

Appendix A

Investigation Clause

1. The parties to this agreement agree to cooperate fully and faithfully with any investigation, audit or inquiry relative to this agreement conducted by a State of New York (State) or City of New York (City) governmental agency or authority that is empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to examine witnesses under oath, or conducted by the Inspector General of a governmental agency that is a party in interest to this agreement or when it is the subject of the investigation, audit or inquiry.
2. A hearing shall be convened in accordance with section 3 below if:
 - (a) any person who has been advised that his or her statement, and any information from such statement, will not be used against him or her in any subsequent criminal proceeding, refuses to testify concerning the award of, or performance under, this agreement, before a grand jury or other governmental agency or authority empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to examine witnesses under oath; or
 - (b) any person refuses to testify concerning the award of, or performance under, this agreement, for a reason other than the assertion of his or her privilege against self-incrimination in an investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a City or State governmental agency or authority empowered directly or by designation to compel the attendance of witnesses and to take testimony under oath, or by the Inspector General of the governmental agency that is a party in interest in, and is seeking testimony.
3. (a) The commissioner or agency head whose agency is a party in interest to this agreement shall convene a hearing, upon not less than five (5) days' written notice to the parties involved to determine if any penalties should attach for the failure of a person to testify.
 - (b) If any non-governmental party to the hearing requests an adjournment, the commissioner or agency head who convened the hearing may, upon granting the adjournment, suspend this agreement pending the final determination pursuant to section 5 below without the City incurring any penalty or damages for delay or otherwise.
4. The penalties that may attach after a final determination by the commissioner or agency head may include but shall not exceed:
 - (a) The disqualification for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of an adverse determination of any person, or any entity of which such person was

a member at the time the testimony was sought, from submitting bids for, or transacting business with, or entering into or obtaining any contract, lease, permit or license with or from the City; and/or

(b) The cancellation or termination of this City agreement, that the refusal to testify concerns and providing that it has not been assigned as permitted under this agreement, nor the proceeds of which pledged, to an unaffiliated and unrelated institutional lender for fair value prior to the issuance of the notice scheduling the hearing, without the City incurring any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination; monies lawfully due for goods delivered, work done, rentals, or fees accrued prior to the cancellation or termination shall be paid by the City.

5. The commissioner or agency head shall consider and address in reaching his or her determination and in assessing an appropriate penalty the factors in paragraphs (a) and (b) below. He or she may also consider, if relevant and appropriate, the criteria established in paragraphs (c) and (d) below in addition to any other information that may be relevant and appropriate.

(a) The parties' good faith endeavors or lack thereof to cooperate fully and faithfully with any governmental investigation or audit, including but not limited to the discipline, discharge, or disassociation of any person failing to testify, the production of accurate and complete books and records, and the forthcoming testimony of all other members, agents, assignees or fiduciaries whose testimony is sought.

(b) The relationship of the person who refused to testify to any entity that is a party to the hearing, including, but not limited to, whether the person whose testimony is sought has an ownership interest in the entity and/or the degree of authority and responsibility the person has within the entity.

(c) The nexus of the testimony sought to the subject entity and its contracts, leases, permits or licenses with the City.

(d) The effect a penalty may have on an unaffiliated and unrelated party or entity that has significant interest in an entity subject to penalties under section 4 above, provided that the party or entity has given actual notice to the commissioner or agency head upon the acquisition of the interest, or at the hearing called for in section 3(a) above gives notice and proves that such interest was previously acquired. Under either circumstance, the party or entity must present evidence at the hearing demonstrating the potential adverse impact a penalty will have on such person or entity.

6. (a) The term "license" or "permit" as used herein shall be defined as a license, permit, revocable consent, franchise or concession not granted as a matter of right.

(b) The term "person" as used herein shall be defined as any natural person doing business alone or associated with another person or entity as a partner, director, officer, principal, or employee.

(c) The term "entity" as used herein shall be defined as any firm, partnership, corporation, association, or person that receives monies, benefits, licenses, leases, or permits from or through the City or otherwise transacts business with the City.

(d) The term "member" as used herein shall be defined as any person associated with another person or entity as a partner, director, officer, principal, or employee.