



Request to Provide OPEB Valuation and Actuarial Consulting Services

by the
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Office of the Actuary

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Section 1 – Introduction

Executive Summary

The New York City Office of the Actuary (OA) is inviting qualified firms to submit proposals to provide Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) valuation and actuarial consulting services and a potential sublease of ProVal valuation and projection software for pension and OPEB plans provided by WinTech (ProVal). The selected proposer will be required to provide the OA with these services effective April 1, 2024.

All proposers will be expected to present their proposals as set forth in Section 2, Instructions.

Background

The City of New York (City) and its related entities provide OPEB through the New York City Health Benefits Program (NYCHBP) that covers both active employees and eligible retirees and beneficiaries.

As of June 30, 2022, the NYCHBP covered approximately 570,000 individuals, including active members, deferred vested members, and retirees.

A copy of the report in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 74 and 75 of the Other Postemployment Benefits provided under the NYCHBP for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023 can be found on the OA website (<https://www.nyc.gov/site/actuary/index.page>) under the Reports tab.

The City also sponsors or participates in pension plans covering substantially all City employees and administers several closed pension funds. In addition, certain employees and retirees are provided benefits through Variable Supplements Funds (VSFs), Tax-Deferred Annuity (TDA) programs and Group Life Insurance Funds. More information on the City's actuarially funded and related benefits can be found on the OA's website.

The Office of the Actuary (Functions)

The overall responsibility for actuarial assessments for the New York City Retirement Systems and Pension Funds (NYCRS) rests with the Chief Actuary. The Chief Actuary serves as the agency head of the OA and is the legally designated Technical Advisor to the NYCRS Boards of Trustees.

The OA currently provides multiple services to the five NYCRS, the City, certain component units (CUs) of the City, and other parties. These services include the following:

- Pension funding and accounting results
- OPEB accounting results

- Recommendations on actuarial assumptions and methods
- Financial Plan pension funding projections
- Benefit certifications and reviews
- Financial impact of proposed laws (Fiscal Notes)
- Special studies and other ad hoc services

The Office of the Actuary (Organization)

In addition to the Chief Actuary, the OA is composed of several actuarial divisions performing pension valuations, benefit certifications, and special projects including, among other things, fiscal notes, audit reporting, and OPEB. The OA employs approximately 12 credential actuaries and 14 actuarial staff members. These actuarial divisions are supported by the OA's non-actuarial staff of approximately 9 employees who perform legal, information technology, administration, communications, and other executive assistant functions.

RFP Objectives

This Request for Proposal (RFP) seeks a qualified firm to provide OPEB valuation and actuarial consulting services, and the ability to provide a sublease of ProVal to the OA, for a three-year period with an option to renew for an additional three-year period. The expected commencement date of the contract would be April 1, 2024, and the contract would run through and include March 31, 2027. The optional renewal period would run from April 1, 2027, through and including March 31, 2030.

The objective of this RFP is to obtain a vendor who will assist the OA in providing OPEB valuation services, a potential sublease of ProVal, and ad-hoc actuarial consulting support in both the OPEB and pension areas. Buck currently provides these services and is not precluded from responding to this RFP.

Section 2 - Instructions

Proposal Requirements

1. From the issue date of this RFP until a proposal is selected, all contact with employees of the OA concerning this RFP must be cleared through the Engagement Contact.
2. The complete proposal must be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP as described in the next section, Submission Instructions.
3. The proposal must be divided between the Technical proposal and the Cost proposal as described within. The Technical and Cost proposals should be sealed and provided separately. No cost information should be included in the Technical proposal.
4. Proposals must include OPEB valuation, an optional ProVal sub-lease, and actuarial and OPEB consulting services.
5. Consulting services are to be provided for both the OPEB and pension plans on an ad-hoc, as needed, basis.
6. The proposal should assume a three-year contract period commencing April 1, 2024, with an option to renew for an additional three-year period.
7. Valuation services are to be provided for the OPEB plan. Pension valuation and consulting services will be limited to an ad hoc basis.
8. The selected vendor will provide a secure method of file transmission with the OA (i.e., VPN, FTP, or other file transfer protocols).
9. As part of the acceptance testing, the selected vendor will be required to duplicate the OPEB valuation results for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023. This is to be accomplished prior to or as soon after commencement as possible. Failure to produce consistent results may result in cancellation of the contract.
10. The proposal should identify those portions that are confidential or proprietary so the information can easily be separated from the rest of the proposal. Except for these portions, which the OA must agree may be kept confidential, the remainder of the proposal will be open to public inspection.
11. Proposals must include an explicit acknowledgement that the standard contract provisions included in City contracts and enclosed in the Appendices have been reviewed and deemed acceptable.
12. The proposal must be signed by an officer of the firm.

13. The selected vendor will be required to maintain all files and records for ten (10) years following termination of the contract.
14. The vendor will provide, at the end of each valuation cycle (e.g., June 30, 2024 valuations), electronic files containing all the programs, census data, and documentation related to the valuation processing for that valuation cycle.
15. The prices and services submitted in the proposal must be guaranteed for at least 120 days from the proposal submission due date.
16. Exceptions to this RFP, including all its appendices and attachments, should be so stated by the proposer in the proposal. Such exceptions must be specific. General reservations or statements are not acceptable.
17. Proposals must include the following completed forms:
 - a. Tax Identification and Affirmation Form (Appendix A).
 - b. Acknowledgement of Addenda Form (Appendix B).
 - c. Local Law 34 of 2007 - Doing Business Data Form (Appendix C). Note: The Mayor's Office of Contract Services requires that the Doing Business Data Form be completed in its fillable PDF format. This form may be accessed and downloaded from the following site:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/prob/downloads/pdf/peak_attachment_5_doing_business_data_form.pdf.
 - d. Subcontractor Utilization Plan (Appendix D)
 - e. Conflict of Interest Disclosure (Appendix G)
 - f. Iran Divestment Rider (Appendix H)
 - g. Living Wage Certification (Appendix I)
 - h. MacBride Principles Provisions (Appendix K)
 - i. Paid Sick Leave Rider (Appendix L)

Submission Instructions

Proposers are to present their proposals in accordance with the information set forth herein.

A. Requesting Agency

The New York City agency requesting this RFP is the:

New York City Office of the Actuary
255 Greenwich Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

B. Engagement Contact

The Engagement Contact for this RFP is:

Tony Wong
Director of Administration
New York City Office of the Actuary
255 Greenwich Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10007
Telephone: (212) 312-0120
ActuarialServicesRFP@actuary.nyc.gov

From the issue date of this RFP until a proposal is selected, all contact with employees of the OA concerning the RFP must be cleared through the Engagement Contact.

Six hard copies of both the Technical proposal and the Cost proposal, in separately sealed packages, including exhibits and reference materials, should be sent to the Engagement Contact. The packages should be appropriately marked as to their contents (i.e., Volume One – Technical Proposal and Volume Two – Cost Proposal). The hard copies of the proposal (Technical and Cost components separately) **must be received by 5:00 P.M. on December 8, 2023**, at the New York City Office of the Actuary, 255 Greenwich Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

In addition, a proposer must submit one version of its proposals (separating the Technical proposal from the Cost proposal) electronically in PDF format or in such format as acceptable to the OA to ActuarialServicesRFP@actuary.nyc.gov by the same deadline as the hard copy.

Proposals arriving after the specified hour will not be accepted, regardless of the postmarked time on the envelope.

Please note that e-mail attachments may not exceed 10 megabytes.

No references to costs may be included in the Technical proposal.

Every page in the proposal, including all the exhibits, attachments, and agenda, must be numbered to facilitate ease of reference and review by the Selection Committee. A table of contents with page references must also be included.

Proposers should submit questions about the RFP by November 17, 2023 to the attention of Tony Wong at ActuarialServicesRFP@actuary.nyc.gov. All questions and responses to such questions will be posted on the OA website. Only written responses will be considered official. This pre-proposal written question and response session is in lieu of any pre-solicitation conference.

Proposal Timeline

Below is a schedule of RFP activities and the due date for each.

Release of RFP	October 16, 2023
Deadline to Submit Intent To Quote	October 30, 2023
Last Date for Pre-Proposal Questions	November 17, 2023
Deadline to Submit Proposals	December 8, 2023
Notification of Finalists	December 22, 2023
Presentations (at the discretion of the OA)	January 4, 2024
Selection of Vendor	January 12, 2024
Acceptance Testing begins	January 19, 2024
Contract Commencement Date	April 1, 2024

Intent to Quote

Proposers should indicate their intent to quote on this proposal by October 30, 2023 in writing via email (ActuarialServicesRFP@actuary.nyc.gov). Firms declining to quote may indicate the reason why but this is not required. The email should identify the name of the firm as well as the name, location, and telephone number of its authorized representative.

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated, and the selected proposer will be chosen by a Selection Committee (the Committee). The Committee will consist of representatives from the OA. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be evaluated in two steps. In the first step proposals will be evaluated without reference to costs based on their technical merits and

compliance with the RFP's requirements. Costs will be factored in only after the most technically appropriate proposals are selected and ranked. Costs will be combined with the technical rating to arrive at an overall score.

Scoring Methodology

	Weighting
Technical Capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an understanding of the RFP's requirements. • Ability to satisfy the activities outlined in the Scope of Services, including the ability to meet the required timelines. • Commitment to minimizing the impact of transition costs and burdens on the OA. • Quality of operational capabilities. 	Up to 40%
Experience Providing Similar Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prior performance of the Proposer in providing OPEB valuation services and pension and OPEB consulting to large public pension systems and/or employers. • Expertise in areas where additional services may be requested. • Quality of references. 	Up to 30%
Availability and Quality of Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall experience of the principal members of the staff who will be assigned to the OA. • Biographies of officers with direct overall responsibility for the contract and the partners or officers who will be assigned. • Size of team and availability of key team members. 	Up to 10%
Other Factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionalism of proposal (e.g., no typos, quality of presentation, etc.). 	Up to 5%
Cost Proposal	Up to 15%

Finalist Presentations

Proposers selected as finalists may be required to make presentations of their proposals. This will provide an opportunity to clarify or elaborate on the proposals but will in no way change the proposer's original bid. The Engagement Contact will schedule the time and location if presentations are deemed necessary by the OA.

Vendor Selection and Negotiation of Contract

The contract will be awarded to the proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City and the OA, taking into consideration price and such other factors or criteria as set forth in the RFP.

After a proposal has been selected, the OA and the selected proposer will negotiate a contract. The OA will negotiate a contract only with the selected proposer. The proposer, upon award of a contract, shall be the only entity to receive payment from the OA.

Should negotiations fail to result in agreement within two weeks from the commencement of negotiations, the OA reserves the right to terminate negotiations and select another proposal, issue a new RFP, or take other action consistent with the best interests of the City and the OA. By issuance of this RFP, the OA is not obligated to award a contract.

The final award of this contract will be subject to the selected proposer's execution of such a contract, the review and approvals required by the City Charter and the Procurement Policy Board Rules including approval as to form by the New York City Law Department and registration with the New York City Office of the Comptroller, and the contract's approval and execution by the OA.

After a contract is approved, the name of the selected proposer will be posted on the OA website.

Section 3 - Requested Services and Bid Forms

Scope of Services

The requested services are generally divided into two categories: Valuation Services, which are recurring, and Actuarial Consulting Services which are, in most cases, ad-hoc.

Valuation Services

The expectations for the selected proposer include the ability to prepare, as determined by the OA, some, most, or all information required to develop actuarial results for the City's OPEB plan in accordance with GASB 74 and GASB 75 based on census data provided by the OA. This includes some or all of the following items:

- Produce counts and statistics.
- Calculate Entry Age Normal cost and actuarial accrued liability.
- Provide results for multiple iterations (i.e., updated plan experience and per-capita costs, new assumptions, etc.).
- Advise the OA on the use of premium rates to value retiree medical benefits as set forth in Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP) Number 6. Currently, the OPEB valuation uses age-adjusted premium rates.
- Participate in the production of OPEB results for the CUs and in responding to inquiries from CU management, auditors, and actuaries.
- Review, as directed, preliminary GASB 74/75 report.
- Produce any additional information necessary for compliance with, including but not limited to, GASB 74/75.

These results are needed for each NYCRS and CU and must be split by benefit type (i.e., pre-Medicare, post-Medicare, Welfare Fund payments, and Part B premium reimbursements) and by status (i.e., active, deferred vested, and retired). A sample of the typical valuation results output is provided in Appendix F.

The following items will be performed by the OA and are not the responsibility of the proposer:

- Reviewing draft data collection correspondence, and gathering, reviewing, and reconciling all participant data.
- Reviewing OPEB-specific assumptions, individually and in the aggregate, and recommending changes following production of the experience results.
- Finalizing and signing the GASB 74/75 report.

Actuarial Consulting Services

These services will be provided on an as-needed basis, are expected to be minimal, and may include, but are not limited to:

- Assist OA staff in the analysis of the financial impact of proposed plan amendments (e.g., Fiscal Notes), including advice on appropriate approximations.
- Provide on-going information on changes in federal, State and City laws and regulations and analyze the impact of proposed and enacted federal, State and City legislation and regulatory pronouncements by other bodies (e.g., GASB) as they affect the NYCERS.
- Advise and update the OA as to the practices of other public employee retirement systems, such as their policies for conforming to the regulatory environment and accounting standards.
- Comment on recommendations made by the New York City Office of Labor Relations, and actuarial and financial auditors, and assist in the implementation of such recommendations.
- Sign or co-sign a Statement of Actuarial Opinion (SAO) on projects where the Chief Actuary deems that a SAO would be required and/or the OA would benefit from the inclusion of such additional vendor staff qualification.
- Provide assistance on matters relating to the analysis of Workers' Compensation liabilities of the City and/or offsetting liabilities for the NYCERS.

Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal should describe a proposer's approach and capabilities for accomplishing the work outlined in the Scope of Services. The description should be complete enough to permit the Selection Committee to evaluate the proposal fairly and with minimal risk of misinterpretation.

Firm Information

Provide a general description of your firm, including size, number of employees, primary business, other business or services, location of headquarters, location of the office that will be servicing the OA, and type of organization.

Name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address of the individual authorized to commit the proposer to the contract.

Name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address of the individual to be contacted regarding the content of the proposal.

Provide biographies for members of the core team who will be assigned to this account should your firm be awarded the business.

Subcontractors

Proposals must indicate any business partnerships and/or subcontractors that may be utilized in your work for the OA and the extent of the services they will be asked to perform.

Confirm that your firm will assume full responsibility for the work of all its partners and subcontractors. The OA will sign an agreement only with the selected proposer.

Should your firm propose the use of subcontractors, the contract award will be subject to Section 6-129 of the New York City Administrative Code (Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program and Emerging Business Enterprise Program), as well as applicable provisions of federal, State, and other local laws and executive orders requiring affirmative action.

Relevant Experience

Indicate any public OPEB and pension plans for which the firm currently provides, or formerly provided within the last five years, actuarial valuation and/or consulting services, including name, approximate number of participants, plan asset size, and number of years your firm has been retained.

Provide three references from clients that have used your firm for OPEB valuation services and three references from clients that have used your firm for actuarial consulting services.

You may use the same firm for both categories if they utilized both valuation and consulting services.

Valuation Capabilities

The OA currently uses ProVal and proposers are required to use ProVal for the OPEB valuation, and consulting services, if applicable.

Provide a detailed project plan for the OPEB valuation identifying the tasks and activities to be completed, the resources assigned to each task and activity, and project milestones and deliverables with proposed delivery schedules. In particular, the proposer should set forth its understanding of the requirements to support the OA with respect to OPEB, including all aspects of assumption development, methodologies, etc.

Data Security

1. Describe your firm's data privacy and security policies and procedures including, but not limited to:
 - a. Does your organization have a written information security policy? If so, please provide a copy for review.
 - b. How is confidential data transferred to clients?
 - c. How is remote access to your firm's network controlled?
 - d. Where will data files from the OA be processed and housed? Please list all geographic locations, including primary production systems, stand-by or recovery systems, backup, and archive solutions.
 - e. Who would have the ability to access data files from the OA and how is that access controlled?
 - f. Are the file systems configured to capture who accessed the OA data and what changes were made?
 - g. Will the OA be notified if an information breach involving OA data occurred at your firm? If yes, how soon would the OA be notified?
 - h. Has your firm experienced an information security breach in the past five years? If so, please document what information was lost and how clients were notified.

Additional Information

Describe how your firm would recover and continue processing in the event of an interruption of services.

Describe and provide samples of any legal or industry research that is provided to clients. Please indicate the frequency with which it is provided and whether it would be part of your core services.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

List and describe the firm's professional relationships, if any, within the past five years involving the City of New York, the NYCRS, VSFs, TDA Programs, or any City agencies, related governmental entities (e.g., New York City Housing Authority), or related labor organizations (e.g., United Federation of Teachers), together with a statement explaining why such relationship(s) do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the requirements of the RFP or how the proposer would suggest to handle such conflicts.

Cost Proposal

The Cost Proposal section should contain all information related to the proposed cost of services requested in this RFP, including the potential for providing a sublease of ProVal for OPEB and pension valuations.

Proposers must submit proposed fee schedules for all work. For actuarial valuation services, the Cost proposal should show estimated costs and a maximum, not-to-exceed amount, for each contract year (e.g., April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025).

For consulting services, the Cost proposal should show hourly rates by staff level.

Fees are not subject to adjustment after the contract is awarded, except as explicitly provided. Fees for start-up and other costs should be incorporated in the proposal.

If the vendor selected is asked to renew for an additional three years, prices for contract years 2028 through 2030 will be subject to agreement between the OA and the vendor but may not increase by more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or such other rate as chosen and calculated by the OA. Costs for optional renewal years should not be included in the proposal.

The contract will not become final until registered by the OA with the City Comptroller.

Proposals may relate prices to resource usage or may call for fixed charges by time period. In all cases, Cost proposals must clearly spell out the assumptions upon which they are based.

