance reasonably required by Authorized User to develop Authorized User's self-sufficiency in operating and managing any combination of the Solution, Software, Products, or Services that Supplier provided to Authorized User under the applicable order

or SOW. During or after the Transition Period, Authorized User may, at its sole discretion, elect to order or continue Maintenance Services from Supplier, if authorized under the scope of the Contract, for any of the Software or hardware Product, Components, or Solution Components delivered to Authorized User by Supplier.

## **20. COMPETITIVE PRICING**

Supplier warrants that each of the prices, charges, economic or product terms, or warranties granted under this Contract are fair, reasonable, and commensurate with the price, charge, economic or product term or warranty being offered by Supplier to other government customers that purchase substantially similar services or products, at similar volumes, and under substantially similar terms and conditions. Supplier shall notify VITA of any new services or products that become generally available to all government customers during the Contract Term. New products and services are subject to the commercial terms associated with those products and services and must be formally added to this Contract before they can be purchased. Supplier shall also offer VITA commercially available national government products and services promotions and rates available at the time of purchase under the terms of those promotions.

## **21. CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **A. Treatment and Protection**

Each Party shall:

- i. hold in strict confidence all Confidential Information of any other Party;
- ii. use the Confidential Information solely to perform or to exercise its rights under this Contract; and
- iii. not transfer, display, convey or otherwise disclose or make available all or any part of the other Party's Confidential Information to any third-party.

An Authorized User may, however, disclose the Confidential Information as delivered by Supplier to subcontractors, contractors, or agents of the Authorized User that are bound by non-disclosure agreements with the Authorized User. Each Party shall take the same measures to protect against the disclosure or misuse of the Confidential Information as it takes to protect its own proprietary or confidential information, but in no event will such measures be less than reasonable care.

### **B. Return or Destruction**

Upon the termination or expiration of this Contract, or upon the earlier written request of the disclosing Authorized User, Supplier shall, at its own expense, and at the election of the Authorized User, either:

- i. promptly return all tangible Confidential Information (and all copies thereof except the record required by law) to the disclosing Authorized User; or
- ii. destroy any Confidential Information in Supplier's possession or control, and provide the disclosing Authorized User with written certification of the destruction.

Additionally, Supplier shall cease all further use of the Authorized User's Confidential Information, whether in tangible or intangible form.

The Authorized User shall retain and dispose of Supplier's Confidential Information in accordance with the Commonwealth's records retention policies or, if Authorized User is not subject to the Commonwealth's policies, in accordance with the Authorized User's own records retention policies.

### **C. Confidentiality Statement**

All Supplier Personnel performing Services pursuant to this Contract are required to sign a confidentiality statement or non-disclosure agreement. Any violation of the statement or agreement will be deemed a breach of this Contract and may result in termination of the Contract or any order or SOW issued hereunder.

### **D. Freedom of Information Act Acknowledgement**

All Supplier documents now or later comprising the Contract may be released in their entirety under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and Supplier agrees that any confidentiality or

similar stamps or legends that are attached to any future documents or information may be ignored to the extent they claim confidentiality beyond that permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

## **22. INDEMNIFICATION**

### **A. Indemnification Generally**

Supplier shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless all Commonwealth Indemnified Parties from and against any third-party Claims to the extent the Claims in any way relate to, arise out of, or result from:

- i. any negligent act, negligent omission, or intentional or willful conduct of Supplier or any Supplier Personnel;
- ii. a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant, or obligation of Supplier contained in this Contract;
- iii. any defect in the Supplier-provided products or services;
- iv. any actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any third party's intellectual property rights by any of the Supplier-provided products or services; or
- v. any Claims by any Subcontractor resulting from Supplier's failure to pay such Subcontractor.

### **B. Defense Claims**

Supplier will be solely responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the defense of all third-party Claims against Commonwealth Indemnified Parties. Selection and approval of counsel, and approval of any settlement, shall be accomplished in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. For state agencies, the applicable laws include §§ 2.2-510 and 2.2-514 of the Code.

### **C. Duty to Replace or Reimburse**

In the event of a Claim pursuant to any actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any third party's intellectual property rights by any of the Supplier-provided products or services, or Supplier's performance, Supplier shall, at its expense and option, either (a) procure the right to continue use of such infringing products or services, or any components thereof; or (b) replace or modify the infringing products or services, or any components thereof, with non-infringing products or services satisfactory to VITA.

In the event that an Authorized User cannot use the affected Deliverable, Product, Licensed Services, or Services, including any Components, then Supplier shall reimburse such Authorized User for the reasonable costs incurred by such Authorized User in obtaining an alternative product or service.

