

## SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD

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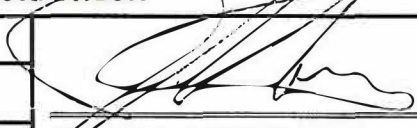
## SOLICITATION

This procurement is being conducted on behalf of VITA and other Public Bodies as defined in § 2.2-4301 and referenced by § 2.2-4304 and § 2.2-2012 of the Code of Virginia and private institutions of higher education that are listed at <http://www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Profiles.aspx>. Sealed Bids for furnishing the Products and/or Services set forth in the Pricing Schedule will be returned to the Issuing Office via common carrier. In-hand deliveries by suppliers will not be accepted. Bids must be received not later than 2:00 PM local time on the Date Due indicated above. Please read and understand the attached Solicitation Instructions. This is an advertised solicitation consisting of this cover page, the Solicitation Instructions, SCC form, Supplier Procurement and Subcontract Plan, Certification Regarding Lobbying and the Mandatory Contractual Terms and Conditions, and any other files, exhibits, attachments, provisions, representations, certifications or specifications as are attached or incorporated herein by reference, or any subsequent amendments issued, as posted at [eva.virginia.gov](http://eva.virginia.gov).


## OFFER

In compliance with the Terms and Conditions set forth in this solicitation, the undersigned agrees, if this offer is accepted within 90 days from the Date Due above, to furnish any or all Bid Items awarded at the prices offered in the Pricing Schedule, delivered to the Ship To address within the time specified in individual orders. All offers are subject to the mandatory Terms and Conditions set forth herein.

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## AWARD

BID ITEMS AWARDED	AWARDED BY	AWARD DATE	CONTRACT NUMBER
Structured cabling systems as specified herein and in any order issued pursuant hereto, throughout the area(s) identified in "Exhibit D – Cabling Service Districts."	 <b>SIGNATURE</b> for the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Commonwealth of Virginia  Doug Leslie <b>PRINTED NAME</b>	2/21/2022	VA-220218-BACO

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND 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 ("**Code**") and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia ("**Commonwealth**"), and the organization identified in the "BIDDER INFORMATION" section of the Invitation For Bid Number 2021-08 "SOLICITATION, OFFER AND AWARD" page attached hereto ("**Supplier**"), to be effective as of the "AWARD DATE" set forth on such page ("**Effective Date**").

### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Contract sets forth the terms and conditions under which Supplier shall sell to the Authorized Users the Product and various related Services, conforming to the Requirements contained in Exhibit A, and identified in Exhibit B, "Pricing", as referenced in the "Entire Contract" section of this Contract.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

#### A. Acceptance

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. Agent

Any third party independent agent of any Authorized User.

#### C. 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 Users include private institutions of higher education that are listed at: <http://www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Profiles.aspx>.

#### D. 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".

#### E. Code

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

#### 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. 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.

#### I. 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.

**J. Contract**

This agreement, including all exhibits, schedules, and attachments, including any modifications or amendments thereto, entered into by VITA and Supplier.

**K. 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.

**L. 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, including the development or creation of Work Product.

**M. Documentation**

Those materials (including user manuals, as-built drawings, 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 Product, Service, Licensed Services or Deliverable, including any and all components, and to implement and develop self-sufficiency with regard to the Product, Service, Licensed Services or 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.

**N. E-rate Program**

The universal service “Schools and Libraries Program” administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (“**USAC**”) under the oversight of the Federal Communications Commission (“**FCC**”), or successor program.

**O. Effective Date**

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

**P. Eligible Entity**

Any school or library meeting the USAC definition of an “Eligible Entity” under the universal Schools and Libraries Program.

**Q. Eligible Services**

Products and services that are eligible for E-rate Program support.

**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. Inventory Record**

A record of all units of Product covered under warranty or maintenance by type, quantity, and location, including the end date for each unit's warranty period or maintenance term, as applicable.

**T. 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 Product or Hardware

**U. Operating Condition**

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

**V. Party**

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

**W. Performance Changes**

Any engineering changes that affect the ability of the Product(s) provided by Supplier pursuant to this Contract to meet the published specifications.

**X. Product**

Hardware, materials, supplies, and any other equipment, including all applicable user documentation, and related accessories as set forth in an Exhibit or as specified in any Statement of Work or order provided pursuant to the Contract.

**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 Product, Solution, Service(s), and Licensed Services and Deliverables, 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. 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.

**BB. Safety Changes**

Any engineering changes that affect the safety of the Product(s) provided pursuant to this Contract.

**CC. Services**

Any work performed or service provided by Supplier – including the design and development of any 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.

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

Any document 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. Term**

The period of time beginning with the Effective Date and lasting for the length of time, including any extension periods, set forth in the "Contract Term" section below during which this Contract will be in full force and effect.

**KK. Total Sales**

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

**LL. 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.

**MM. Warranty Period**

The greater of the manufacturer's Standard Warranty, or as specified in Exhibit A, "Requirements".

### **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 through June 30, 2024 ("**Initial Term**"). VITA, in its sole discretion, may renew this Contract for up to five (5) additional one (1) year renewal periods (each a "**Renewal Term**") after the expiration of the Initial Term. Collectively, the Initial Term and all exercised Renewal Terms constitute 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, including any warranty periods.