Prices proposed by the proposer shall be irrevocable until contract award unless the proposal is withdrawn. Offers may only be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the Engagement Contact prior to the contract award but after the expiration of 90 days after the opening of the proposals. This period may be extended by mutual agreement between the proposer and the OA. This shall not limit the discretion of the OA to request proposers to revise proposed prices through the submission of best and final offers and/or the conduct of negotiations.

Prices must not include any state or local sales taxes. The City is tax-exempt.

Exhibit 1

Valuation Services – Proposed Hourly Billing Rates and Estimated Hours

Staff Level*	Contract Year 2025			Contract Year 2026			Contract Year 2027		
	Hourly Rate	Estimated Hours	Total Cost	Hourly Rate	Estimated Hours	Total Cost	Hourly Rate	Estimated Hours	Total Cost
Partner									
Principal									
Director									
Senior Actuary									
Junior Actuary									
Analyst									
Total	N/A			N/A			N/A		
Comments:									

*Sample titles shown

Exhibit 2

Please list and explain any additional costs that are not included in Exhibit 1:

Service/Charge Type	Total Cost		
	Contract Year 2025	Contract Year 2026	Contract Year 2027
Total Cost			
Comments:			

Exhibit 3

Please indicate the total estimated charges and the maximum, not-to-exceed amounts for the actuarial valuation services:

OPEB Valuation	Contract Year 2025	Contract Year 2026	Contract Year 2027
Total Estimated Charges			
Maximum, Not-to-Exceed Amount			
Comments:			

Exhibit 4

Actuarial Consulting Services – Proposed Hourly Billing Rates

Staff Level*	Contract Year 2025	Contract Year 2026	Contract Year 2027
Partner			
Principal			
Director			
Senior Actuary			
Junior Actuary			
Analyst			

*Sample titles shown

Section 4 - Additional Information and Disclosures

RFP Terms and Conditions

The OA reserves the right to:

1. Postpone, limit or cancel this RFP, in whole or in part.
2. Revise the timeline for administering this RFP, in whole or in part.
3. Reject any and all proposals received in response to the RFP.
4. Accept a proposal for a contract other than that with the lowest cost.
5. Waive or modify any irregularities in proposals received after notification to the proposer.
6. Consider alternate proposals or modifications received at any time before the award is made, if such is in the best interest of the City and OA.
7. Conduct discussions with proposers submitting acceptable proposals.
8. Negotiate separately with any source whatsoever in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of the City and OA.
9. Award the contract without any discussions with proposers submitting acceptable proposals.
10. Award a contract without any guarantee of services being purchased.
11. Cancel a contract should vendor fail to satisfactorily perform acceptance testing.

Contract Requirements

General Requirements

All or part of this RFP and its exhibits and appendices, the selected proposal, treatment thereof as contained in the proposal, and any formal questions and presentation material distributed during the proposal process may be incorporated into and made a part of the final contract.

The contract to be entered into between the OA and the selected proposer shall contain negotiated provisions based on the specific requirements set forth in this RFP and the selected proposal's treatment thereof as contained in this proposal, as well as general City contract provisions including those in Appendix E herein.

Prior to the award of a contract to a selected proposer, all business partners and subcontractors are subject to all relevant City contracting requirements. These include, but are not limited to, the New York City Fair Share Criteria, the McBride Principles Law, New York City Local Law No. 34 of 2007, applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws and Executive Orders requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, Section 6-108.1 of the New York City Administrative Code relating to the Local-Based Enterprise Program and its implementation rules, submission of New York City Department of Business Services/Division of Labor Services Employment Report, and the submission of completed VENDEX Questionnaires/Affidavits of No Change.

The final award of this contract will be subject to the firm's execution of such a contract, the New York City Corporation Counsel's approval of the contract, and the contract's registration with the New York City Office of the Comptroller.

Termination

The contract to be entered into between the OA and the selected proposer is subject to modification or cancellation if the vendor's performance is not satisfactory as determined by the OA. The contract shall contain the following provisions dealing with termination, which provision shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other termination provision: "If the vendor fails to fulfill any of the terms of this Agreement on time, the OA shall have the right to terminate the said agreement and award a new contract with another proposer and the vendor shall be responsible for damages and for additional costs incurred in reletting the contract."

In the event that adequate funds are not appropriated or made available to the OA for the continuation of the services in any fiscal year succeeding the first, the contract shall be subject to termination. The OA shall notify the vendor as soon as practical that the funds are not available for the continuation of the contract for the succeeding fiscal year. This, however, does not affect either the City's rights or the selected proposer's rights under any termination clause.

Notwithstanding any other termination clause in this contract, the OA will retain the right to terminate the contract with 30 days notice to the selected proposer if it is determined by the OA that termination of this contract is in the best interest of the City.

Work Products

Materials and working papers developed during the engagement will be made available for inspection by the OA and copies thereof will be provided to the OA upon request.

Examination of Records

In submitting a proposal, the proposer agrees that the OA or its duly appointed and authorized representatives have access to and the right to examine pertinent books,

documents, papers, and records of the vendor as related to any contract resulting from the RFP until six years after final payment has been made.

Accounting System

The vendor shall maintain an accounting system for purposes of audit and examination of any books, documents, papers, and records maintained in support of the contract resulting from this RFP.

Upon prior notice, the OA or its representatives will have access to such records, information, and data furnished to, prepared, or used by the selected proposer. Proposer will not make such records and information public, or otherwise make them available to any individual or organization, without the prior written consent of the OA.

Time and Manner of Payment

The vendor shall be paid by the City by the applicable required payment date provided pursuant to Section 4-06 of the PPB Rules, subject to audit by the City Comptroller pursuant to applicable law. In the event the vendor has not been paid by such required payment date, and the vendor's invoice is not being audited by the Comptroller, then the vendor, if entitled to interest pursuant to such PPB Rules, may receive interest on the late payment at the maximum amount allowed by law or such lower interest rate as may be set jointly by the City Comptroller and the New York City Office of Management and Budget.

Maintenance

The vendor shall provide on-going support services, such as providing guidance on the financial impact of any new legislation, benefit changes, assumption changes, etc., on a timely basis.

Notification of Selection

After a proposal has been selected, the name of the selected proposer will be posted on the OA website.

By issuing this RFP the OA is not obligated to award a contract.

Disclaimer

The OA is not liable for any costs incurred by proposers in the preparation of proposals or for any work performed prior to the designated commencement date of the executed contract.

Confidentiality

All documents, reports, computer software, paper, and other materials (Papers), except for those generally available to the public, which are provided to the vendor by the OA, and any copies of any such Papers (including all information contained in such Papers as may be reproduced or otherwise procured by the vendor), and all Papers and other work product produced by the vendor in connection with this agreement, shall be deemed and shall remain exclusive property of the OA and shall be available to the OA upon its request.

In the event the vendor does breach the aforementioned terms, the vendor shall not be relieved of liability to the OA for damages sustained by the OA by virtue of the breach of the agreement.

Conflict of Interest

If a proposer becomes a vendor to the OA, such vendor will need to be sensitive to potential conflicts of interest. For example, a vendor could be precluded, absent the approval of the OA, from accepting certain assignments with the City, other entities affiliated with the City, or the NYCERS.

Additional Disclosures

Proposer's Right to Appeal

Pursuant to the New York City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules, proposers have the right to appeal Agency non-responsiveness determinations and Agency non-responsibility determinations, and to protest an Agency's determination regarding the solicitation or award of a contract. A copy of the PPB Rules may be obtained by downloading the Rules at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/mocs/downloads/Regulations/PPB/PPBRules2023.pdf>.

Unfairness in the Proposal Process

The New York City Comptroller is charged with the audit of contracts in the City. Any vendor who believes that there has been unfairness, favoritism, or impropriety in the proposal process should inform the Comptroller, Office of Contract Administration, 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007; telephone number (212) 669-2323.

News Release

The proposer must not release any news or make any statements through any means to the public, press, or other media relating to matters pertinent to the proposal, contract, or reports to the OA without prior approval of the RFP Engagement Contact.

Commencement of Work

Work will commence promptly after all the appropriate approvals as required by the PPB Rules, and after the contract has been executed and registered with the New York City Office of the Comptroller.

Independent Fee Determination and Guidelines

By submission of the proposal, the proposer certifies that fee offerings have been arrived at independently.

Matter of Public Record

Reports prepared as a result of the services requested herein, unless restricted or otherwise protected by law, will be matters of public record.

Appendix A - Tax Identification and Affirmation Form

A F F I R M A T I O N

The undersigned proposer or bidder affirms and declares that said proposer or bidder is not in arrears to the City of New York upon debt, contract or taxes and is not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon obligation to the City of New York, and has not been declared not responsible, or disqualified, by any agency of the City of New York, nor is there any proceeding pending relating to the responsibility or qualification of the proposer or bidder to receive public contracts except

Full name of proposer or bidder

Address_____

City_____ State_____

Zip_____

CHECK ONE AND INCLUDE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

- () A Individual or Sole Proprietorship
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
- () B Partnership, Joint Venture or other unincorporated organization
Employer Identification Number _____
- () C Corporation
Employer Identification Number _____

By:_____

Signature

Title

(Must be signed by an officer or duly authorized representative.)

If a corporation, place seal here:

Under the Federal Privacy Act the furnishing of Social Security Number is by bidders on City contracts is voluntary. Failure to provide a Social Security Number will not result in a bidder's disqualification. Social Security Numbers will be used to identify bidders, proposers or vendors to ensure their compliance with laws, to assist the City in enforcement of laws as well as to provide the City a means of identifying businesses which seek City contracts.

Appendix B - Acknowledgement of Addenda Form

APPENDIX B

Acknowledgement of Addenda

Request to Provide OPEB Valuation and Actuarial Consulting Services for the New York City
Office of the Actuary

Directions: Complete Part I or II, whichever is applicable

Part I: Listed below are the dates of issue for each addendum received in connection with this RFP:

Addendum A, dated _____, 2023

Addendum B, dated _____, 2023

Addendum C, dated _____, 2023

Addendum D, dated _____, 2023

Addendum E, dated _____, 2023

Addendum F, dated _____, 2023

Addendum G, dated _____, 2023

Addendum H, dated _____, 2023

Addendum I, dated _____, 2023

Addendum J, dated _____, 2023

Addendum K, dated _____, 2023

Addendum L, dated _____, 2023

Part II: _____ No addenda was received in connection with this RFP

Proposer (name): _____

Proposer (signature): _____

Date: _____

Appendix C - Local Law 34 of 2007 - Doing Business Data Form

(please refer to the fillable PDF included separately on the OA website)

Doing Business Data Form

To be completed by the City agency prior to distribution

Agency _____ Transaction ID _____

Check One

☐ Proposal ☐ Award

Transaction Type (check one)

☐ Concession ☐ Economic Development Agreement ☐ Franchise ☐ Grant ☐ Pension Investment Contract ☐ Contract

Any entity receiving, applying for or proposing on an award or agreement must complete a Doing Business Data Form (see Q&A sheet for more information). Please either type responses directly into this fillable form or print answers by hand in black ink, and be sure to fill out the certification box on the last page. **Submission of a complete and accurate form is required for a proposal to be considered responsive or for any entity to receive an award or enter into an agreement.**

This Data Form requires information to be provided on principal officers, owners and senior managers. The name, employer and title of each person identified on the Data Form will be included in a public database of people who do business with the City of New York, as will the organizations that own 10% or more of the entity. No other information reported on this form will be disclosed to the public. **This Data Form is not related to the City's PASSPort registration or VENDEX requirements.**

Please return the completed Data Form to the City office that supplied it. Please contact the Doing Business Accountability Project at DoingBusiness@mocs.nyc.gov or 212-788-8104 with any questions regarding this Data Form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Entity Information

If you are completing this form by hand, please print clearly.

Entity EIN/TIN _____ Entity Name _____

Filing Status

NEW: Data Forms submitted now must include the listing of **organizations**, as well as individuals, with 10% or more ownership of the entity. Until such certification of ownership is submitted through a change, new or update form, a no change form will not be accepted.

(Select One)

- ☐ Entity has never completed a Doing Business Data Form. Fill out the entire form.
- ☐ Change from previous Data Form dated _____. Fill out only those sections that have changed, and indicate the name of the persons who no longer hold positions with the entity.
- ☐ No Change from previous Data Form dated _____. Skip to the bottom of the last page.

Entity is a Non-Profit

☐ Yes

☐ No

Entity Type ☐ Corporation (any type) ☐ Joint Venture ☐ LLC ☐ Partnership (any type) ☐ Sole Proprietor ☐ Other (specify) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Provide your e-mail address in order to receive notices regarding this form by e-mail.

Principal Officers

Please fill in the required identification information for each officer listed below. If the entity has no such officer or its equivalent, please check "This position does not exist." If the entity is filing a Change Form and the person listed is replacing someone who was previously disclosed, please check "This person replaced..." and fill in the name of the person being replaced so his/her name can be removed from the *Doing Business Database*, and indicate the date that the change became effective.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or equivalent officer

The highest ranking officer or manager, such as the President, Executive Director, Sole Proprietor or Chairperson of the Board.

☐ This position does not exist

First Name _____ MI _____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

☐ This person replaced former CEO _____ on date _____

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or equivalent officer

The highest ranking financial officer, such as the Treasurer, Comptroller, Financial Director or VP for Finance.

☐ This position does not exist

First Name _____ MI _____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

☐ This person replaced former CFO _____ on date _____

Chief Operating Officer (COO) or equivalent officer

The highest ranking operational officer, such as the Chief Planning Officer, Director of Operations or VP for Operations.

☐ This position does not exist

First Name _____ MI _____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

☐ This person replaced former COO _____ on date _____

Principal Owners

Please fill in the required identification information for all individuals or organizations that, through stock shares, partnership agreements or other means, **own or control 10% or more of the entity**. If no individual or organization owners exist, please check the appropriate box to indicate why and skip to the **Senior Managers** section. If the entity is owned by other companies that control 10% or more of the entity, those companies must be listed. If an owner was identified on the previous page, fill in his/her name and write "See above." If the entity is filing a Change Form, list any individuals or organizations that are no longer owners at the bottom of this section. If more space is needed, attach additional pages labeled "Additional Owners."

There are no owners listed because (select one):

☐ The entity is not-for-profit ☐ The entity is an individual ☐ No individual or organization owns 10% or more of the entity

Other (explain) _____

Individual Owners (who own or control 10% or more of the entity)

First Name _____ MI ____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

First Name _____ MI ____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

Organization Owners (that own or control 10% or more of the entity)

Organization Name _____

Organization Name _____

Organization Name _____

Remove the following previously-reported Principal Owners

Name _____ Removal Date _____

Name _____ Removal Date _____

Name _____ Removal Date _____

Senior Managers

Please fill in the required identification information for all senior managers who oversee any of the entity's relevant transactions with the City (e.g., contract managers if this form is for a contract award/proposal, grant managers if for a grant, etc.). Senior managers include anyone who, either by title or duties, has substantial discretion and high-level oversight regarding the solicitation, letting or administration of any transaction with the City. At least one senior manager must be listed, or the Data Form will be considered incomplete. If a senior manager has been identified on a previous page, fill in his/her name and write "See above." If the entity is filing a Change Form, list individuals who are no longer senior managers at the bottom of this section. If more space is needed, attach additional pages labeled "Additional Senior Managers."

Senior Managers

First Name _____ MI ____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

First Name _____ MI ____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

First Name _____ MI ____ Last _____ Birth Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Office Title _____ Employer (if not employed by entity) _____

Home Address _____

Remove the following previously-reported Senior Managers

Name _____ removal date _____

Name _____ removal date _____

Certification

I certify that the information submitted on these two pages and _____ additional pages is accurate and complete. I understand that willful or fraudulent submission of a materially false statement may result in the entity being found non-responsible and therefore denied future City awards.

Name _____ Title _____

Entity Name _____ Work Phone # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the City agency that supplied it to you, not to the Doing Business Accountability Project.

Standard Form

Appendix D - Subcontractor Utilization Plan

Tax ID #: _____

APT E-
PIN #: _____

SCHEDULE B – M/WBE Utilization Plan

Part I: M/WBE Participation Goals

Part I to be completed by contracting agency

Contract Overview

APT E- Pin # _____ FMS Project ID#: _____
Project Title/ Agency _____
PIN # _____
Bid/Proposal _____
Response Date _____
Contracting Agency _____
Agency Address _____ City _____ State NY Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____ Title _____
Telephone # _____ Email _____

Project Description *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

M/WBE Participation Goals for Services

Enter the percentage amount for each group or for an unspecified goal. Please note that there are no goals for Asian Americans in Professional Services.

Prime Contract Industry: _____

Group	Percentage
<u>Unspecified</u>	<u>%</u>
or	
Black American	<u>%</u>
Hispanic American	<u>%</u>
Asian American	<u>%</u>
Women	<u>%</u>
Total Participation Goals	%

Line 1

SCHEDULE B - Part II: M/WBE Participation Plan**Part II to be completed by the bidder/proposer.**

Please note: For Non-M/WBE Prime Contractors who will NOT subcontract any services and will self-perform the entire contract, you must obtain a FULL waiver by completing the Waiver Application on pages 5 and 6 and timely submitting it to the contracting agency pursuant to the Notice to Prospective Contractors. Once a FULL WAIVER is granted, it must be included with your bid or proposal and you do not have to complete or submit this form with your bid or proposal.