### **D. Supplier Dispute of Obligation to Indemnify**

If a Claim is commenced against any Commonwealth Indemnified Parties by a third party alleging an infringement of the third party's intellectual property rights and Supplier is of the opinion that the allegations in the third-party Claim, in whole or in part, are not covered by the indemnification provision in this Contract, then In the event that Supplier disputes any of its obligations to defend or indemnify any Commonwealth Indemnified Party, then Supplier shall immediately notify VITA and the affected Authorized User(s) in writing and shall, nonetheless, take all reasonable steps to protect the rights, remedies, and interests of the Commonwealth Indemnified Parties in the defense of the Claim, including to secure a continuance to permit VITA and the affected Authorized User(s) to appear and defend their interests in cooperation with Supplier as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses VITA or the affected Authorized User(s) may have.

## **23. LIABILITY**

### **A. Supplier Liability**

Supplier agrees that it is fully responsible for all acts and omissions of all Supplier Personnel, including their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Except for liability arising from any combination of:



- i. any intentional or willful misconduct, fraud, or recklessness of Supplier or any Supplier Personnel; or
- ii. claims for bodily injury, including death, and damage to real property or tangible property resulting from the negligence of a Supplier or any Supplier Personnel.

Supplier's indemnification obligations and liability shall not exceed, in aggregate, twice the value of the Contract. This limitation will apply on a per-incident basis; it being understood that multiple losses stemming from the same root cause constitute a single incident.

**B. Limitation of Liability**

Except for liability arising out of a Party's negligence or willful misconduct, neither Party will be liable to the other Party for any indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, including (without limitation) loss of profit, income, or savings, even if advised of the possibility of these damages.

**24. INSURANCE**

In addition to the insurance coverage required by law as referenced in the "Incorporated Contractual Provisions" section of this Contract below, Supplier shall carry:

Errors and omissions insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per occurrence; and  
Cyber Security Liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per occurrence.

**25. SECURITY COMPLIANCE**

Supplier shall comply with all provisions of the then-current Commonwealth security policies, standards, and guidelines published by VITA and which may be found at: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/policy--governance/itrm-policies-standards/>, or any successor URL(s), as are pertinent to Supplier's operation. Further, Supplier shall comply with all applicable provisions of the relevant Authorized User's then-current security procedures as are pertinent to Supplier's operation and that have been provided to Supplier by the Authorized User. Supplier shall also comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Any unauthorized release of any Confidential Information, or Commonwealth proprietary or personal information, by the Supplier or Supplier Personnel constitutes a breach of Supplier's obligations under the Contract. Supplier shall notify VITA and any affected Authorized User within 24 hours of discovery of, or when Supplier should have discovered, any breach of "unencrypted" and "unredacted" personal information, as those terms are defined in Code § 18.2-186.6, and other confidential or personal identifying information provided to the Supplier by VITA or an Authorized User. To the extent permitted by law, Supplier shall provide VITA and any affected Authorized User the opportunity to participate in the investigation of the breach and to exercise control over reporting the unauthorized disclosure.

Supplier shall ensure performance of an audit of Supplier's environment at least annually to provide assurance of "Controls Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality or Privacy" in accordance with the then-current standards set forth by the American Institute of CPAs.

Supplier shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Commonwealth, VITA, their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all Claims, including reasonable expenses suffered by, accrued against, or charged to or recoverable from the Commonwealth, VITA, their officers, directors, agents or employees, on account of the failure of Supplier to perform its obligations pursuant this section.

**26. IMPORT/EXPORT**

Supplier shall comply with all data export laws and regulations. In addition, VITA policy requires that any data deemed "restricted" or "sensitive" by either federal or state authorities, may only be collected, developed, analyzed, or otherwise used or obtained by persons or entities working within the continental United States.

**27. BANKRUPTCY**

If Supplier becomes insolvent, takes any step leading to its cessation as a going concern, fails to pay its debts as they become due, or ceases business operations continuously for longer than 15 business days, then VITA may immediately terminate this Contract, and an Authorized User may



terminate an order or SOW, on notice to Supplier unless Supplier immediately gives VITA or such Authorized User adequate assurance of the future performance of this Contract or the applicable order or SOW. If this Contract has not been otherwise terminated and bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to Supplier, then VITA may suspend all further performance of this Contract until Supplier assumes this Contract and provides adequate assurance of its performance of Supplier's contractual obligations or rejects this Contract pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar or successor provision, it being agreed by VITA and Supplier that this is an executory contract. Any suspension of further performance by VITA or Authorized User pending Supplier's assumption or rejection will not be a breach of this Contract, and will not affect the rights of VITA or any Authorized User to pursue or enforce any of its rights under this Contract or otherwise.