**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. 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 time (i.e., three (3) months, six (6) months, twelve (12) months or as required and defined by VITA or such Authorized User, herein referred to as "Transition Period"). 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. 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.

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

**I. 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. 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 is the owner of the Product or otherwise has, to the best of Supplier's knowledge, the right to grant to the Commonwealth or any Authorized User title to or the right to use the Product provided pursuant to this Contract. Upon Supplier's receipt of payment, the Commonwealth or the ordering Authorized User, as applicable, will obtain good and clear title to the Product, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests and encumbrances. In addition, Supplier has the right to provide the Services offered under this Contract.

### **B. Supplier's Warranty**

Supplier's Standard Warranty for Product and related Services and/or Maintenance Services apply to this Contract; If the Product fails to conform, in all material respects, to the Requirements, an Authorized User will provide written notice to the Supplier of the failure within ten (10) calendar days of the failure. If the Supplier is unable to make the Product conform, in all material respects, to the Requirements within 30 calendar days of Supplier's receipt of an Authorized User's notice of failure, Supplier shall, at Authorized User's request, either: (i) provide a replacement Product and related Services at no additional cost to the Authorized User; or (ii) accept return of the Product and return all monies paid by such Authorized User (a) for Maintenance Services for the returned Product pro-rated on a monthly basis as of the date the Authorized User reported the non-conformity, and (b) for the Product pro-rated on a monthly basis as of the date the Authorized User reported the non-conformity and based on the average life of the Product. Supplier's warranties and remedies in this subsection are provided in addition to any remedies described in Supplier's Standard Warranty for Product and related Services, or Maintenance Services, or both.

### **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 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 Product manufacturer'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. 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.

**F. Supplier's 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.

**G. 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.

**6. SCOPE OF USE**

Any Authorized User may use the Products 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.

**7. 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.

**B. Acceptance**

Service(s), Product(s) and Deliverable(s) will be deemed accepted the earlier of when the ordering Authorized User notifies Supplier in writing that such Service(s), Product(s) and Deliverables have been accepted; or 30 days after Supplier has notified the ordering Authorized User that such Product, Services and Deliverables have been delivered during which Authorized User does not notify Supplier in writing of a failure of same to successfully operate in accordance with the Requirements of this Contract and Authorized User's applicable order or SOW (i.e., non-conformity(ies)).

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.

**C. 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.

## **8. 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. .

### **B. 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.

### **C. 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 ("RFQ") process to obtain identical or similar Solutions, Products, or Services to those provided by Supplier pursuant to this Contract. The RFQ will clearly outline the project timing and requirements. If the Authorized User is not able to identify the exact specifications required, then the RFQ respondents will be given the opportunity to identify and propose their recommended specifications.

**D. 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.

**E. Statement of Work**

A SOW may be 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. 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. 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 the Requirements, which is attached to this Contract and incorporated by reference.

**F. 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. 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. 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.

**G. 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.

**9. E-RATE**

Supplier shall make all Products and Services as listed and priced in this Contract available to any Authorized User that is an Eligible Entity. Supplier shall provide the Products and Services directly to the Eligible Entity, and bill each Eligible Entity directly. Supplier acknowledges and agrees that Supplier will be solely responsible for the collection of all charges incurred, resolving all Product and Service problems, and administration of this Contract for E-rate participation.

Supplier warrants that it is qualified under applicable Federal Communications Commission and Virginia State Corporation Commission rules to apply for and receive Universal Service Fund allocations or disbursements for Products and Services provided pursuant to this Contract to Authorized Users that are Eligible Entities on behalf, and for the benefit, of those Authorized Users. Supplier shall maintain those qualifications and assist Authorized Users that are Eligible Entities in applying for and receiving these allocations/disbursements for the life of this Contract.

**10. 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 Realized 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: SCMLInfo@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.

## **11. TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION**

Any training or documentation necessary for an Authorized User to have full benefit of the Product shall be deemed included in the scope of the applicable order or SOW unless expressly excluded.

## **12. 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. Exclusions**

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 (Code §§ 2.2-3700 et seq.) or similar laws or pursuant to a court order.

### **C. 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.

**D. 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.

**E. 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.

**13. 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 of 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.

#### **14. LIABILITY**

##### **A. Supplier Liability**

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.

##### **B. Limitation of Liability**

Supplier will be liable for damages caused by Supplier Personnel. 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.

#### **15. 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

#### **16. 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/itm-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 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.

## **17. 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 boundaries of the United States.

## **18. 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.

## **19. 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. Licenses and Permits**

Supplier shall be responsible for obtaining all rights-of-way, licenses, and/or permits required by applicable authorities in order to perform Installation Services at the location(s) specified on any order or SOW issued pursuant to this Contract.

### **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 XX 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. 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.

**R. 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.

**S. 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.

**T. 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.

**U. 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 – Cabling Requirements
- Exhibit B – Pricing
- Exhibit C – VA Contractor License and Erate SPIN numbers
- Exhibit D – Cabling Service Districts
- Exhibit E – Reserved
- Exhibit F - Reserved
- Exhibit G – Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Exhibit H – Supplier Procurement and Subcontracting Plan

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.

**V. Order of Precedence**

In the event of a conflict, the following order of precedence shall apply: this Contract document, Exhibit A, any individual SOW, Exhibit B, then any project specific order. 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.

**W. 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.

**X. 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.