Section I: Prime Contractor Contact Information

Tax ID # _____	FMS Vendor ID # _____
Business Name _____	Contact Person _____
Address _____	
Telephone # _____	Email _____

Section II: M/WBE Utilization Goal Calculation: Check the applicable box and complete subsection.**PRIME CONTRACTOR ADOPTING AGENCY M/WBE PARTICIPATION GOALS**

<input type="checkbox"/> For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Agency M/WBE Participation Goals. Calculate the total dollar value of your total bid that you agree will be awarded to M/WBE subcontractors for services and/or credited to an M/WBE prime contractor or Qualified Joint Venture. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation.	Total Bid/Proposal Value		Agency Total Participation Goals (Line 1, Page 1)		Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount
	\$	X		=	\$ Line 2

PRIME CONTRACTOR OBTAINED PARTIAL WAIVER APPROVAL: ADOPTING MODIFIED M/WBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

<input type="checkbox"/> For Prime Contractors (including Qualified Joint Ventures and M/WBE firms) adopting Modified M/WBE Participation Goals. Calculate the total dollar value of your total bid that you agree will be awarded to M/WBE subcontractors for services and/or credited to an M/WBE prime contractor or Qualified Joint Venture. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation.	Total Bid/Proposal Value		Adjusted Participation Goal (From Partial Waiver)		Calculated M/WBE Participation Amount
	\$	X		=	\$ Line 3

Section III: M/WBE Utilization Plan: How Proposer/Bidder Will Fulfill M/WBE Participation Goals. Please review the Notice to Prospective Contractors for more information on how to obtain credit for M/WBE participation. Check applicable box. The Proposer or Bidder will fulfill the M/WBE Participation Goals:

☐ As an M/WBE Prime Contractor that will self-perform and/or subcontract to other M/WBE firms a portion of the contract the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non-M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals. Please check all that apply to Prime Contractor:

☐ MBE ☐ WBE

☐ As a Qualified Joint Venture with an M/WBE partner, in which the value of the M/WBE partner's participation and/or the value of any work subcontracted to other M/WBE firms is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable. The value of any work subcontracted to non M/WBE firms will not be credited towards fulfillment of M/WBE Participation Goals.

☐ As a non M/WBE Prime Contractor that will enter into subcontracts with M/WBE firms the value of which is at least the amount located on Lines 2 or 3 above, as applicable.

Section IV: General Contract Information

What is the expected percentage of the total contract dollar value that you expect to award in subcontracts for services, regardless of M/WBE status? % _____

Enter brief description of the type(s) and dollar value of subcontracts for all/any services you plan on subcontracting if awarded this contract. For each item, indicate whether the work is designated for participation by MBEs and/or WBEs and the time frame in which such work is scheduled to begin and end. Use additional sheets if necessary.

✓ Scopes of Subcontract Work

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____

Section V: Vendor Certification and Required Affirmations

I hereby:

- 1) acknowledge my understanding of the M/WBE participation requirements as set forth herein and the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York ("Section 6-129"), and the rules promulgated thereunder;*
- 2) affirm that the information supplied in support of this M/WBE Utilization Plan is true and correct;*
- 3) agree, if awarded this Contract, to comply with the M/WBE participation requirements of this Contract, the pertinent provisions of Section 6-129, and the rules promulgated thereunder, all of which shall be deemed to be material terms of this Contract;*
- 4) agree and affirm that it is a material term of this Contract that the Vendor will award the total dollar value of the M/WBE Participation Goals to certified MBEs and/or WBEs, unless a full waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency; and*
- 5) agree and affirm, if awarded this Contract, to make all reasonable, good faith efforts to meet the M/WBE Participation Goals, or If a partial waiver is obtained or such goals are modified by the Agency, to meet the modified Participation Goals by soliciting and obtaining the participation of certified MBE and/or WBE firms.*

Signature _____**Date** _____**Print Name** _____**Title** _____

SCHEDULE B – PART III – REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

Contract Overview

Tax ID # _____	FMS Vendor ID # _____
Business Name _____	
Contact Name _____	Telephone # _____ Email _____
Type of Procurement <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Sealed Bids <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Bid/Response Due Date _____
APT E-PIN # (for this procurement): _____	Contracting Agency: _____

M/WBE Participation Goals as described in bid/solicitation documents

_____ %
Agency M/WBE Participation Goal

Proposed M/WBE Participation Goal as anticipated by vendor seeking waiver

_____ % of the total contract value anticipated in good faith by the bidder/proposer to be subcontracted for services and/or credited to an M/WBE Prime Contractor or Qualified Joint Venture.

Basis for Waiver Request: Check appropriate box & explain in detail below (attach additional pages if needed)

- ☐ Vendor does not subcontract services, and has the capacity and good faith intention to perform all such work itself with its own employees.
- ☐ Vendor subcontracts some of this type of work but at a lower % than bid/solicitation describes, and has the capacity and good faith intention to do so on this contract. (Attach subcontracting plan outlining services that the vendor will self-perform and subcontract to other vendors or consultants.)
- ☐ Vendor has other legitimate business reasons for proposing the M/WBE Participation Goal above. Explain under separate cover.

References

List 3 most recent contracts performed for NYC agencies (if any). Include information for each subcontract awarded in performance of such contracts. Add more pages if necessary.

CONTRACT NO. _____	AGENCY _____	DATE COMPLETED _____
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____
CONTRACT NO. _____	AGENCY _____	DATE COMPLETED _____
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____
CONTRACT NO. _____	AGENCY _____	DATE COMPLETED _____
Total Contract Amount \$ _____	Total Amount Subcontracted \$ _____	
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract _____

List 3 most recent contracts performed for other entities. Include information for each subcontract awarded in performance of such contracts. Add more pages if necessary.

(Complete ONLY if vendor has performed fewer than 3 New York City contracts.)

TYPE OF Contract	ENTITY	DATE COMPLETED
Manager at entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)		
Total Contract Amount \$	Total Amount Subcontracted \$	
Type of Work Subcontracted		

TYPE OF Contract	AGENCY/ENTITY	DATE COMPLETED
Manager at agency/entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)		
Total Contract Amount \$	Total Amount Subcontracted \$	
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract

TYPE OF Contract	AGENCY/ENTITY	DATE COMPLETED
Manager at entity that hired vendor (Name/Phone No./Email)		
Total Contract Amount \$	Total Amount Subcontracted \$	
Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract	Item of Work Subcontracted and Value of subcontract

VENDOR CERTIFICATION: I hereby affirm that the information supplied in support of this waiver request is true and correct, and that this request is made in good faith.

Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	Title:

Shaded area below is for agency completion only

AGENCY CHIEF CONTRACTING OFFICER APPROVAL	
Signature:	Date:
CITY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER APPROVAL	
Signature:	Date:

Waiver Determination

Full Waiver Approved: ☐

Waiver Denied: ☐

Partial Waiver Approved: ☐

Revised Participation Goal: _____%

Appendix E – Sample Contract Language

APPENDIX E

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ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Definitions

The following words and expressions, or pronouns used in their stead, shall, wherever they appear in this Agreement, be construed as follows, unless a different meaning is clear from the context:

A. “Agency Chief Contracting Officer” or “ACCO” means the position delegated authority by the Agency Head to organize and supervise the procurement activity of subordinate Agency staff in conjunction with the City Chief Procurement Officer.

B. “Agreement” means the various documents, including this Appendix A, that constitute the contract between the Contractor and the City.

C. “City” means the City of New York.

D. “City Chief Procurement Officer” or “CCPO” means the position delegated authority by the Mayor to coordinate and oversee the procurement activity of Mayoral agency staff, including the ACCOs.

E. “Commissioner” or “Agency Head” means the head of the Department or his or her duly authorized representative. The term “duly authorized representative” shall include any person or persons acting within the limits of his or her authority.

F. “Comptroller” means the Comptroller of the City of New York.

G. “Contractor” means the entity entering into this Agreement with the City.

H. “Days” means calendar days unless otherwise specifically noted to mean business days.

I. “Department” or “Agency” means the City agency or office through which the City has entered into this Agreement.

J. “Law” or “Laws” means the New York City Charter (“Charter”), the New York City Administrative Code (“Admin. Code”), a local rule of the City of New York, the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York, a statute of the United States or of the State of New York and any ordinance, rule or regulation having the force of law and adopted pursuant thereto, as amended, and common law.

K. “Procurement Policy Board” or “PPB” means the board established pursuant to Charter § 311 whose function is to establish comprehensive and consistent procurement policies and rules that have broad application throughout the City.

L. “PPB Rules” means the rules of the Procurement Policy Board as set forth in Title 9 of the Rules of the City of New York (“RCNY”), § 1-01 *et seq.*

M. “SBS” means the New York City Department of Small Business Services.

N. “State” means the State of New York.

ARTICLE 2 – REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND DISCLOSURES

Section 2.01 Procurement of Agreement

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that, with respect to securing or soliciting this Agreement, the Contractor is in compliance with the requirements of the New York State Lobbying Law (Legislative Law §§ 1-a *et seq.*). The Contractor makes such representation and warranty to induce the City to enter into this Agreement and the City relies upon such representation and warranty in the execution of this Agreement.

B. For any breach or violation of the representation and warranty set forth in Paragraph A above, the Commissioner shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, entitling the City to recover all monies paid to the Contractor; and the Contractor shall not make claim for, or be entitled to recover, any sum or sums due under this Agreement. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this Section 2.01(B) are not exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies allowed by Law or under this Agreement.

Section 2.02 Conflicts of Interest

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its directors, officers, members, partners or employees, has any interest nor shall they acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which conflicts in any manner or degree with the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor further represents and warrants that no person having such interest or possible interest shall be employed by or connected with the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.

B. Consistent with Charter § 2604 and other related provisions of the Charter, the Admin. Code and the New York State Penal Law, no elected official or other officer or employee of the City, nor any person whose salary is payable, in whole or in part, from the City Treasury, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership or other entity in which he or she is, directly or indirectly, interested; nor shall any such official, officer, employee, or person have any interest in, or in the proceeds of, this Agreement. This Section 2.02(B) shall not prevent directors, officers, members, partners, or employees of the Contractor from participating in decisions relating to this Agreement where their sole personal interest is in the Contractor.

C. The Contractor shall not employ a person or permit a person to serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer of the Contractor if such employment or service would violate Chapter 68 of the Charter.

Section 2.03 Certification Relating to Fair Practices

A. The Contractor and each person signing on its behalf certifies, under penalties of perjury, that to the best of its, his or her knowledge and belief:

1. The prices and other material terms set forth in this Agreement have been arrived at independently, without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement with any other bidder or proposer or with any competitor as to any matter relating to such prices or terms for the purpose of restricting competition;

2. Unless otherwise required by Law or where a schedule of rates or prices is uniformly established by a government agency through regulation, policy, or directive, the prices and other material terms set forth in this Agreement that have been quoted in this Agreement and on the bid or proposal submitted by the Contractor have not been knowingly disclosed by the Contractor, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or proposer or to any competitor prior to the bid or proposal opening; and

3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Contractor to induce any other person or entity to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

B. The fact that the Contractor (i) has published price lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (ii) has informed prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or revised price lists for such items, or (iii) has sold the same items to other customers at the same prices and/or terms being bid or proposed, does not constitute, without more, a disclosure within the meaning of this Section 2.03.

Section 2.04 Disclosures Relating to Vendor Responsibility

The Contractor represents and warrants that it has duly executed and filed all disclosures as applicable, in accordance with Admin. Code § 6-116.2, PPB Rule § 2-08, and the policies and procedures of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. The Contractor acknowledges that the Department's reliance on the completeness and veracity of the information stated therein is a material condition to the execution of this Agreement, and the Contractor represents and warrants that the information it and its principals have provided is accurate and complete.

Section 2.05 Disclosure Relating to Bankruptcy and Reorganization

If the Contractor files for bankruptcy or reorganization under Chapter Seven or Chapter Eleven of the United States Bankruptcy Code, the Contractor shall disclose such action to the Department within seven days of filing.

Section 2.06 Authority to Execute Agreement

The Contractor represents and warrants that: (i) its execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part; (ii) it has all necessary power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) once executed and delivered, this Agreement will constitute its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE 3 - ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

Section 3.01 Assignment

A. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, or otherwise dispose of this Agreement, or the right to execute it, or the right, title, or interest in or to it or any part of it, or assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the monies due or to become due under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Commissioner. The giving of any such consent to a particular assignment shall not dispense with the necessity of such consent to any further or other assignments. Any such assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition without such written consent shall be void.

B. Before entering into any such assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposal of this Agreement, the Contractor shall submit a written request for approval to the Department giving the name and address of the proposed assignee. The proposed assignee's disclosure that is required by PPB Rule § 2-08(e) must be submitted within 30 Days after the ACCO has granted preliminary written approval of the proposed assignee, if required. Upon the request of the Department, the Contractor shall provide any other information demonstrating that the proposed assignee has the necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience, and financial resources to perform the specified services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Department shall make a final determination in writing approving or disapproving the assignee after receiving all requested information.

C. Failure to obtain the prior written consent to such an assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition may result in the revocation and annulment of this Agreement, at the option of the Commissioner. The City shall thereupon be relieved and discharged from any further liability and obligation to the Contractor, its assignees, or transferees, who shall forfeit all monies earned under this Agreement, except so much as may be necessary to pay the Contractor's employees.

D. The provisions of this Section 3.01 shall not hinder, prevent, or affect an assignment by the Contractor for the benefit of its creditors made pursuant to the Laws of the State.

E. This Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part, by the City to any corporation, agency, or instrumentality having authority to accept such assignment. The City shall provide the Contractor with written notice of any such assignment.

Section 3.02 Subcontracting

A. In accordance with PPB Rule § 4-13, all subcontractors must be approved by the Department prior to commencing work under a subcontract.

1. *Approval when subcontract is \$20,000 or less.* The Department hereby grants approval for all subcontractors providing services covered by this Agreement pursuant to a subcontract in an amount that does not exceed \$20,000.00. The Contractor must submit monthly reports to the Department listing all such subcontractors and shall list the subcontractor in the City's Payee Information Portal (www.nyc.gov/pip).

2. *Approval when subcontract is greater than \$20,000.*

a. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for an amount greater than \$20,000.00 without the prior approval by the Department of the subcontractor.

b. Prior to entering into any subcontract for an amount greater than \$20,000.00, the Contractor shall submit a written request for the approval of the proposed subcontractor to the Department giving the name and address of the proposed subcontractor, the portion of the work and materials that it is to perform and furnish, and the estimated cost of the subcontract. If the subcontractor is providing professional services under this Agreement for which professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance is reasonably commercially available, the Contractor shall submit proof of professional liability insurance in the amount required by Article 7. In addition, the Contractor shall list the proposed subcontractor in the City's Payee Information Portal (www.nyc.gov/pip) and provide the following information: maximum subcontract value, description of subcontractor work, start and end date of the subcontract, and the subcontractor's industry.¹

c. Upon receipt the information required above, the Department in its discretion may grant or deny preliminary approval for the Contractor to contract with the subcontractor.

¹ Assistance establishing a Payee Information Portal account and using the system may be obtained by emailing the Financial Information Services Agency Help Desk at pip@fisa.nyc.gov.

d. The Department shall notify the Contractor within 30 Days whether preliminary approval has been granted. If preliminary approval is granted, the Contractor shall provide such documentation as may be requested by the Department to show that the proposed subcontractor has the necessary facilities, skill, integrity, past experience and financial resources to perform the required work, including, the proposed subcontract and/or any of the items listed in PPB Rule 4-13(d)(3).

e. Upon receipt of all relevant documentation, the Department shall notify the Contractor in writing whether the proposed subcontractor is approved. If the proposed subcontractor is not approved, the Contractor may submit another proposed subcontractor unless the Contractor decides to do the work. No subcontractor shall be permitted to perform work unless approved by the Department.

f. For proposed subcontracts that do not exceed \$25,000.00, the Department's approval shall be deemed granted if the Department does not issue a written approval or disapproval within 45 Days of the Department's receipt of the written request for approval or, if PPB Rule 2-08(e) is applicable, within 45 Days of the Department's acknowledged receipt of fully completed disclosures for the subcontractor.

B. All subcontracts must be in writing. All subcontracts shall contain provisions specifying that:

1. The work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the City and the Contractor;

2. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor shall impair the rights of the City;

3. Nothing contained in the agreement between the Contractor and the subcontractor, or under the Agreement between the City and the Contractor, shall create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and the City; and

4. The subcontractor specifically agrees to be bound by Section 4.05(D) and Article 5 of this Appendix A and specifically agrees that the City may enforce such provisions directly against the subcontractor as if the City were a party to the subcontract.

C. The Contractor agrees that it is as fully responsible to the Department for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by such subcontractors as it is for the acts and omissions of any person directly employed by it.

D. For determining the value of a subcontract, all subcontracts with the same subcontractor shall be aggregated.

E. The Department may revoke the approval of a subcontractor granted or deemed granted pursuant to Section 3.02(A) if revocation is deemed to be in the interest of the City in writing on no less than 10 Days' notice unless a shorter period is warranted by considerations of health, safety, integrity issues, or other similar factors. Upon the effective date of such revocation, the Contractor shall cause the subcontractor to cease all work under the Agreement. The City shall not incur any further obligation for services performed by such subcontractor pursuant to this Agreement beyond the effective date of the revocation. The City shall pay for services provided by the subcontractor in accordance with this Agreement prior to the effective date of revocation.

F. The Department's approval of a subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities, duties, and liabilities under this Agreement. At the request of the Department, the Contractor shall provide the Department a copy of any subcontract.

G. Individual employer-employee contracts are not subcontracts subject to the requirements of this Section 3.02.

H. The Contractor shall report in the City's Payee Information Portal payments made to each subcontractor within 30 days of making the payment. If any of the information provided in accordance with Section 3.02(A)(2)(b) changes during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall update the information in such Portal accordingly. Failure of the Contractor to list a subcontractor and/or to report subcontractor payments in a timely fashion may result in the Department declaring the Contractor in default of the Agreement and will subject Contractor to liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 per day for each day that the Contractor fails to identify a subcontractor along with the required information about the subcontractor and/or fails to report payments to a subcontractor, beyond the time frames set forth herein or in the notice from the City.

ARTICLE 4 - LABOR PROVISIONS

Section 4.01 Independent Contractor Status

The Contractor and the City agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, subsidiary, affiliate, division, department, agency, office, or unit of the City. Accordingly, the Contractor and its employees, officers, and agents shall not, by reason of this Agreement or any performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, assert the existence of any relationship or status on the part of the Contractor, with respect to the City, that differs from or is inconsistent with that of an independent contractor.