## **28. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. Relationship Between VITA and Authorized User and Supplier**

Supplier has no authority to contract for, bind or commit to any agreement of any kind, or to assume any liabilities of any nature in the name of or on behalf of VITA or any Authorized User. Under no circumstances will Supplier, or any Supplier Personnel, hold itself out as or be considered an agent or an employee of VITA or any Authorized User, and neither VITA nor any Authorized User will have any duty to provide or maintain any insurance or other employee benefits on behalf of Supplier or any Supplier Personnel. Supplier represents and warrants that it is an independent contractor for purposes of federal, state, and local employment taxes, and agrees that neither VITA nor any Authorized User is responsible to collect or withhold for Supplier any federal, state, or local employment taxes, including, but not limited to, income tax withholding and social security contributions. Supplier shall pay or withhold any and all taxes, interest or penalties (including, but not limited to, any federal, state, or local withholding or employment taxes, and any penalties related to health care or employee benefits laws) that are imposed, assessed, or levied as a result of this Contract or Services performed pursuant to this Contract. Supplier shall reimburse VITA or any Authorized User in the event that any taxes, interest or penalties are assessed against and paid by VITA or any Authorized User as a result of this Contract.

### **B. Licensing Within the Commonwealth**

Any and all licenses granted or provided pursuant to this Contract, whether to Work Product, COTS Software, or any other Software will be held by:

- i. the Commonwealth, if the Authorized User is an agency as defined by Code § 2.2-2006 or a legislative, judicial and independent agency of the Commonwealth, board, commission, or other quasi-political entity of the Commonwealth of Virginia or other body referenced in Title 2.2 of the Code;
- ii. the applicable public body, if the Authorized User is a locality, municipality, school, school system, college, university, local board, local commission, or local quasi-political entity; or
- iii. the applicable private institution of higher education, if the Authorized User is a private institution of higher education listed at: <http://www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Profiles.aspx>.

### **C. Incorporated Contractual Provisions**

In addition to the terms, conditions, and obligations of this Contract, Supplier agrees to the VITA "Mandatory Contract Terms" which consist of the VITA:

- "Core Contractual Terms";
- "Required eVA Terms and Conditions"; and
- "Mandatory Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 1075 (required for FTI data only)"

Each of these Mandatory Contract Terms are set forth at the following URL and incorporated into this Contract by reference: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/contracts/mandatory-contract-terms/>.

Supplier agrees that non-compliance with the above-referenced Mandatory Contract Terms and IRS Publication 1075, including Exhibit 7 of IRS Publication 1075 which is attached to this contract as Exhibit J and incorporated by reference, may be deemed, solely by VITA, as a material breach of the applicable Order or SOW or of the Contract. Supplier is responsible for verifying the correct and current version of this IRS publication and related safeguarding terms

language and acknowledges that any Authorized User issuing the Order or SOW will be held harmless.

The terms and conditions set forth in documents posted at the URL above, and any successor URL(s), are subject to change pursuant to action by the legislature of the Commonwealth, change in VITA policy, adoption of revised eVA business requirements, or change to IRS Publication 1075. If a change is made to any of the Mandatory Contract Terms documents, a new effective date will be noted in the applicable document title. Supplier is advised to check the URLs, or their successors, periodically.

**D. Compliance with the Federal Lobbying Act**

Supplier's signed certification of compliance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352 (entitled "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal Contracting and financial transactions") or by the regulations issued from time to time thereunder is incorporated as Exhibit G to this Contract.

**E. Ethics in Public Contracting**

By signing this Contract, Supplier warrants that its assent to this Contract is made without collusion or fraud, and that Supplier has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other bidder, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their proposal or the terms of this Contract. Further, Supplier warrants that it has not conferred any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged. In addition, Supplier warrants that it will notify VITA if it becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest in the future.

**F. Governing Law**

This Contract is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia without regard to that body of law controlling choice of law. Any and all litigation relating to this Contract must be brought in the circuit courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The English language version of this Contract prevails when interpreting this Contract. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods and all other laws and international treaties or conventions relating to the sale of goods are expressly disclaimed. The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act applies to this Contract only to the extent required by Code § 59.1-501.15.

**G. Dispute Resolution**

In accordance with Code § 2.2-4363, contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, must be submitted in writing to the public body from whom the relief is sought no later than 60 calendar days after final payment; however, written notice of the Supplier's intention to file such claim must be given to such public body at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Pendency of claims will not delay payment of amounts agreed due in the final payment. The relevant public body shall render a final decision in writing within 30 calendar days after its receipt of the Supplier's written claim.