Section 4.02 Employees and Subcontractors

All persons who are employed by the Contractor and all the Contractor's subcontractors (including without limitation, consultants and independent contractors) that are retained to perform services under or in connection with this Agreement are neither employees of the City nor under contract with the City. The Contractor, and not the City, is responsible for their work, direction, compensation, and personal conduct while the Contractor is engaged under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, and no entity or person's performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, shall create any relationship between the City and the Contractor's employees, agents, subcontractors, or subcontractor's employees or agents (including without limitation, a contractual relationship, employer-employee relationship, or quasi-employer/quasi-employee relationship) or impose any liability or duty on the City (i) for or on account of the acts, omissions, liabilities, rights or obligations of the Contractor, its employees or agents, its subcontractors, or its subcontractor's employees or agents (including without limitation, obligations set forth in any collective bargaining agreement); or (ii) for taxes of any nature; or (iii) for any right or benefit applicable to an official or employee of the City or to any officer, agent, or employee of the Contractor or any other entity (including without limitation, Workers' Compensation coverage, Employers' Liability coverage, Disability Benefits coverage, Unemployment Insurance benefits, Social Security coverage, employee health and welfare benefits or employee retirement benefits, membership or credit). The Contractor and its employees, officers, and agents shall not, by reason of this Agreement or any performance pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, (i) hold themselves out as, or claim to be, officials or employees of the City, including any department, agency, office, or unit of the City, or (ii) make or support in any way on behalf of or for the benefit of the Contractor, its employees, officers, or agents any demand, application, or claim upon or against the City for any right or benefit applicable to an official or employee of the City or to any officer, agent, or employee of the Contractor or any other entity. Except as specifically stated in this Agreement, nothing in the Agreement and no performance pursuant to or in connection with the Agreement shall impose any liability or duty on the City to any person or entity whatsoever.

Section 4.03 Removal of Individuals Performing Work

The Contractor shall not have anyone perform work under this Agreement who is not competent, faithful, and skilled in the work for which he or she shall be employed. Whenever the Commissioner shall inform the Contractor, in writing, that any individual is, in his or her opinion, incompetent, unfaithful, or unskilled, such individual shall no longer perform work under this Agreement. Prior to making a determination to direct a Contractor that an individual shall no longer perform work under this Agreement, the Commissioner shall provide the Contractor an opportunity to be heard on no less than five Days' written notice. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to prohibit the individual from performing work under the Agreement pending the opportunity to be heard and the Commissioner's determination.

Section 4.04 Minimum Wage; Living Wage

A. Except for those employees whose minimum wage is required to be fixed in accordance with N.Y. Labor Law §§ 220 or 230 or by Admin. Code § 6-109, all persons employed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be paid, without subsequent deduction or rebate, unless expressly authorized by Law, not less than the minimum wage as prescribed by Law. Any breach of this Section 4.04 shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

B. If this Agreement involves the provision of homecare services, day care services, head start services, services to persons with cerebral palsy, building services, food services, or temporary services, as those services are defined in Admin. Code § 6-109 (“Section 6-109”), in accordance with Section 6-109, the Contractor agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of Section 6-109, including, where applicable, the payment of either a prevailing wage or a living wage, as those terms are defined in Section 6-109.

2. The Contractor shall not retaliate, discharge, demote, suspend, take adverse employment action in the terms and conditions of employment or otherwise discriminate against any employee for reporting or asserting a violation of Section 6-109, for seeking or communicating information regarding rights conferred by Section 6-109, for exercising any other rights protected under Section 6-109, or for participating in any investigatory or court proceeding relating to Section 6-109. This protection shall also apply to any employee or his or her representative who in good faith alleges a violation of Section 6-109, or who seeks or communicates information regarding rights conferred by Section 6-109 in circumstances where he or she in good faith believes it applies.

3. The Contractor shall maintain original payroll records for each of its covered employees reflecting the days and hours worked on contracts, projects, or assignments that are subject to the requirements of Section 6-109, and the wages paid and benefits provided for such hours worked. The Contractor shall maintain these records for the duration of the term of this Agreement and shall retain them for a period of four years after completion of this Agreement. For contracts involving building services, food services, or temporary services, the Contractor shall submit copies of payroll records, certified by the Contractor under penalty of perjury to be true and accurate, to the Department with every requisition for payment. For contracts involving homecare, day care, head start or services to persons with cerebral palsy, the Contractor shall submit either certified payroll records or categorical information about the wages, benefits, and job classifications of covered employees of the Contractor, and of any subcontractors, which shall be the substantial equivalent of the information required in Section 6-109(2)(a)(iii).

4. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all covered employees by check and shall provide employees check stubs or other documentation at least once each month containing information sufficient to document compliance with the requirements of the Living Wage Law concerning living wages, prevailing wages, supplements, and health benefits. In addition, if this Agreement is for an amount greater than \$1,000,000.00, checks issued by the Contractor to covered employees shall be generated by a payroll service or automated payroll system (an in-house system may be used if approved by the Department). For any subcontract for an amount greater than \$750,000.00, checks issued by a subcontractor to covered employees shall be generated by a payroll service or automated payroll system (an in-house system may be used if approved by the Department).

5. The Department will provide written notices to the Contractor, prepared by the Comptroller, detailing the wages, benefits, and other protections to which covered employees are entitled under Section 6-109. Such notices will be provided in English, Spanish and other languages spoken by ten percent or more of a covered employer's covered employees. Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall post in a prominent and accessible place at every work site and provide each covered employee a copy of the written notices provided by the Department. The Contractor shall provide the notices to its subcontractors and require them to be posted and provided to each covered employee.

6. The Contractor shall ensure that its subcontractors comply with the requirements of Section 6-109, and shall provide written notification to its subcontractors of those requirements. All subcontracts made by the Contractor shall be in writing and shall include provisions relating to the wages, supplements, and health benefits required by Section 6-109. No work may be performed by a subcontractor employing covered employees prior to the Contractor entering into a written subcontract with the subcontractor.

7. Each year throughout the term of the Agreement and whenever requesting the Department's approval of a subcontractor, the Contractor shall submit to the Department an updated certification, as required by Section 6-109 and in the form of the certification attached to this Agreement, identifying any changes to the current certification.

8. Failure to comply with the requirements of Section 6-109 may, in the discretion of the Department, constitute a material breach by the Contractor of the terms of this Agreement. If the Contractor and/or subcontractor receives written notice of such a breach and fails to cure such breach within 30 Days, the City shall have the right to pursue any rights or remedies available under this Agreement or under applicable law, including termination of the Agreement. If the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with any of the requirements of Section 6-109 and fails to cure such failure in accordance with the preceding sentence, and there is a continued need for the service, the City may obtain from another source the required service as specified in the original Agreement, or

any part thereof, and may charge the Contractor for any difference in price resulting from the alternative arrangements, and may, as appropriate, invoke such other sanctions as are available under the Agreement and applicable law. In addition, the Contractor agrees to pay for all costs incurred by the City in enforcing the requirements of Section 6-109, including the cost of any investigation conducted by or on behalf of the Department or the Comptroller, where the City discovers that the Contractor or its subcontractor(s) failed to comply with the requirements of this Section 4.04(B) or of Section 6-109. The Contractor also agrees, that should it fail or refuse to pay for any such investigation, the Department is hereby authorized to deduct from a Contractor's account an amount equal to the cost of such investigation.

Section 4.05 Non-Discrimination in Employment

A. General Prohibition. To the extent required by law, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of actual or perceived age, religion, religious practice, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses, familial status, partnership status, marital status, caregiver status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, disability, presence of a service animal, predisposing genetic characteristics, race, color, national origin (including ancestry), alienage, citizenship status, political activities or recreational activities as defined in N.Y. Labor Law 201-d, arrest or conviction record, credit history, military status, uniformed service, unemployment status, salary history, or any other protected class of individuals as defined by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities, due to pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, due to status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, or sex offenses, or due to religion.

B. N.Y. Labor Law § 220-e. If this Agreement is for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale, or distribution of materials, equipment, or supplies, the Contractor agrees, as required by N.Y. Labor Law § 220-e, that:

1. In the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this Agreement or any subcontract hereunder, neither the Contractor, subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such Contractor or subcontractor, shall by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin discriminate against any citizen of the State of New York who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

2. Neither the Contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his or her behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement on account of race, creed, color, disability, sex or national origin;

3. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the Contractor by the City under this Agreement a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person was discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of this Agreement; and

4. This Agreement may be terminated by the City, and all monies due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this Section 4.05.

The provisions of this Section 4.05(B) shall be limited to operations performed within the territorial limits of the State of New York.

C. Admin. Code § 6-108. If this Agreement is for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings or the construction or repair of streets or highways, or for the manufacture, sale, or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, the Contractor agrees, as required by Admin. Code § 6-108, that:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in the construction, alteration or repair of buildings or engaged in the construction or repair of streets or highways pursuant to a contract with the City or engaged in the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies pursuant to a contract with the City to refuse to employ or to refuse to continue in any employment any person on account of the race, color or creed of such person.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person or any servant, agent or employee of any person, described in Section 4.05(C)(1) above, to ask, indicate or transmit, orally or in writing, directly or indirectly, the race, color, creed or religious affiliation of any person employed or seeking employment from such person, firm or corporation.

Breach of the foregoing provisions shall be deemed a breach of a material provision of this Agreement.

Any person, or the employee, manager or owner of or officer of such firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section 4.05(C) shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 Days, or both.

D. E.O. 50 -- Equal Employment Opportunity

1. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of City Executive Order No. 50 (1980) ("E.O. 50"), as revised, and the rules set forth at 66 RCNY §§ 10-01 *et seq.* No agreement will be awarded unless and until these requirements have been complied with in their entirety. The Contractor agrees that it:

a. Will not discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability,

marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status with respect to all employment decisions including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, upgrading, demotion, downgrading, transfer, training, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, layoff, termination, and all other terms and conditions of employment;

b. Will not discriminate unlawfully in the selection of subcontractors on the basis of the owners', partners' or shareholders' race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or citizenship status;

c. Will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status, and that it is an equal employment opportunity employer;

d. Will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or memorandum of understanding, written notification of its equal employment opportunity commitments under E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

e. Will furnish before this Agreement is awarded all information and reports including an Employment Report which are required by E.O. 50, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and orders of the SBS, Division of Labor Services ("DLS"); and

f. Will permit DLS to have access to all relevant books, records, and accounts for the purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

2. The Contractor understands that in the event of its noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, such noncompliance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and noncompliance with E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. After a hearing held pursuant to the rules of DLS, the Director of DLS may direct the Commissioner to impose any or all of the following sanctions:

- a. Disapproval of the Contractor; and/or
- b. Suspension or termination of the Agreement; and/or
- c. Declaring the Contractor in default; and/or

d. In lieu of any of the foregoing sanctions, imposition of an employment program.

3. Failure to comply with E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder in one or more instances may result in the Department declaring the Contractor to be non-responsible.

4. The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of the foregoing Sections 4.05(D)(1)-(3) in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of \$100,000.00 to which it becomes a party unless exempted by E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Director of DLS as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. A supplier of unfinished products to the Contractor needed to produce the item contracted for shall not be considered a subcontractor or vendor for purposes of this Section 4.05(D)(4).

5. The Contractor further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any subcontract or modification thereof subject to E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with a subcontractor who is not in compliance with the requirements of E.O. 50 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. A supplier of unfinished products to the Contractor needed to produce the item contracted for shall not be considered a subcontractor for purposes of this Section 4.05(D)(5).

6. Nothing contained in this Section 4.05(D) shall be construed to bar any religious or denominational institution or organization, or any organization operated for charitable or educational purposes, that is operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, from lawfully limiting employment or lawfully giving preference to persons of the same religion or denomination or from lawfully making such selection as is calculated by such organization to promote the religious principles for which it is established or maintained.

Section 4.06 Paid Sick Leave Law

A. Introduction and General Provisions.

1. The Earned Sick Time Act, also known as the Paid Sick Leave Law ("PSLL"), requires covered employees who annually perform more than 80 hours of work in New York City to be provided with paid sick time.² Contractors of the City or of other governmental entities may be required to provide sick time pursuant to the PSLL.

² Pursuant to the PSLL, if fewer than five employees work for the same employer, as determined pursuant Admin. Code § 20-912(g), such employer has the option of providing such employees uncompensated sick time.

2. The PSLL became effective on April 1, 2014, and is codified at Title 20, Chapter 8, of the Admin. Code. It is administered by the City's Department of Consumer Affairs ("DCA"). DCA's rules promulgated under the PSLL are codified at Chapter 7 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York ("Rules").

3. The Contractor agrees to comply in all respects with the PSLL and the Rules, and as amended, if applicable, in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor further acknowledges that such compliance is a material term of this Agreement and that failure to comply with the PSLL in performance of this Agreement may result in its termination.

4. The Contractor must notify the ACCO in writing within 10 Days of receipt of a complaint (whether oral or written) regarding the PSLL involving the performance of this Agreement. Additionally, the Contractor must cooperate with DCA's education efforts and must comply with DCA's subpoenas and other document demands as set forth in the PSLL and Rules.

5. The PSLL is summarized below for the convenience of the Contractor. The Contractor is advised to review the PSLL and Rules in their entirety. On the website www.nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave there are links to the PSLL and the associated Rules as well as additional resources for employers, such as Frequently Asked Questions, timekeeping tools and model forms, and an event calendar of upcoming presentations and webinars at which the Contractor can get more information about how to comply with the PSLL. The Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for compliance with the PSLL notwithstanding any inconsistent language contained herein.

B. Pursuant to the PSLL and the Rules: Applicability, Accrual, and Use.

1. An employee who works within the City of New York for more than eighty hours in any consecutive 12-month period designated by the employer as its "calendar year" pursuant to the PSLL ("Year") must be provided sick time. Employers must provide a minimum of one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked by an employee and compensation for such sick time must be provided at the greater of the employee's regular hourly rate or the minimum wage. Employers are not required to provide more than 40 hours of sick time to an employee in any Year.

2. An employee has the right to determine how much sick time he or she will use, provided that employers may set a reasonable minimum increment for the use of sick time not to exceed four hours per Day. In addition, an employee may carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the following Year, provided that no employer is required to allow the use of more than 40 hours of sick time in a Year or carry over unused paid sick time if the employee is paid for such unused sick time and the employer provides the employee with at least the legally required amount of paid sick time for such employee for the immediately subsequent Year on the first Day of such Year.

3. An employee entitled to sick time pursuant to the PSLL may use sick time for any of the following:

a. such employee's mental illness, physical illness, injury, or health condition or the care of such illness, injury, or condition or such employee's need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;

b. such employee's care of a family member (an employee's child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent, or the child or parent of an employee's spouse or domestic partner) who has a mental illness, physical illness, injury or health condition or who has a need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;

c. closure of such employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; or

d. such employee's need to care for a child whose school or childcare provider has been closed due to a public health emergency.

4. An employer must not require an employee, as a condition of taking sick time, to search for a replacement. However, an employer may require an employee to provide: reasonable notice of the need to use sick time; reasonable documentation that the use of sick time was needed for a reason above if for an absence of more than three consecutive work days; and/or written confirmation that an employee used sick time pursuant to the PSLL. However, an employer may not require documentation specifying the nature of a medical condition or otherwise require disclosure of the details of a medical condition as a condition of providing sick time and health information obtained solely due to an employee's use of sick time pursuant to the PSLL must be treated by the employer as confidential.

5. If an employer chooses to impose any permissible discretionary requirement as a condition of using sick time, it must provide to all employees a written policy containing those requirements, using a delivery method that reasonably ensures that employees receive the policy. If such employer has not provided its written policy, it may not deny sick time to an employee because of non-compliance with such a policy.

6. Sick time to which an employee is entitled must be paid no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period beginning after the sick time was used.

C. *Exemptions and Exceptions.* Notwithstanding the above, the PSLL does not apply to any of the following:

1. an independent contractor who does not meet the definition of employee under N.Y. Labor Law § 190(2);

2. an employee covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect on April 1, 2014, until the termination of such agreement;
3. an employee in the construction or grocery industry covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement if the provisions of the PSLI are expressly waived in such collective bargaining agreement;
4. an employee covered by another valid collective bargaining agreement if such provisions are expressly waived in such agreement and such agreement provides a benefit comparable to that provided by the PSLI for such employee;
5. an audiologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or speech language pathologist who is licensed by the New York State Department of Education and who calls in for work assignments at will, determines his or her own schedule, has the ability to reject or accept any assignment referred to him or her, and is paid an average hourly wage that is at least four times the federal minimum wage;
6. an employee in a work study program under Section 2753 of Chapter 42 of the United States Code;
7. an employee whose work is compensated by a qualified scholarship program as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 117 of Chapter 20 of the United States Code; or
8. a participant in a Work Experience Program (WEP) under N.Y. Social Services Law § 336-c.

D. *Retaliation Prohibited.* An employer may not threaten or engage in retaliation against an employee for exercising or attempting in good faith to exercise any right provided by the PSLI. In addition, an employer may not interfere with any investigation, proceeding, or hearing pursuant to the PSLI.

E. *Notice of Rights.*

1. An employer must provide its employees with written notice of their rights pursuant to the PSLI. Such notice must be in English and the primary language spoken by an employee, provided that DCA has made available a translation into such language. Downloadable notices are available on DCA's website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/law/PaidSickLeave.shtml>.
2. Any person or entity that willfully violates these notice requirements is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$50.00 for each employee who was not given appropriate notice.

F. *Records.* An employer must retain records documenting its compliance with the PSLL for a period of at least three years, and must allow DCA to access such records in furtherance of an investigation related to an alleged violation of the PSLL.

G. *Enforcement and Penalties.*

1. Upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of the PSLL, DCA has the right to investigate such complaint and attempt to resolve it through mediation. Within 30 Days of written notification of a complaint by DCA, or sooner in certain circumstances, the employer must provide DCA with a written response and such other information as DCA may request. If DCA believes that a violation of the PSLL has occurred, it has the right to issue a notice of violation to the employer.