The Supplier may not invoke any available administrative procedure under the Code nor institute legal action prior to receipt of the decision of the relevant public body on the claim, unless that public body fails to render its decision within 30 calendar days. The decision of the relevant public body will be final and conclusive unless the Supplier, within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on the claim, invokes appropriate action under Code § 2.2-4364 or the administrative procedure authorized by Code § 2.2-4365.

In the event of any breach by a Commonwealth agency, Supplier's remedies will be limited to claims for damages and interest allowable under the Code and, if available and warranted, equitable relief. All such claims to be processed pursuant to this Section. In no event will Supplier's remedies include the right to terminate any license or support services hereunder.

**H. Assignment**

This Contract is binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of VITA and Supplier. Supplier may not assign, subcontract, delegate or otherwise convey this Contract or any of its rights and obligations under this Contract, to any entity without the prior written consent of VITA, and any attempted assignment or subcontracting without



consent will be void. VITA may assign this Contract to any entity, so long as the assignee agrees in writing to be bound by the all the terms and conditions of this Contract.

If any law limits the right of VITA or Supplier to prohibit assignment or nonconsensual assignments, the effective date of the assignment will be 30 calendar days after the Supplier gives VITA prompt written notice of the assignment, signed by authorized representatives of both the Supplier and the assignee. Any payments made prior to receipt of such notification will not be covered by this assignment.

**I. Severability**

Invalidity of any term of this Contract, in whole or in part, will not affect the validity of any other term. VITA and Supplier further agree that in the event such provision is an essential part of this Contract, they shall immediately begin negotiations for a suitable replacement provision.

**J. Survival**

Any provisions of this Contract regarding Software License, Rights To Work Product, Warranty, Escrow, Confidentiality, Content Privacy and Security, Liability, Indemnification, Transition of Services, the right to purchase Maintenance Services, and the General Provisions will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

**K. Force Majeure**

No Party will be responsible for the delay or failure to meet its obligations under this Contract if the delay or failure arises from causes beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the obligated Party. If any performance date under this Contract is postponed or extended pursuant to this Section for longer than 30 calendar days, VITA, by written notice given during the postponement or extension, may terminate Supplier's right to render further performance after the effective date of termination without liability for that termination, and in addition an Authorized User may terminate any order or SOW affected by such postponement or delay.

**L. No Waiver**

Any failure to enforce any terms of this Contract will not constitute a waiver.

**M. Remedies**

The remedies set forth in this Contract are intended to be cumulative. In addition to any specific remedy, VITA and all Authorized Users reserve any and all other remedies that may be available at law or in equity.

**N. Right to Audit**

VITA reserves the right to audit those Supplier records that relate to the Contract or any SOWs or orders issued there under. VITA's right to audit is limited as follows:

- i. three (3) years from end date of the Contract;
- ii. at VITA's expense;
- iii. no more than once per every twelve (12) months;
- iv. performed at Supplier's premises, during normal business hours at mutually agreed upon times; and
- v. access to Supplier cost information is excluded.

In no event will Supplier have the right to audit, or require to have audited, VITA or any Authorized User.

**O. Taxes**

The Commonwealth is exempt from Federal excise and all State and Local taxes and any such taxes may not be included in Contract prices. Tax certificates of exemption, Form ST-12 can be obtained from Authorized Users upon request. Deliveries against this Contract shall be free of Federal excise and transportation taxes. The Commonwealth's excise tax exemption registration number is 54-73-0076K.

**P. Currency**

All prices, costs, or fees in this Contract and all exhibits, schedules, orders, or SOWs will be in United States dollars.

**Q. Non-Disparagement**

Each Party agrees that it shall not engage in any conduct or pattern of conduct that involves the making or publishing of written or oral statements or remarks (including without limitations, the repetition or distribution of derogatory rumors, allegations, negative reports or comments) which are disparaging, deleterious or damaging to the integrity, reputation or good name of any other Party or the Party's affiliates, employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors. This section will not be construed to prevent a Party from responding publicly to incorrect public statements or from making truthful statements when required by subpoena, court order, or otherwise required by law.

**R. Advertising and Use of Proprietary Marks**

No Party may use the name of the other Party or refer to the other Party, directly or indirectly, in any press release or formal advertisement without receiving prior written consent of the other Party. In no event may any Party use a proprietary mark of the other Party without receiving the prior written consent of the other Party.