2. DCA has the power to grant an employee or former employee all appropriate relief as set forth in Admin. Code § 20-924(d). Such relief may include, among other remedies, treble damages for the wages that should have been paid, damages for unlawful retaliation, and damages and reinstatement for unlawful discharge. In addition, DCA may impose on an employer found to have violated the PSLL civil penalties not to exceed \$500.00 for a first violation, \$750.00 for a second violation within two years of the first violation, and \$1,000.00 for each succeeding violation within two years of the previous violation.

H. *More Generous Policies and Other Legal Requirements.* Nothing in the PSLL is intended to discourage, prohibit, diminish, or impair the adoption or retention of a more generous sick time policy, or the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement providing more generous sick time. The PSLL provides minimum requirements pertaining to sick time and does not preempt, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, rule, requirement, policy or standard that provides for greater accrual or use by employees of sick leave or time, whether paid or unpaid, or that extends other protections to employees. The PSLL may not be construed as creating or imposing any requirement in conflict with any federal or state law, rule, or regulation.

Section 4.07 Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act

A. In accordance with Local Laws 30 and 33 of 2012, codified at Admin. Code §§ 6-132 and 12-113, respectively,

1. Contractor shall not take an adverse personnel action with respect to an officer or employee in retaliation for such officer or employee making a report of information concerning conduct which such officer or employee knows or reasonably believes to involve corruption, criminal activity, conflict of interest, gross mismanagement or abuse of authority by any officer or employee relating to this Agreement to (i) the Commissioner of the Department of Investigation, (ii) a member of

the New York City Council, the Public Advocate, or the Comptroller, or (iii) the City Chief Procurement Officer, ACCO, Agency head, or Commissioner.

2. If any of Contractor's officers or employees believes that he or she has been the subject of an adverse personnel action in violation of this Section 4.07, he or she shall be entitled to bring a cause of action against Contractor to recover all relief necessary to make him or her whole. Such relief may include but is not limited to: (i) an injunction to restrain continued retaliation, (ii) reinstatement to the position such employee would have had but for the retaliation or to an equivalent position, (iii) reinstatement of full fringe benefits and seniority rights, (iv) payment of two times back pay, plus interest, and (v) compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the retaliation, including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

3. Contractor shall post a notice provided by the City (attached hereto) in a prominent and accessible place on any site where work pursuant to the Agreement is performed that contains information about:

a. how its employees can report to the New York City Department of Investigation allegations of fraud, false claims, criminality or corruption arising out of or in connection with the Agreement; and

b. the rights and remedies afforded to its employees under Admin. Code §§ 7-805 (the New York City False Claims Act) and 12-113 (the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act) for lawful acts taken in connection with the reporting of allegations of fraud, false claims, criminality or corruption in connection with the Agreement.

4. For the purposes of this Section 4.07, "adverse personnel action" includes dismissal, demotion, suspension, disciplinary action, negative performance evaluation, any action resulting in loss of staff, office space, equipment or other benefit, failure to appoint, failure to promote, or any transfer or assignment or failure to transfer or assign against the wishes of the affected officer or employee.

5. This Section 4.07 is applicable to all of Contractor's subcontractors having subcontracts with a value in excess of \$100,000.00; accordingly, Contractor shall include this Section 4.07 in all subcontracts with a value in excess of \$100,000.00.

B. Section 4.07 is not applicable to this Agreement if it is valued at \$100,000.00 or less. Sections 4.07(A)(1), (2), (4), and (5) are not applicable to this Agreement if it was solicited pursuant to a finding of an emergency. Section 4.07(A)(3) is neither applicable to this Agreement if it was solicited prior to October 18, 2012 nor if it is a renewal of a contract executed prior to October 18, 2012.

ARTICLE 5 - RECORDS, AUDITS, REPORTS, AND INVESTIGATIONS

Section 5.01 Books and Records

The Contractor agrees to maintain separate and accurate books, records, documents, and other evidence, and to utilize appropriate accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Agreement.

Section 5.02 Retention of Records

The Contractor agrees to retain all books, records, documents, other evidence relevant to this Agreement, including those required pursuant to Section 5.01, for six years after the final payment or expiration or termination of this Agreement, or for a period otherwise prescribed by Law, whichever is later. In addition, if any litigation, claim, or audit concerning this Agreement has commenced before the expiration of the six-year period, the books, records, documents, and other evidence must be retained until the completion of such litigation, claim, or audit. Any books, records, documents, and other evidence that are created in an electronic format in the regular course of business may be retained in an electronic format. Any books, records, documents, or other evidence that are created in the regular course of business as a paper copy may be retained in an electronic format provided that they satisfy the requirements of N.Y. Civil Practice Law and Rules ("CPLR") 4539(b), including the requirement that the reproduction is created in a manner "which does not permit additions, deletions, or changes without leaving a record of such additions, deletions, or changes." Furthermore, the Contractor agrees to waive any objection to the admissibility of any such books, records, documents, or other evidence on the grounds that such documents do not satisfy CPLR 4539(b).

Section 5.03 Inspection

A. At any time during the Agreement or during the record retention period set forth in Section 5.02, the City, including the Department and the Department's Office of the Inspector General, as well as City, State, and federal auditors and any other persons duly authorized by the City shall, upon reasonable notice, have full access to and the right to examine and copy all books, records, documents, and other evidence maintained or retained by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Article 5. Notwithstanding any provision herein regarding notice of inspection, all books, records, documents, and other evidence of the Contractor kept pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to immediate inspection, review, and copying by the Department's Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller, and/or federal auditors without prior notice and at no additional cost to the City. The Contractor shall make such books, records documents, and other evidence available for inspection in the City of New York or shall reimburse the City for expenses associated with the out-of-City inspection.

B. The Department shall have the right to have representatives of the Department or of the City, State or federal government present to observe the services being performed. If

observation of particular services or activity would constitute a waiver of a legal privilege or violate the Law or an ethical obligation under the New York Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys, National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics or other similar code governing the provision of a profession's services in New York State, the Contractor shall promptly inform the Department or other entity seeking to observe such work or activity. Such restriction shall not act to prevent government representatives from inspecting the provision of services in a manner that allows the representatives to ensure that services are being performed in accordance with this Agreement.

C. The Contractor shall not be entitled to final payment until the Contractor has complied with any request for inspection or access given under this Section 5.03.

Section 5.04 Audit

A. This Agreement and all books, records, documents, and other evidence required to be maintained or retained pursuant to this Agreement, including all vouchers or invoices presented for payment and the books, records, and other documents upon which such vouchers or invoices are based (e.g., reports, cancelled checks, accounts, and all other similar material), are subject to audit by (i) the City, including the Comptroller, the Department, and the Department's Office of the Inspector General, (ii) the State, (iii) the federal government, and (iv) other persons duly authorized by the City. Such audits may include examination and review of the source and application of all funds whether from the City, the State, the federal government, private sources, or otherwise.

B. Audits by the City, including the Comptroller, the Department, and the Department's Office of the Inspector General, are performed pursuant to the powers and responsibilities conferred by the Charter and the Admin. Code, as well as all orders, rules, and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Charter and Admin. Code.

C. The Contractor shall submit any and all documentation and justification in support of expenditures or fees under this Agreement as may be required by the Department and by the Comptroller in the exercise of his/her powers under Law.

D. The Contractor shall not be entitled to final payment until the Contractor has complied with the requirements of this Section 5.04.

Section 5.05 No Removal of Records from Premises

Where performance of this Agreement involves use by the Contractor of any City books, records, documents, or data (in hard copy, or electronic or other format now known or developed in the future) at City facilities or offices, the Contractor shall not remove any such items or material (in the format in which it originally existed, or in any other converted or derived format) from such facility or office without the prior written approval of the Department's designated official. Upon the request by the Department at any time during the Agreement or after the

Agreement has expired or terminated, the Contractor shall return to the Department any City books, records, documents, or data that has been removed from City premises.

Section 5.06 Electronic Records

As used in this Appendix A, the terms “books,” “records,” “documents,” and “other evidence” refer to electronic versions as well as hard copy versions.

Section 5.07 Investigations Clause

A. The Contractor agrees to cooperate fully and faithfully with any investigation, audit or inquiry conducted by a State or City 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 the transaction, submitted bid, submitted proposal, contract, lease, permit, or license that is the subject of the investigation, audit or inquiry.

B.

1. If 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 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 concerning the award of or performance under any transaction, agreement, lease, permit, contract, or license entered into with the City, or State, or any political subdivision or public authority thereof, or the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, or any local development corporation within the City, or any public benefit corporation organized under the Laws of the State, or;

2. If any person refuses to testify 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 concerning the award of, or performance under, any transaction, agreement, lease, permit, contract, or license entered into with the City, the State, or any political subdivision thereof or any local development corporation within the City, then;

C.

6. The Commissioner or Agency Head whose agency is a party in interest to the transaction, submitted bid, submitted proposal, contract, lease, permit, or license 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.

7. 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 any contract, lease, permit, or license pending the final determination pursuant to Paragraph E below without the City incurring any penalty or damages for delay or otherwise.

D. The penalties that may attach after a final determination by the Commissioner or Agency Head may include but shall not exceed:

1. The disqualification for a period not to exceed five years from the date of an adverse determination for 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

2. The cancellation or termination of any and all such existing City contracts, leases, permits or licenses that the refusal to testify concerns and that have 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.

E. 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 (1) and (2) below. He or she may also consider, if relevant and appropriate, the criteria established in Paragraphs (3) and (4) below, in addition to any other information that may be relevant and appropriate:

1. The party's 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.

2. 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.

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

4. The effect a penalty may have on an unaffiliated and unrelated party or entity that has a significant interest in an entity subject to penalties under Paragraph D 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 Paragraph (C)(1) 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.

F. Definitions

1. The term “license” or “permit” as used in this Section shall be defined as a license, permit, franchise, or concession not granted as a matter of right.

2. The term “person” as used in this Section 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.

3. The term “entity” as used in this Section 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.

4. The term “member” as used in this Section shall be defined as any person associated with another person or entity as a partner, director, officer, principal, or employee.

G. In addition to and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commissioner or Agency Head may in his or her sole discretion terminate this Agreement upon not less than three (3) Days written notice in the event the Contractor fails to promptly report in writing to the City Commissioner of Investigation any solicitation of money, goods, requests for future employment or other benefits or thing of value, by or on behalf of any employee of the City or other person or entity for any purpose that may be related to the procurement or obtaining of this Agreement by the Contractor, or affecting the performance of this Agreement.

Section 5.08 Confidentiality

A. The Contractor agrees to hold confidential, both during and after the completion or termination of this Agreement, all of the reports, information, or data, furnished to, or prepared, assembled or used by, the Contractor under this Agreement. The Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of such reports, information, or data by using a reasonable degree of care, and using at least the same degree of care that the Contractor uses to preserve the confidentiality of its own confidential information. The Contractor agrees that such reports, information, or data shall not be made available to any person or entity without the prior written approval of the Department. The obligation under this Section 5.08 to hold reports, information or data confidential shall not apply where the Contractor is legally required to disclose such reports, information or data, by virtue of a subpoena, court order or otherwise (“disclosure

demand”), provided that the Contractor complies with the following: (1) the Contractor shall provide advance notice to the Commissioner, in writing or by e-mail, that it received a disclosure demand for to disclose such reports, information or data and (2) if requested by the Department, the Contractor shall not disclose such reports, information, or data until the City has exhausted its legal rights, if any, to prevent disclosure of all or a portion of such reports, information or data. The previous sentence shall not apply if the Contractor is prohibited by law from disclosing to the Department the disclosure demand for such reports, information or data.

B. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Department within three days of the discovery by the Contractor of any breach of security, as defined in Admin. Code § 10-501(b), of any data, encrypted or otherwise, in use by the Contractor that contains social security numbers or other personal identifying information as defined in Admin. Code § 10-501 (“Personal Identifying Information”), where such breach of security arises out of the acts or omissions of the Contractor or its employees, subcontractors, or agents. Upon the discovery of such security breach, the Contractor shall take reasonable steps to remediate the cause or causes of such breach, and shall provide notice to the Department of such steps. In the event of such breach of security, without limiting any other right of the City, the City shall have the right to withhold further payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the costs of notifications and/or other actions mandated by any Law, or administrative or judicial order, to address the breach, and including any fines or disallowances imposed by the State or federal government as a result of the disclosure. The City shall also have the right to withhold further payments hereunder for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the costs of credit monitoring services for the victims of such a breach of security by a national credit reporting agency, and/or any other commercially reasonable preventive measure. The Department shall provide the Contractor with written notice and an opportunity to comment on such measures prior to implementation. Alternatively, at the City’s discretion, or if monies remaining to be earned or paid under this Agreement are insufficient to cover the costs detailed above, the Contractor shall pay directly for the costs, detailed above, if any.

C. The Contractor shall restrict access to confidential information to persons who have a legitimate work related purpose to access such information. The Contractor agrees that it will instruct its officers, employees, and agents to maintain the confidentiality of any and all information required to be kept confidential by this Agreement.

D. The Contractor, and its officers, employees, and agents shall notify the Department, at any time either during or after completion or termination of this Agreement, of any intended statement to the press or any intended issuing of any material for publication in any media of communication (print, news, television, radio, Internet, etc.) regarding the services provided or the data collected pursuant to this Agreement at least 24 hours prior to any statement to the press or at least five business days prior to the submission of the material for publication, or such shorter periods as are reasonable under the circumstances. The Contractor may not issue any statement or submit any material for publication that includes confidential information as prohibited by this Section 5.08.

E. At the request of the Department, the Contractor shall return to the Department any and all confidential information in the possession of the Contractor or its subcontractors. If the Contractor or its subcontractors are legally required to retain any confidential information, the Contractor shall notify the Department in writing and set forth the confidential information that it intends to retain and the reasons why it is legally required to retain such information. The Contractor shall confer with the Department, in good faith, regarding any issues that arise from the Contractor retaining such confidential information. If the Department does not request such information or the Law does not require otherwise, such information shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 5.02.

F. A breach of this Section 5.08 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement for which the Department may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 10. The Department reserves any and all other rights and remedies in the event of unauthorized disclosure.

ARTICLE 6 - COPYRIGHTS, PATENTS, INVENTIONS, AND ANTITRUST

Section 6.01 Copyrights and Ownership of Work Product

A. Any reports, documents, data, photographs, deliverables, and/or other materials produced pursuant to this Agreement, and any and all drafts and/or other preliminary materials in any format related to such items produced pursuant to this Agreement, shall upon their creation become the exclusive property of the City.

B. Any reports, documents, data, photographs, deliverables, and/or other materials provided pursuant to this Agreement (“Copyrightable Materials”) shall be considered “work-made-for-hire” within the meaning and purview of Section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the City shall be the copyright owner thereof and of all aspects, elements, and components thereof in which copyright protection might exist. To the extent that the Copyrightable Materials do not qualify as “work-made-for-hire,” the Contractor hereby irrevocably transfers, assigns and conveys exclusive copyright ownership in and to the Copyrightable Materials to the City, free and clear of any liens, claims, or other encumbrances. The Contractor shall retain no copyright or intellectual property interest in the Copyrightable Materials. The Copyrightable Materials shall be used by the Contractor for no purpose other than in the performance of this Agreement without the prior written permission of the City. The Department may grant the Contractor a license to use the Copyrightable Materials on such terms as determined by the Department and set forth in the license.

C. The Contractor acknowledges that the City may, in its sole discretion, register copyright in the Copyrightable Materials with the United States Copyright Office or any other government agency authorized to grant copyright registrations. The Contractor shall fully cooperate in this effort, and agrees to provide any and all documentation necessary to accomplish this.

D. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Copyrightable Materials: (i) are wholly original material not published elsewhere (except for material that is in the public domain); (ii) do not violate any copyright Law; (iii) do not constitute defamation or invasion of the right of privacy or publicity; and (iv) are not an infringement, of any kind, of the rights of any third party. To the extent that the Copyrightable Materials incorporate any non-original material, the Contractor has obtained all necessary permissions and clearances, in writing, for the use of such non-original material under this Agreement, copies of which shall be provided to the City upon execution of this Agreement.

E. If the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal grant of funds, the federal and State government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, for federal or State government purposes, the copyright in any Copyrightable Materials developed under this Agreement.

F. If the Contractor publishes a work dealing with any aspect of performance under this Agreement, or with the results of such performance, the City shall have a royalty-free, non-exclusive irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such work for City governmental purposes.

Section 6.02 Patents and Inventions

The Contractor shall promptly and fully report to the Department any discovery or invention arising out of or developed in the course of performance of this Agreement. If the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal grant of funds, the Contractor shall promptly and fully report to the federal government for the federal government to make a determination as to whether patent protection on such invention shall be sought and how the rights in the invention or discovery, including rights under any patent issued thereon, shall be disposed of and administered in order to protect the public interest.

Section 6.03 Pre-existing Rights

In no case shall Sections 6.01 and 6.02 apply to, or prevent the Contractor from asserting or protecting its rights in any discovery, invention, report, document, data, photograph, deliverable, or other material in connection with or produced pursuant to this Agreement that existed prior to or was developed or discovered independently from the activities directly related to this Agreement.

Section 6.04 Antitrust

The Contractor hereby assigns, sells, and transfers to the City all right, title, and interest in and to any claims and causes of action arising under the antitrust laws of the State or of the United States relating to the particular goods or services procured by the City under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 - INSURANCE

Section 7.01 Agreement to Insure

The Contractor shall maintain the following types of insurance if and as indicated in Schedule A (with the minimum limits and special conditions specified in Schedule A) throughout the term of this Agreement, including any applicable guaranty period. All insurance shall meet the requirements set forth in this Article 7. Wherever this Article 7 requires that insurance coverage be “at least as broad” as a specified form (including all ISO forms), there is no obligation that the form itself be used, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate that the alternative form or endorsement contained in its policy provides coverage at least as broad as the specified form.

Section 7.02 Workers’ Compensation, Disability Benefits, and Employers’ Liability Insurance

A. The Contractor shall maintain workers’ compensation insurance, employers’ liability insurance, and disability benefits insurance, in accordance with Law on behalf of, or in regard to, all employees providing services under this Agreement

B. Within 10 Days of award of this Agreement or as otherwise specified by the Department, and as required by N.Y. Workers’ Compensation Law §§ 57 and 220(8), the Contractor shall submit proof of Contractor’s workers’ compensation insurance and disability benefits insurance (or proof of a legal exemption) to the Department in a form acceptable to the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board. ACORD forms are not acceptable proof of such insurance. The following forms are acceptable:

1. Form C-105.2, *Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance*;
2. Form U-26.3, *State Insurance Fund Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Insurance*;
3. Form SI-12, *Certificate of Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance*;
4. Form GSI-105.2, *Certificate of Participation in Worker’s Compensation Group Self-Insurance*;
5. Form DB-120.1, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance*;
6. Form DB-155, *Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance*;
7. Form CE-200 – *Affidavit of Exemption*;
8. Other forms approved by the New York State Workers’ Compensation Board; or

9. Other proof of insurance in a form acceptable to the City.

Section 7.03 Other Insurance

A. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* The Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance in the amounts specified in Schedule A covering operations under this Agreement. Coverage must be at least as broad as the coverage provided by the most recently issued ISO Form CG 00 01, primary and non-contributory, and “occurrence” based rather than “claims-made.” Such coverage shall list the City, together with its officials and employees, and any other entity that may be listed on Schedule A as an additional insured with coverage at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO Form CG 20 10 or CG 20 26 and, if construction is performed as part of the services, ISO Form CG 20 37.

B. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A and/or if vehicles are used in the provision of services under this Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain commercial automobile liability insurance for liability arising out of ownership, maintenance or use of any owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles to be used in connection with this Agreement. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO Form CA 00 01. If vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the commercial automobile liability insurance shall be endorsed to provide pollution liability broadened coverage for covered vehicles (endorsement CA 99 48) as well as proof of MCS-90.

C. *Professional Liability Insurance.*

1. If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain and submit evidence of professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance appropriate to the type(s) of such services to be provided under this Agreement. The policy or policies shall cover the liability assumed by the Contractor under this Agreement arising out of the negligent performance of professional services or caused by an error, omission, or negligent act of the Contractor or anyone employed by the Contractor.

2. All subcontractors of the Contractor providing professional services under this Agreement for which professional liability insurance or errors and omissions insurance is reasonably commercially available shall also maintain such insurance in the amount specified in Schedule A. At the time of the request for subcontractor approval, the Contractor shall provide to the Department, evidence of such professional liability insurance on a form acceptable to the Department.

3. Claims-made policies will be accepted for professional liability insurance. All such policies shall have an extended reporting period option or automatic coverage of not less than two years. If available as an option, the Contractor shall purchase extended reporting period coverage effective on cancellation or termination of such insurance unless a new policy is secured with a retroactive date, including at least the last policy year.

D. *Crime Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain crime insurance during the term of the Agreement in the minimum amounts listed in Schedule A. Such insurance shall include coverage, without limitation, for any and all acts of employee theft including employee theft of client property, forgery or alteration, inside the premises (theft of money and securities), inside the premises (robbery or safe burglary of other property), outside the premises, computer fraud, funds transfer fraud, and money orders and counterfeit money. The policy shall name the Contractor as named insured and shall list the City as loss payee as its interests may appear.

E. *Cyber Liability Insurance.* If indicated in Schedule A, the Contractor shall maintain cyber liability insurance covering losses arising from operations under this Agreement in the amounts listed in Schedule A. The City shall approve the policy (including exclusions therein), coverage amounts, deductibles or self-insured retentions, and premiums, as well as the types of losses covered, which may include but not be limited to: notification costs, security monitoring costs, losses resulting from identity theft, and other injury to third parties. If additional insured status is commercially available under the Contractor's cyber liability insurance, the insurance shall cover the City, together with its respective officials and employees, as additional insured.

F. *Other Insurance.* The Contractor shall provide such other types of insurance in the amounts specified in Schedule A.

Section 7.04 General Requirements for Insurance Coverage and Policies

A. Unless otherwise stated, all insurance required by Section 7.03 of this Agreement must:

1. be provided by companies that may lawfully issue such policies;
2. have an A.M. Best rating of at least A- / VII, a Standard & Poor's rating of at least A, a Moody's Investors Service rating of at least A3, a Fitch Ratings rating of at least A- or a similar rating by any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization acceptable to the New York City Law Department unless prior written approval is obtained from the New York City Law Department; and
3. be primary (and non-contributing) to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City (not applicable to professional liability insurance/errors and omissions insurance) and any other entity listed as an additional insured in Schedule A.

B. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all premiums for all required insurance policies and all deductibles or self-insured retentions to which such policies are subject, whether or not the City is an insured under the policy.

C. There shall be no self-insurance program, including a self-insurance retention, exceeding \$10,000.00, with regard to any insurance required under Section 7.03 unless approved in writing by the Commissioner. Any such self-insurance program shall provide the City and any other additional insured listed on Schedule A with all rights that would be provided by traditional insurance required under this Article 7, including but not limited to the defense obligations that insurers are required to undertake in liability policies.

D. The limits of coverage for all types of insurance for the City, including its officials and employees, and any other additional insured listed on Schedule A that must be provided to such additional insured(s) shall be the greater of (i) the minimum limits set forth in Schedule A or (ii) the limits provided to the Contractor as named insured under all primary, excess, and umbrella policies of that type of coverage.

Section 7.05 Proof of Insurance

A. For each policy required under Section 7.03 and Schedule A of this Agreement, the Contractor shall file proof of insurance and, where applicable, proof that the City, including its officials and employees, is an additional insured with the Department within ten Days of award of this Agreement. The following proof is acceptable:

1. A certificate of insurance accompanied by a completed certification of insurance broker or agent (included in Schedule A of this Agreement) and any endorsements by which the City, including its officials and employees, have been made an additional insured; or

2. A copy of the insurance policy, including declarations and endorsements, certified by an authorized representative of the issuing insurance carrier.

B. Proof of insurance confirming renewals of insurance required under Section 7.03 must be submitted to the Department prior to the expiration date of the coverage. Such proof must meet the requirements of Section 7.05(A).

C. The Contractor shall provide the City with a copy of any policy required under this Article 7 upon the demand for such policy by the Commissioner or the New York City Law Department.

D. Acceptance by the Commissioner of a certificate or a policy does not excuse the Contractor from maintaining policies consistent with all provisions of this Article 7 (and ensuring that subcontractors maintain such policies) or from any liability arising from its failure to do so.

E. If the Contractor receives notice, from an insurance company or other person, that any insurance policy required under this Article 7 shall expire or be cancelled or terminated for any reason, the Contractor shall immediately forward a copy of such notice to both the address referred to in Section 14.04 and Schedule A and to the New York City Comptroller, Attn: Office

of Contract Administration, Municipal Building, One Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, New York 10007.

Section 7.06 Miscellaneous

A. Whenever notice of loss, damage, occurrence, accident, claim, or suit is required under a policy required by Section 7.03 and Schedule A, the Contractor shall provide the insurer with timely notice thereof on behalf of the City. Such notice shall be given even where the Contractor may not be covered under such policy if this Agreement requires that the City be an additional insured (for example, where one of Contractor's employees was injured). Such notice shall expressly specify that "this notice is being given on behalf of the City of New York, including its officials and employees, as additional insured" (such notice shall also include the name of any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A) and contain the following information to the extent known: the number of the insurance policy; the name of the named insured; the date and location of the damage, occurrence, or accident; the identity of the persons or things injured, damaged, or lost; and the title of the claim or suit, if applicable. The Contractor shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice to the City of New York c/o Insurance Claims Specialist, Affirmative Litigation Division, New York City Law Department, 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10007. If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements of this paragraph, the Contractor shall indemnify the City, together with its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A for all losses, judgments, settlements and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising from an insurer's disclaimer of coverage citing late notice by or on behalf of the City together with its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A.

B. The Contractor's failure to maintain any of the insurance required by this Article 7 and Schedule A shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Such breach shall not be waived or otherwise excused by any action or inaction by the City at any time.

C. Insurance coverage in the minimum amounts required in this Article 7 shall not relieve the Contractor or its subcontractors of any liability under this Agreement, nor shall it preclude the City from exercising any rights or taking such other actions as are available to it under any other provisions of this Agreement or Law.

D. With respect to insurance required by Section 7.03 and Schedule A (but not including professional liability/errors and omissions insurance), the Contractor waives all rights against the City, including its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A for any damages or losses that are covered under any insurance required under this Article 7 (whether or not such insurance is actually procured or claims are paid thereunder) or any other insurance applicable to the operations of the Contractor and/or its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement.

E. In the event the Contractor requires any subcontractor to maintain insurance with regard to any operations under this Agreement and requires such subcontractor to list the Contractor as an additional insured under such insurance, the Contractor shall ensure that such

entity also list the City, including its officials and employees, and any other entity listed as an additional insured on Schedule A as an additional insured. With respect to commercial general liability insurance, such coverage must be at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO form CG 20 26.

ARTICLE 8 - PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 8.01 Reasonable Precautions

The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to protect all persons and the property of the City and of others from injury, damage, or loss resulting from the Contractor's and/or its subcontractors' operations under this Agreement.

Section 8.02 Protection of City Property

The Contractor assumes the risk of, and shall be responsible for, any loss or damage to City property, including property and equipment leased by the City, used in the performance of this Agreement, where such loss or damage is caused by negligence, any tortious act, or failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement or of Law by the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors.

Section 8.03 Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, including its officials and employees, against any and all claims (even if the allegations of the claim are without merit), judgments for damages on account of any injuries or death to any person or damage to any property, and costs and expenses to which the City or its officials or employees, may be subject to or which they may suffer or incur allegedly arising out of any of the operations of the Contractor and/or its subcontractors under this Agreement to the extent resulting from any negligent act of commission or omission, any intentional tortious act, and/or the failure to comply with Law or any of the requirements of this Agreement. Insofar as the facts or Law relating to any of the foregoing would preclude the City or its officials or employees from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the City and its officials and employees shall be partially indemnified by the Contractor to the fullest extent permitted by Law.

Section 8.04 Infringement Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, including its officials and employees, against any and all claims (even if the allegations of the claim are without merit), judgments for damages, and costs and expenses to which the City or its officials or employees, may be subject to or which they may suffer or incur allegedly arising out of any infringement, violation, or unauthorized use of any copyright, trade

secret, trademark or patent or any other property or personal right of any third party by the Contractor and/or its employees, agents, or subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its officials and employees regardless of whether or not the alleged infringement, violation, or unauthorized use arises out of compliance with the Agreement's scope of services/scope of work. Insofar as the facts or Law relating to any of the foregoing would preclude the City and its officials and employees from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the City and its officials and employees shall be partially indemnified by the Contractor to the fullest extent permitted by Law.

Section 8.05 Indemnification Obligations Not Limited By Insurance Obligation

The Contractor's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its officials and employees shall neither be (i) limited in any way by the Contractor's obligations to obtain and maintain insurance under this Agreement, nor (ii) adversely affected by any failure on the part of the City or its officials or employees to avail themselves of the benefits of such insurance.

Section 8.06 Actions By or Against Third Parties

A. If any claim is made or any action brought in any way relating to Agreement other than an action between the City and the Contractor, the Contractor shall diligently render to the City without additional compensation all assistance that the City may reasonably require of the Contractor.

B. The Contractor shall report to the Department in writing within five business days of the initiation by or against the Contractor of any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement.

Section 8.07 Withholding of Payments

A. If any claim is made or any action is brought against the City for which the Contractor may be required to indemnify the City pursuant to this Agreement, the City shall have the right to withhold further payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover the said claim or action.

B. If any City property is lost or damaged as set forth in Section 8.02, except for normal wear and tear, the City shall have the right to withhold payments under this Agreement for the purpose of set-off in sufficient sums to cover such loss or damage.

C. The City shall not, however, impose a set-off in the event that an insurance company that provided insurance pursuant to Section 7.03 above has accepted the City's tender of the claim or action without a reservation of rights.

D. The Department may, at its option, withhold for purposes of set-off any monies due to the Contractor under this Agreement up to the amount of any disallowances or questioned costs resulting from any audits of the Contractor or to the amount of any overpayment to the Contractor with regard to this Agreement.

E. The rights and remedies of the City provided for in this Section 8.07 are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by Law or this Agreement.

Section 8.08 No Third Party Rights

The provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed to create any right of action in favor of third parties against the Contractor or the City or their respective officials and employees.

ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACT CHANGES

Section 9.01 Contract Changes

Changes to this Agreement may be made only as duly authorized by the ACCO or his or her designee and in accordance with the PPB Rules. Any amendment or change to this Agreement shall not be valid unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties. The Contractor deviates from the requirements of this Agreement without a duly approved and executed change order document or written contract modification or amendment at its own risk.

Section 9.02 Changes Through Fault of Contractor

If any change is required in the data, documents, deliverables, or other services to be provided under this Agreement because of negligence or error of the Contractor, no additional compensation shall be paid to the Contractor for making such change, and the Contractor is obligated to make such change without additional compensation.

ARTICLE 10 - TERMINATION, DEFAULT, REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING, AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

Section 10.01 Termination by the City Without Cause

A. The City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

B. In its sole discretion, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, upon the request of the Contractor to withdraw from the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

C. If the City terminates this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.01, the following provisions apply. The City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date set by the City pursuant to Section 10.05. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the termination date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of termination and falling due after the termination date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

Section 10.02 Reductions in Federal, State, and/or City Funding

A. This Agreement is funded in whole or in part by funds secured from the federal, State and/or City governments. Should there be a reduction or discontinuance of such funds by action of the federal, State and/or City governments, the City shall have, in its sole discretion, the right to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, or to reduce the funding and/or level of services of this Agreement caused by such action by the federal, State and/or City governments, including, in the case of the reduction option, but not limited to, the reduction or elimination of programs, services or service components; the reduction or elimination of contract-reimbursable staff or staff-hours, and corresponding reductions in the budget of this Agreement and in the total amount payable under this Agreement. Any reduction in funds pursuant to this Section 10.02(A) shall be accompanied by an appropriate reduction in the services performed under this Agreement.

B. In the case of the reduction option referred to in Section 10.02(A), above, any such reduction shall be effective as of the date set forth in a written notice thereof to the Contractor, which shall be not less than 30 Days from the date of such notice. Prior to sending such notice of reduction, the Department shall advise the Contractor that such option is being exercised and afford the Contractor an opportunity to make within seven Days any suggestion(s) it may have as to which program(s), service(s), service component(s), staff or staff-hours might be reduced or eliminated, provided, however, that the Department shall not be bound to utilize any of the Contractor's suggestions and that the Department shall have sole discretion as to how to effectuate the reductions.

C. If the City reduces funding pursuant to this Section 10.02, the following provisions apply. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the reduction date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of reduction and falling due after the reduction date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

D. To the extent that the reduction in public funds is a result of the State determining that the Contractor may receive medical assistance funds pursuant to title eleven of article five of

the Social Services Law to fund the services contained within the scope of a program under this Agreement, then the notice and effective date provisions of this Section 10.02 shall not apply, and the Department may reduce such public funds authorized under this Agreement by informing the Contractor of the amount of the reduction and revising attachments to this Agreement as appropriate.

Section 10.03 Contractor Default

A. The City shall have the right to declare the Contractor in default:

1. Upon a breach by the Contractor of a material term or condition of this Agreement, including unsatisfactory performance of the services;

2. Upon insolvency or the commencement of any proceeding by or against the Contractor, either voluntarily or involuntarily, under the Bankruptcy Code or relating to the insolvency, receivership, liquidation, or composition of the Contractor for the benefit of creditors;

3. If the Contractor refuses or fails to proceed with the services under the Agreement when and as directed by the Commissioner;

4. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities are indicted or convicted after execution of the Agreement under any state or federal law of any of the following:

a. a criminal offense incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain or performing a public or private contract;

b. fraud, embezzlement, theft, bribery, forgery, falsification, or destruction of records, or receiving stolen property;

c. a criminal violation of any state or federal antitrust law;

d. violation of the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961 *et seq.*, or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 *et seq.*, for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

e. conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any statute described in subparagraph (d) above; or

f. an offense indicating a lack of business integrity that seriously and directly affects responsibility as a City vendor.

5. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities are subject to a judgment of civil liability under any state or federal antitrust law for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract; or

6. If the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, partners, five percent or greater shareholders, principals, or other employee or person substantially involved in its activities makes or causes to be made any false, deceptive, or fraudulent material statement, or fail to make a required material statement in any bid, proposal, or application for City or other government work.

B. The right to declare the Contractor in default shall be exercised by sending the Contractor a written notice of the conditions of default, signed by the Commissioner, setting forth the ground or grounds upon which such default is declared ("Notice to Cure"). The Contractor shall have ten Days from receipt of the Notice to Cure or any longer period that is set forth in the Notice to Cure to cure the default. The Commissioner may temporarily suspend services under the Agreement pending the outcome of the default proceedings pursuant to this Section 10.03.

C. If the conditions set forth in the Notice to Cure are not cured within the period set forth in the Notice to Cure, the Commissioner may declare the Contractor in default pursuant to this Section 10.03. Before the Commissioner may exercise his or her right to declare the Contractor in default, the Commissioner shall give the Contractor an opportunity to be heard upon not less than five business days' notice. The Commissioner may, in his or her discretion, provide for such opportunity to be in writing or in person. Such opportunity to be heard shall not occur prior to the end of the cure period but notice of such opportunity to be heard may be given prior to the end of the cure period and may be given contemporaneously with the Notice to Cure.

D. After the opportunity to be heard, the Commissioner may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, upon finding the Contractor in default pursuant to this Section 10.03, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.05.

E. The Commissioner, after declaring the Contractor in default, may have the services under the Agreement completed by such means and in such manner, by contract with or without public letting, or otherwise, as he or she may deem advisable in accordance with applicable PPB Rules. After such completion, the Commissioner shall certify the expense incurred in such completion, which shall include the cost of re-letting. Should the expense of such completion, as certified by the Commissioner, exceed the total sum which would have been payable under the Agreement if it had been completed by the Contractor, any excess shall be promptly paid by the Contractor upon demand by the City. The excess expense of such completion, including any and all related and incidental costs, as so certified by the Commissioner, and any liquidated damages assessed against the Contractor, may be charged against and deducted out of monies earned by the Contractor.