**S. Notices**

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Contract must be in writing and will be deemed to have been sufficiently given if delivered in person, or if deposited in the U.S. mails, postage prepaid, for mailing by registered, certified mail, or overnight courier service addressed:

- i. To VITA and to Supplier, if Supplier is incorporated or formed pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth, to the addresses shown on the signature page.
- ii. To Supplier, if Supplier is incorporated or formed outside the Commonwealth, to the address shown on the signature page and to the Registered Agent registered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Pursuant to Title 13.1 of the Code, VITA or Supplier may change its address for notice purposes by giving the other Party notice of such change in accordance with this Section.

Administrative contract renewals, modifications or non-claim related notices are excluded from the above requirement. Such written, or signed, or both, contract administration actions may be processed by the assigned VITA and Supplier points of contact for this Contract and may be given in person, via U.S. mail, courier service or electronically.

**T. Offers of Employment**

During the first twelve (12) months of the Contract, should Supplier hire an employee of any Authorized User who has substantially worked on any project covered by this Contract without prior written consent, the Supplier will be billed for 50% of the employee's annual salary in effect at the time of termination.

**U. Contract Administration**

Supplier agrees that at all times during the Contract Term an account executive, at Supplier's senior management level, will be assigned and available to VITA. Supplier reserves the right to change such account executive upon reasonable advance written notice to VITA.

**V. Captions**

The captions of sections and subsections of this Contract are for convenience and in no way define, limit, or enlarge the scope of this Contract or any of its sections.

**W. Entire Contract**

The following exhibits, including all subparts thereof, are attached to this Contract and are made a part of this Contract for all purposes:

Exhibit A – Requirements

Exhibit B – Pricing

Exhibit C – Statement of Work (SOW) Template

Exhibit D – Change Order Template

Exhibit E –VA-141008-IBM Master Terms

Exhibit F – [RESERVED]

Exhibit G – Certification Regarding Lobbying

Exhibit H – Supplier Procurement and Subcontracting Plan

Exhibit I – SLA's

Exhibit J - Exhibit 7 of IRS Publication 1075

This Contract, its exhibits, and any prior non-disclosure agreement constitute the entire agreement between VITA and Supplier and supersede any and all previous representations, understandings, discussions or agreements between VITA and Supplier as to the subject matter of this Contract. Any and all terms and conditions contained in, incorporated into, or referenced by the Supplier's proposal are deemed invalid. The provisions of the Virginia Department of General Services, Division of Purchases and Supply Vendor's Manual will not apply to this Contract or any order issued pursuant to the Contract. This Contract may only be amended by an instrument in writing signed by VITA and Supplier.

An Authorized User and Supplier may enter into an ordering agreement pursuant to this Contract. To the extent that an ordering agreement, or any order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract, includes any terms and conditions inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Contract, the terms and conditions of the order or SOW will be of no force and effect.

**X. Order of Precedence**

In the event of a conflict, the following order of precedence shall apply: this Contract document, Exhibit E, Exhibit B, Exhibit A, Exhibit I, any individual SOW, Exhibit H and Exhibit J. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the negotiated terms of this Contract and any provision incorporated by reference into the Contract (e.g., a section of a License Agreement), the negotiated terms of this Contract will take precedence. For purposes of this section, a "conflict" exists with respect to a subject that has been comprehensively addressed in the Contract when supplementary terms contained in a provision incorporated by reference would alter the rights and obligations of the Parties set forth in the Contract.

**Y. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures**

This Contract may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which, when assembled to include an original signature for each of Supplier and VITA, will constitute a complete and fully executed original. All fully executed original counterparts will collectively constitute a single agreement. Signatures transmitted by fax or electronic mail (in portable data format ("**PDF**")) are also permitted as binding signatures to this Contract.

**Z. Opportunity to Review**

VITA and Supplier each acknowledge that it has had the opportunity to review this Contract and to obtain appropriate legal review if it so chose.

[SIGNATURE PAGE(S) TO FOLLOW]

Signed by the undersigned authorized representatives of VITA and Supplier and effective as of the Effective Date set forth in the preamble of this Contract above.

Supplier

**Jennifer Stevenson**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Name: Jennifer Steveson \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Title: Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

**February 22, 2022**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Notice:

175 South Pantops Drive \_\_\_\_\_

Suite 102 \_\_\_\_\_

Charlottesville VA 22911 \_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: Supplier Contact

VITA, on behalf of the  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

**Demetrias Rodgers**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Name: Demetrias Rodgers \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)

Title: Chief Operating Officer (Acting) \_\_\_\_\_

**02/25/2022**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Notice:

11751 Meadowville Lane \_\_\_\_\_

Chester VA 23836 \_\_\_\_\_

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Attention: Contract Administrator