Section 10.04 Force Majeure

A. For purposes of this Agreement, a force majeure event is an act or event beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the Contractor (“Force Majeure Event”). Such events may include, but are not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, storm or other natural disaster, civil commotion, war, terrorism, riot, and labor disputes not brought about by any act or omission of the Contractor.

B. In the event the Contractor cannot comply with the terms of the Agreement (including any failure by the Contractor to make progress in the performance of the services) because of a Force Majeure Event, then the Contractor may ask the Commissioner to excuse the nonperformance and/or terminate the Agreement. If the Commissioner, in his or her reasonable discretion, determines that the Contractor cannot comply with the terms of the Agreement because of a Force Majeure Event, then the Commissioner shall excuse the nonperformance and may terminate the Agreement. Such a termination shall be deemed to be without cause.

F. If the City terminates the Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.04, the following provisions apply. The City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the termination date. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the termination date. Any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of termination and falling due after the termination date shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall such obligation be construed as including any lease or other occupancy agreement, oral or written, entered into between the Contractor and its landlord.

Section 10.05 Procedures for Termination

A. The Department and/or the City shall give the Contractor written notice of any termination of this Agreement. Such notice shall specify the applicable provision(s) under which the Agreement is terminated and the effective date of the termination. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the notice shall comply with the provisions of this Section 10.05 and Section 14.04. For termination without cause, the effective date of the termination shall not be less than ten Days from the date the notice is personally delivered, or 15 Days from the date the notice is either sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered by overnight or same day courier service in a properly addressed envelope with confirmation, or sent by email and, unless the receipt of the email is acknowledged by the recipient by email, deposited in a post office box regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service in a properly addressed postage pre-paid envelope. In the case of termination for default, the effective date of the termination shall be as set forth above for a termination without cause or such earlier date as the Commissioner may determine. If the City terminates the Agreement in part, the Contractor shall continue the performance of the Agreement to the extent not terminated.

B. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with the City close-out procedures, including but not limited to:

1. Accounting for and refunding to the Department, within 45 Days, any unexpended funds which have been advanced to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement;
2. Furnishing within 45 Days an inventory to the Department of all equipment, appurtenances and property purchased through or provided under this Agreement and carrying out any Department or City directive concerning the disposition of such equipment, appurtenances and property;
3. Turning over to the Department or its designees all books, records, documents and material specifically relating to this Agreement that the Department has requested be turned over;
4. Submitting to the Department, within 90 Days, a final statement and report relating to the Agreement. The report shall be made by a certified public accountant or a licensed public accountant, unless the Department waives, in writing, the requirement that a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant make such report; and
5. Providing reasonable assistance to the Department in the transition, if any, to a new contractor.

Section 10.06 Miscellaneous Provisions

A. The Commissioner, in addition to any other powers set forth in this Agreement or by operation of Law, may suspend, in whole or in part, any part of the services to be provided under this Agreement whenever in his or her judgment such suspension is required in the best interest of the City. If the Commissioner suspends this Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.06, the City shall not incur or pay any further obligation pursuant to this Agreement beyond the suspension date until such suspension is lifted. The City shall pay for services provided in accordance with this Agreement prior to the suspension date. In addition, any obligation necessarily incurred by the Contractor on account of this Agreement prior to receipt of notice of suspension and falling due during the suspension period shall be paid by the City in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of the Contractor's breach of the Agreement, and the City may withhold payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off in the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor.

C. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this Article 10 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by Law or under this Agreement.

Section 10.07 Liquidated Damages

If Schedule A or any other part of this Agreement includes liquidated damages for failure to comply with a provision of this Agreement, the sum indicated is fixed and agreed as the liquidated damages that the City will suffer by reason of such noncompliance and not as a penalty.

ARTICLE 11 - PROMPT PAYMENT AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Section 11.01 Prompt Payment

A. The prompt payment provisions of PPB Rule § 4-06 are applicable to payments made under this Agreement. With some exceptions, the provisions generally require the payment to the Contractor of interest on payments made after the required payment date, as set forth in the PPB Rules.

B. The Contractor shall submit a proper invoice to receive payment, except where the Agreement provides that the Contractor will be paid at predetermined intervals without having to submit an invoice for each scheduled payment.

C. Determination of interest due will be made in accordance with the PPB Rules and the applicable rate of interest shall be the rate in effect at the time of payment.

Section 11.02 Electronic Funds Transfer

A. In accordance with Admin. Code § 6-107.1, the Contractor agrees to accept payments under this Agreement from the City by electronic funds transfer. An electronic funds transfer is any transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, which is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephonic instrument or computer or magnetic tape so as to order, instruct, or authorize a financial institution to debit or credit an account. Prior to the first payment made under this Agreement, the Contractor shall designate one financial institution or other authorized payment agent and shall complete the "EFT Vendor Payment Enrollment Form" available from the Agency or at <http://www.nyc.gov/dof> in order to provide the commissioner of the Department of Finance with information necessary for the Contractor to receive electronic funds transfer payments through the designated financial institution or authorized payment agent. The crediting of the amount of a payment to the appropriate account on the books of a financial institution or other authorized payment agent designated by the Contractor shall constitute full satisfaction by the City for the amount of the payment under this Agreement. The account information supplied by the Contractor to facilitate the electronic funds transfer shall remain confidential to the fullest extent provided by Law.

B. The Agency Head may waive the application of the requirements of this Section 11.02 to payments on contracts entered into pursuant to Charter § 315. In addition, the

commissioner of the Department of Finance and the Comptroller may jointly issue standards pursuant to which the Department may waive the requirements of this Section 11.02 for payments in the following circumstances: (i) for individuals or classes of individuals for whom compliance imposes a hardship; (ii) for classifications or types of checks; or (iii) in other circumstances as may be necessary in the best interest of the City.

C. This Section 11.02 is applicable to contracts valued at \$25,000.00 and above.

ARTICLE 12 - CLAIMS

Section 12.01 Choice of Law

This Agreement shall be deemed to be executed in the City and State of New York, regardless of the domicile of the Contractor, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York (notwithstanding New York choice of law or conflict of law principles) and the Laws of the United States, where applicable.

Section 12.02 Jurisdiction and Venue

Subject to Section 12.03, the parties agree that any and all claims asserted by or against the City arising under or related to this Agreement shall solely be heard and determined either in the courts of the United States located in the City or in the courts of the State located in the City and County of New York. The parties shall consent to the dismissal and/or transfer of any claims asserted in any other venue or forum to the proper venue or forum. If the Contractor initiates any action in breach of this Section 12.02, the Contractor shall be responsible for and shall promptly reimburse the City for any attorneys' fees incurred by the City in removing the action to a proper court consistent with this Section 12.02.

Section 12.03 Resolution of Disputes

A. Except as provided in Subparagraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2) below, all disputes between the City and the Contractor that arise under, or by virtue of, this Agreement shall be finally resolved in accordance with the provisions of this Section 12.03 and PPB Rule § 4-09. This procedure shall be the exclusive means of resolving any such disputes.

1. This Section 12.03 shall not apply to disputes concerning matters dealt with in other sections of the PPB Rules or to disputes involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets (as interpreted by the courts of New York State) relating to proprietary rights in computer software, or to termination other than for cause.

2. For construction and construction-related services this Section 12.03 shall apply only to disputes about the scope of work delineated by the Agreement, the interpretation of Agreement documents, the amount to be paid for extra work or disputed work performed in connection with the Agreement, the conformity of the Contractor's

work to the Agreement, and the acceptability and quality of the Contractor's work; such disputes arise when the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head makes a determination with which the Contractor disagrees. For construction, this Section 12.03 shall not apply to termination of the Agreement for cause or other than for cause.

B. All determinations required by this Section 12.03 shall be clearly stated, with a reasoned explanation for the determination based on the information and evidence presented to the party making the determination. Failure to make such determination within the time required by this Section 12.03 shall be deemed a non-determination without prejudice that will allow application to the next level.

C. During such time as any dispute is being presented, heard, and considered pursuant to this Section 12.03, the Agreement terms shall remain in full force and effect and, unless otherwise directed by the ACCO or Engineer, the Contractor shall continue to perform work in accordance with the Agreement and as directed by the ACCO or City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head. Failure of the Contractor to continue the work as directed shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any and all claims being presented pursuant to this Section 12.03 and a material breach of contract.

D. Presentation of Dispute to Agency Head.

1. Notice of Dispute and Agency Response. The Contractor shall present its dispute in writing ("Notice of Dispute") to the Agency Head within the time specified herein, or, if no time is specified, within 30 Days of receiving written notice of the determination or action that is the subject of the dispute. This notice requirement shall not be read to replace any other notice requirements contained in the Agreement. The Notice of Dispute shall include all the facts, evidence, documents, or other basis upon which the Contractor relies in support of its position, as well as a detailed computation demonstrating how any amount of money claimed by the Contractor in the dispute was arrived at. Within 30 Days after receipt of the complete Notice of Dispute, the ACCO or, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, shall submit to the Agency Head all materials he or she deems pertinent to the dispute. Following initial submissions to the Agency Head, either party may demand of the other the production of any document or other material the demanding party believes may be relevant to the dispute. The requested party shall produce all relevant materials that are not otherwise protected by a legal privilege recognized by the courts of New York State. Any question of relevancy shall be determined by the Agency Head whose decision shall be final. Willful failure of the Contractor to produce any requested material whose relevancy the Contractor has not disputed, or whose relevancy has been affirmatively determined, shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of its claim.

2. Agency Head Inquiry. The Agency Head shall examine the material and may, in his or her discretion, convene an informal conference with the Contractor and the ACCO and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, to resolve the issue by mutual consent prior to reaching a determination. The Agency Head may seek such technical or other expertise as he or she shall deem appropriate, including the use of neutral mediators, and require any such additional material from either or both parties as he or she deems fit. The Agency Head's ability to render, and the effect of, a decision hereunder shall not be impaired by any negotiations in connection with the dispute presented, whether or not the Agency Head participated therein. The Agency Head may or, at the request of any party to the dispute, shall compel the participation of any other contractor with a contract related to the work of this Agreement and that contractor shall be bound by the decision of the Agency Head. Any contractor thus brought into the dispute resolution proceeding shall have the same rights and obligations under this Section 12.03 as the Contractor initiating the dispute.

3. Agency Head Determination. Within 30 Days after the receipt of all materials and information, or such longer time as may be agreed to by the parties, the Agency Head shall make his or her determination and shall deliver or send a copy of such determination to the Contractor and ACCO and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head, together with a statement concerning how the decision may be appealed.

4. Finality of Agency Head Decision. The Agency Head's decision shall be final and binding on all parties, unless presented to the Contract Dispute Resolution Board ("CDRB") pursuant to this Section 12.03. The City may not take a petition to the CDRB. However, should the Contractor take such a petition, the City may seek, and the CDRB may render, a determination less favorable to the Contractor and more favorable to the City than the decision of the Agency Head.

E. Presentation of Dispute to the Comptroller. Before any dispute may be brought by the Contractor to the CDRB, the Contractor must first present its claim to the Comptroller for his or her review, investigation, and possible adjustment.

1. Time, Form, and Content of Notice. Within 30 Days of receipt of a decision by the Agency Head, the Contractor shall submit to the Comptroller and to the Agency Head a Notice of Claim regarding its dispute with the Agency. The Notice of Claim shall consist of (i) a brief statement of the substance of the dispute, the amount of money, if any, claimed and the reason(s) the Contractor contends the dispute was wrongly decided by the Agency Head; (ii) a copy of the decision of the Agency Head; and (iii) a copy of all materials submitted by the Contractor to the Agency, including the Notice of Dispute. The Contractor may not present to the Comptroller any material not presented to the Agency Head, except at the request of the Comptroller.

2. Agency Response. Within 30 Days of receipt of the Notice of Claim, the Agency shall make available to the Comptroller a copy of all material submitted by the Agency to the Agency Head in connection with the dispute. The Agency may not present to the Comptroller any material not presented to the Agency Head, except at the request of the Comptroller.

3. Comptroller Investigation. The Comptroller may investigate the claim in dispute and, in the course of such investigation, may exercise all powers provided in Admin. Code §§ 7-201 and 7-203. In addition, the Comptroller may demand of either party, and such party shall provide, whatever additional material the Comptroller deems pertinent to the claim, including original business records of the Contractor. Willful failure of the Contractor to produce within 15 Days any material requested by the Comptroller shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of its claim. The Comptroller may also schedule an informal conference to be attended by the Contractor, Agency representatives, and any other personnel desired by the Comptroller.

4. Opportunity of Comptroller to Compromise or Adjust Claim. The Comptroller shall have 45 Days from his or her receipt of all materials referred to in Paragraph (E)(3) above to investigate the disputed claim. The period for investigation and compromise may be further extended by agreement between the Contractor and the Comptroller, to a maximum of 90 Days from the Comptroller's receipt of all the materials. The Contractor may not present its petition to the CDRB until the period for investigation and compromise delineated in this Paragraph has expired. In compromising or adjusting any claim hereunder, the Comptroller may not revise or disregard the terms of the Agreement.

F. Contract Dispute Resolution Board. There shall be a Contract Dispute Resolution Board composed of:

1. the chief administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings ("OATH") or his or her designated OATH administrative law judge, who shall act as chairperson, and may adopt operational procedures and issue such orders consistent with this Section 12.03 as may be necessary in the execution of the CDRB's functions, including, but not limited to, granting extensions of time to present or respond to submissions;

2. the City Chief Procurement Officer ("CCPO") or his or her designee; any designee shall have the requisite background to consider and resolve the merits of the dispute and shall not have participated personally and substantially in the particular matter that is the subject of the dispute or report to anyone who so participated; and

3. a person with appropriate expertise who is not an employee of the City. This person shall be selected by the presiding administrative law judge from a prequalified panel of individuals, established, and administered by OATH, with appropriate background to act as decision-makers in a dispute. Such individuals may not

have a contract or dispute with the City or be an officer or employee of any company or organization that does, or regularly represent persons, companies, or organizations having disputes with the City.

G. Petition to CDRB. In the event the claim has not been settled or adjusted by the Comptroller within the period provided in this Section 12.03, the Contractor, within thirty (30) Days thereafter, may petition the CDRB to review the Agency Head determination.

1. Form and Content of Petition by the Contractor. The Contractor shall present its dispute to the CDRB in the form of a petition, which shall include (i) a brief statement of the substance of the dispute, the amount of money, if any, claimed, and the reason(s) the Contractor contends that the dispute was wrongly decided by the Agency Head; (ii) a copy of the decision of the Agency Head; (iii) copies of all materials submitted by the Contractor to the Agency; (iv) a copy of the decision of the Comptroller, if any, and (v) copies of all correspondence with, and material submitted by the Contractor to, the Comptroller's Office. The Contractor shall concurrently submit four complete sets of the petition: one to the Corporation Counsel (Attn: Commercial and Real Estate Litigation Division), and three to the CDRB at OATH's offices, with proof of service on the Corporation Counsel. In addition, the Contractor shall submit a copy of the statement of the substance of the dispute, cited in (i) above, to both the Agency Head and the Comptroller.

2. Agency Response. Within 30 Days of receipt of the petition by the Corporation Counsel, the Agency shall respond to the statement of the Contractor and make available to the CDRB all material it submitted to the Agency Head and Comptroller. Three complete copies of the Agency response shall be submitted to the CDRB at OATH's offices and one to the Contractor. Extensions of time for submittal of the Agency response shall be given as necessary upon a showing of good cause or, upon the consent of the parties, for an initial period of up to 30 Days.

3. Further Proceedings. The CDRB shall permit the Contractor to present its case by submission of memoranda, briefs, and oral argument. The CDRB shall also permit the Agency to present its case in response to the Contractor by submission of memoranda, briefs, and oral argument. If requested by the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller shall provide reasonable assistance in the preparation of the Agency's case. Neither the Contractor nor the Agency may support its case with any documentation or other material that was not considered by the Comptroller, unless requested by the CDRB. The CDRB, in its discretion, may seek such technical or other expert advice as it shall deem appropriate and may seek, on its own or upon application of a party, any such additional material from any party as it deems fit. The CDRB, in its discretion, may combine more than one dispute between the parties for concurrent resolution.

4. CDRB Determination. Within 45 Days of the conclusion of all submissions and oral arguments, the CDRB shall render a decision resolving the dispute. In an unusually complex case, the CDRB may render its decision in a longer period of

time, not to exceed 90 Days, and shall so advise the parties at the commencement of this period. The CDRB's decision must be consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Decisions of the CDRB shall only resolve matters before the CDRB and shall not have precedential effect with respect to matters not before the CDRB.

5. Notification of CDRB Decision. The CDRB shall send a copy of its decision to the Contractor, the ACCO, the Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller, the CCPO, and, in the case of construction or construction-related services, the City Engineer, City Resident Engineer, City Engineering Audit Officer, or other designee of the Agency Head. A decision in favor of the Contractor shall be subject to the prompt payment provisions of the PPB Rules. The required payment date shall be 30 Days after the date the parties are formally notified of the CDRB's decision.

6. Finality of CDRB Decision. The CDRB's decision shall be final and binding on all parties. Any party may seek review of the CDRB's decision solely in the form of a challenge, filed within four months of the date of the CDRB's decision, in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York, County of New York pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Such review by the court shall be limited to the question of whether or not the CDRB's decision was made in violation of lawful procedure, was affected by an error of Law, or was arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion. No evidence or information shall be introduced or relied upon in such proceeding that was not presented to the CDRB in accordance with PPB Rules § 4-09.

H. Any termination, cancellation, or alleged breach of the Agreement prior to or during the pendency of any proceedings pursuant to this Section 12.03 shall not affect or impair the ability of the Agency Head or CDRB to make a binding and final decision pursuant to this Section 12.03.

Section 12.04 Claims and Actions

A. Any claim, that is not subject to dispute resolution under the PPB Rules or this Agreement, against the City for damages for breach of contract shall not be made or asserted in any action, unless the Contractor shall have strictly complied with all requirements relating to the giving of notice and of information with respect to such claims, as provided in this Agreement.

B. No action shall be instituted or maintained on any such claims unless such action shall be commenced within six months after the final payment under this Agreement, or within six months of the termination or expiration of this Agreement, or within six months after the accrual of the cause of action, whichever first occurs.

Section 12.05 No Claim Against Officials, Agents, or Employees

No claim shall be made by the Contractor against any official, agent, or employee of the City in their personal capacity for, or on account of, anything done or omitted in connection with this Agreement.

Section 12.06 General Release

The acceptance by the Contractor or its assignees of the final payment under this Agreement, whether by check, wire transfer, or other means, and whether pursuant to invoice, voucher, judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction or any other administrative means, shall constitute and operate as a release of the City from any and all claims of and liability to the Contractor, of which the Contractor was aware or should reasonably have been aware, arising out of the performance of this Agreement based on actions of the City prior to such acceptance of final payment, excepting any disputes that are the subject of pending dispute resolution procedures.

Section 12.07 No Waiver

Waiver by either the Department or the Contractor of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Agreement unless and until the same shall be agreed to in writing by the parties as set forth in Section 9.01.

ARTICLE 13 - APPLICABLE LAWS

Section 13.01 PPB Rules

This Agreement is subject to the PPB Rules. If there is a conflict between the PPB Rules and a provision of this Agreement, the PPB Rules shall take precedence.

Section 13.02 All Legal Provisions Deemed Included

Each and every provision required by Law to be inserted in this Agreement is hereby deemed to be a part of this Agreement, whether actually inserted or not.

Section 13.03 Severability / Unlawful Provisions Deemed Stricken

If this Agreement contains any unlawful provision not an essential part of the Agreement and which shall not appear to have been a controlling or material inducement to the making of this Agreement, the unlawful provision shall be deemed of no effect and shall, upon notice by either party, be deemed stricken from the Agreement without affecting the binding force of the remainder.

Section 13.04 Compliance With Laws

The Contractor shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable Laws as are in effect at the time such services are performed.

Section 13.05 Unlawful Discrimination in the Provision of Services

A. *Discrimination in Public Accommodations.* With respect to services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of actual or perceived age, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, partnership status, marital status, disability, presence of a service animal, race, color, national origin, alienage, citizenship status, or military status, or any other class of individuals protected from discrimination in public accommodations by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

B. *Discrimination in Housing Accommodations.* With respect to services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of actual or perceived age, religion, creed, sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, stalking, and sex offenses, partnership status, marital status, presence of children, disability, presence of a service or emotional support animal, race, color, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, lawful occupation, or lawful source of income (including income derived from social security, or any form of federal, state, or local public government assistance or housing assistance including Section 8 vouchers), or any other class of individuals protected from discrimination in housing accommodations by City, State or Federal laws, rules or regulations. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory and regulatory obligations to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities.

C. *Admin. Code § 6-123.* In accordance with Admin. Code § 6-123, the Contractor will not engage in any unlawful discriminatory practice as defined in and pursuant to the terms of Title 8 of the Admin. Code. The Contractor shall include a provision in any agreement with a first-level subcontractor performing services under this Agreement for an amount in excess of \$50,000.00 that such subcontractor shall not engage in any such unlawful discriminatory practice.

D. *Immigration status.* In connection with the services provided under this Agreement, the Contractor shall not inquire about the immigration status of a recipient or potential recipient of such services unless (i) it is necessary for the determination of program, service or benefit eligibility or the provision of City services or (ii) the Contractor is required by law to inquire about such person's immigration status.

Section 13.05 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

A. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 *et seq.* ("ADA") and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, see 28 CFR Part 35. The Contractor shall not discriminate against an individual with a disability, as defined in the ADA, in providing services, programs, or activities pursuant to this Agreement. If directed to do so by the Department to ensure the

Contractor's compliance with the ADA during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall prepare a plan ("Compliance Plan") which lists its program site(s) and describes in detail, how it intends to make the services, programs and activities set forth in the scope of services herein readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities at such site(s). If the program site is not readily accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, contractor shall also include in the Compliance Plan, a description of reasonable alternative means and methods that result in making the services, programs or activities provided under this Agreement, readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to people with visual, auditory or mobility disabilities. The Contractor shall submit the Compliance Plan to the ACCO for review within ten Days after being directed to do so and shall abide by the Compliance Plan and implement any action detailed in the Compliance Plan to make the services, programs, or activities accessible and usable by the disabled.

B. The Contractor's failure to either submit a Compliance Plan as required herein or implement an approved Compliance Plan may be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and result in the City terminating this Agreement.

Section 13.06 Voter Registration

A. *Participating Agencies.* Pursuant to Charter § 1057-a, if this Agreement is made by and through a participating City agency and the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor must comply with the requirements of this Section 13.06. The participating City agencies are: the Administration for Children's Services; the City Clerk; the Civilian Complaint Review Board; the Commission on Human Rights; Community Boards; SBS; the Department of Citywide Administrative Services; the Department of Consumer Affairs; the Department of Correction; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Finance; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Department of Homeless Services; the Department of Housing Preservation and Development; the Department of Parks and Recreation; the Department of Probation; the Taxi and Limousine Commission; the Department of Transportation; and the Department of Youth and Community Development.

B. *Distribution of Voter Registration Forms.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor, if it has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business under this Agreement, hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall provide and distribute voter registration forms to all persons together with written applications for services, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services. Such voter registration forms shall be provided to the Contractor by the City. The Contractor should be prepared to provide forms written in Spanish or Chinese, and shall obtain a sufficient supply of such forms from the City.

2. The Contractor shall also include a voter registration form with any Contractor communication sent through the United States mail for the purpose of

supplying clients with materials for application, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services. If forms written in Spanish or Chinese are not provided in such mailing, the Contractor shall provide such forms upon the Department's request.

3. The Contractor shall, subject to approval by the Department, incorporate an opportunity to request a voter registration application into any application for services, renewal, or recertification for services and change of address relating to such services provided on computer terminals, the World Wide Web or the Internet. Any person indicating that they wish to be sent a voter registration form via computer terminals, the World Wide Web or the Internet shall be sent such a form by the Contractor or be directed, in a manner subject to approval by the Department, to a link on that system where such a form may be downloaded.

4. The Contractor shall, at the earliest practicable or next regularly scheduled printing of its own forms, subject to approval by the Department, physically incorporate the voter registration forms with its own application forms in a manner that permits the voter registration portion to be detached therefrom. Until such time when the Contractor amends its form, the Contractor should affix or include a postage-paid City Board of Elections voter registration form to or with its application, renewal, recertification, and change of address forms.

5. The Contractor shall prominently display in its public office, subject to approval by the Department, promotional materials designed and approved by the City or State Board of Elections.

6. For the purposes of Paragraph A of this Section 13.06, the word "Contractor" shall be deemed to include subcontractors having regular contact with the public in the daily administration of their business.

7. The provisions of Paragraph A of this Section 13.06 shall not apply to services that must be provided to prevent actual or potential danger to life, health, or safety of any individual or of the public.

C. *Assistance in Completing Voter Registration Forms.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. In the event the Department provides assistance in completing distributed voter registration forms, the Contractor shall also provide such assistance, in the manner and to the extent specified by the Department.

2. In the event the Department receives and transmits completed registration forms from applicants who wish to have the forms transmitted to the City Board of Elections, the Contractor shall similarly provide such service, in the manner and to the extent specified by the Department.

3. If, in connection with the provision of services under this Agreement, the Contractor intends to provide assistance in completing distributed voter registration forms or to receive and transmit completed registration forms from applicants who wish to have the forms transmitted to the City Board of Elections, the Contractor shall do so only by prior arrangement with the Department.

4. The provision of Paragraph B services by the Contractor may be subject to Department protocols, including protocols regarding confidentiality.

D. *Required Statements.* In accordance with Charter § 1057-a, the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor shall advise all persons seeking voter registration forms and information, in writing together with other written materials provided by the Contractor or by appropriate publicity, that the Contractor's or government services are not conditioned on being registered to vote.

2. No statement shall be made and no action shall be taken by the Contractor or an employee of the Contractor to discourage an applicant from registering to vote or to encourage or discourage an applicant from enrolling in any particular political party.

3. The Contractor shall communicate to applicants that the completion of voter registration forms is voluntary.

4. The Contractor and the Contractor's employees shall not:

- a. seek to influence an applicant's political preference or party designation;
- b. display any political preference or party allegiance;
- c. make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote; or
- d. make any statement to an applicant or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision to register or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.

E. The Contractor, as defined above and in this Agreement, agrees that the covenants and representations in this Section 13.06 are material conditions of this Agreement.

F. The provisions of this Section 13.06 do not apply where the services under this Agreement are supported by a federal or State grant of funds and the source of funds prohibits the use of federal or State funds for the purposes of this Section.

Section 13.07 Political Activity

The Contractor's provision of services under this Agreement shall not include any partisan political activity or any activity to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public, political, or party office, nor shall any of the funds provided under this Agreement be used for such purposes.

Section 13.08 Religious Activity

There shall be no religious worship, instruction, or proselytizing as part of or in connection with the Contractor's provision of services under this Agreement, nor shall any of the funds provided under this Agreement be used for such purposes.

Section 13.09 Participation in an International Boycott

A. The Contractor agrees that neither the Contractor nor any substantially-owned affiliated company is participating or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, 50 U.S.C. Appendix. §§ 2401 *et seq.*, or the regulations of the United States Department of Commerce promulgated thereunder.

B. Upon the final determination by the Commerce Department or any other agency of the United States as to, or conviction of, the Contractor or a substantially-owned affiliated company thereof, of participation in an international boycott in violation of the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Comptroller may, at his or her option, render forfeit and void this Agreement.

C. The Contractor shall comply in all respects, with the provisions of Admin. Code § 6-114 and the rules issued by the Comptroller thereunder.

Section 13.10 MacBride Principles

A. In accordance with and to the extent required by Admin. Code § 6-115.1, the Contractor stipulates that the Contractor and any individual or legal entity in which the Contractor holds a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest and any individual or legal entity that holds a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest in the Contractor either (a) have no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations they have in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such principles.

B. The Contractor agrees that the covenants and representations in Paragraph A above are material conditions to this Agreement.

C. This Section does not apply if the Contractor is a not-for-profit corporation.

Section 13.11 Access to Public Health Insurance Coverage Information

A. Participating Agencies. Pursuant to Charter § 1069, if this Agreement is with a participating City agency and the Contractor is one to whom this Section 13.11 applies as provided in Paragraph B of this Section 13.11, the Contractor hereby agrees to fulfill the obligations in Paragraph C of this Section 13.11. The participating City agencies are: the Administration for Children's Services; the City Clerk; the Commission on Human Rights; the Department for the Aging; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Homeless Services; the Department of Housing Preservation and Development; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Department of Probation; the Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration; the Taxi and Limousine Commission; the Department of Youth and Community Development; the Office to Combat Domestic Violence; and the Office of Immigrant Affairs.

B. Applicability to Certain Contractors. This Section 13.11 shall be applicable to a Contractor operating pursuant to an Agreement which (i) is in excess of \$250,000.00 and (ii) requires such Contractor to supply individuals with a written application for, or written renewal or recertification of services, or request for change of address form in the daily administration of its contractual obligation to such participating City agency. "Contractors" to whom this Section 13.11 applies shall be deemed to include subcontractors if the subcontract requires the subcontractor to supply individuals with a written application for, or written renewal or recertification of services, or request for change of address form in the daily administration of the subcontractor's contractual obligation.

C. Distribution of Public Health Insurance Pamphlet. In accordance with Charter § 1069, when the participating City agency supplies the Contractor with the public health insurance program options pamphlet published by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene pursuant to Section 17-183 of the Admin. Code (hereinafter "pamphlet"), the Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Contractor will distribute the pamphlet to all persons requesting a written application for services, renewal or recertification of services or request for a change of address relating to the provision of services.

2. The Contractor will include a pamphlet with any Contractor communication sent through the United States mail for the purpose of supplying an individual with a written application for services, renewal or recertification of services or with a request for a change of address form relating to the provision of services.

3. The Contractor will provide an opportunity for an individual requesting a written application for services, renewal or recertification for services or change of address form relating to the provision of services via the Internet to request a pamphlet, and will provide such pamphlet by United States mail or an Internet address where such

pamphlet may be viewed or downloaded, to any person who indicates via the Internet that they wish to be sent a pamphlet.

4. The Contractor will ensure that its employees do not make any statement to an applicant for services or client or take any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead the applicant or client to believe that a decision to request public health insurance or a pamphlet has any bearing on their eligibility to receive or the availability of services or benefits.

5. The Contractor will comply with: (i) any procedures established by the participating City agency to implement Charter § 1069; (ii) any determination of the commissioner or head of the participating City agency (which is concurred in by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) to exclude a program, in whole or in part, from the requirements of Charter § 1069; and (iii) any determination of the commissioner or head of the participating City agency (which is concurred in by the commissioner of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) as to which Workforce Investment Act of 1998 offices providing workforce development services shall be required to fulfill the obligations under Charter § 1069.

D. Non-applicability to Certain Services. The provisions of this Section 13.11 shall not apply to services that must be provided to prevent actual or potential danger to the life, health or safety of any individual or to the public.

Section 13.12 Distribution of Personal Identification Materials

A. Participating Agencies. Pursuant to City Executive Order No. 150 of 2011 (“E.O. 150”), if this Agreement is with a participating City agency and the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor must comply with the requirements of this Section 13.12. The participating City agencies are: Administration for Children’s Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of Correction, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Human Resources Administration, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Probation, and Department of Youth and Community Development.

B. Policy. As expressed in E.O. 150, it is the policy of the City to provide information to individuals about how they can obtain the various forms of City, State, and Federal government-issued identification and, where appropriate, to assist them with the process for applying for such identification.

C. Distribution of Materials. If the Contractor has regular contact with the public in the daily administration of its business, the Contractor hereby agrees to provide and distribute materials and information related to whether and how to obtain various forms of City, State, and Federal government-issued identification as the Agency directs in accordance with the Agency’s plans developed pursuant to E.O. 150.

ARTICLE 14 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 14.01 Conditions Precedent

A. This Agreement shall be neither binding nor effective unless and until it is registered pursuant to Charter § 328.

B. The requirements of this Section 14.01 shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any approval or authorization otherwise required for this Agreement to be effective and for the expenditure of City funds.

Section 14.02 Merger

This written Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and no other agreement, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties, or to modify any of the terms contained in this Agreement, other than a written change, amendment or modification duly executed by both parties pursuant to Article 9 of this Appendix A.

Section 14.03 Headings

Headings are inserted only as a matter of convenience and therefore are not a part of and do not affect the substance of this Agreement.

Section 14.04 Notice

A. The Contractor and the Department hereby designate the business addresses and email addresses specified in Schedule A (and if not specified in Schedule A, as specified at the beginning of this Agreement) as the places where all notices, directions, or communications from one such party to the other party shall be delivered, or to which they shall be mailed. Either party may change its notice address at any time by an instrument in writing executed and acknowledged by the party making such change and delivered to the other party in the manner as specified below.

B. Any notice, direction, or communication from either party to the other shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when (i) delivered personally; (ii) sent by certified mail, return receipt requested; (iii) delivered by overnight or same day courier service in a properly addressed envelope with confirmation; or (iv) sent by email and, unless receipt of the e-mail is acknowledged by the recipient by email, deposited in a post office box regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service in a properly addressed, postage pre-paid envelope.

C. Nothing in this Section 14.04 shall be deemed to serve as a waiver of any requirements for the service of notice or process in the institution of an action or proceeding as provided by Law, including the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

AFFIRMATION

The undersigned proposer or bidder affirms and declares that said proposer or bidder is not in arrears to the City of New York upon debt, contract or taxes and is not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon obligation to the City of New York, and has not been declared not responsible, or disqualified, by any agency of the City of New York, nor is there any proceeding pending relating to the responsibility or qualification of the proposer or bidder to receive public contract except _____.

Full name of Proposer or Bidder *[below]*

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

CHECK ONE BOX AND INCLUDE APPROPRIATE NUMBER:

A - ☐ Individual or Sole Proprietorships

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

B - ☐ Partnership, Joint Venture or other unincorporated organization

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

C - ☐ Corporation

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

By _____

Signature

Title

If a corporation place seal here

Must be signed by an officer or duly authorized representative.

* Under the Federal Privacy Act, the furnishing of Social Security numbers by bidders or proposers on City contracts is voluntary. Failure to provide a Social Security number will not result in a bidder's/proposer's disqualification. Social Security numbers will be used to identify bidders, proposers, or vendors to ensure their compliance with laws, to assist the City in enforcement of laws, as well as to provide the City a means of identifying businesses seeking City contracts.

SCHEDULE A

Article 7 -- Insurance		
Types of Insurance (per Article 7 in its entirety, including listed paragraph)		Minimum Limits and Special Conditions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation §7.02 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability Benefits Insurance §7.02 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employers' Liability §7.02		Statutory amounts.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial General Liability §7.03(A)		<u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per occurrence <u>\$1,000,000.00</u> personal & advertising injury (unless waived in writing by the Department) <u>\$2,000,000.00</u> aggregate <u>\$0</u> products/completed operations Additional Insureds: 1. City of New York, including its officials and employees, and 2. _____ 3. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Auto Liability §7.03(B)		<u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per accident combined single limit If vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the Contractor shall provide pollution liability broadened coverage for covered vehicles (endorsement CA 99 48) as well as proof of MCS 90
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions §7.03(C)		<u>\$1,000,000.00</u> per claim
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Insurance §7.03(D)		\$ _____ Employee Theft/Dishonesty

	<p>\$ _____ Computer Fraud</p> <p>\$ _____ Funds Transfer Fraud</p> <p>\$ _____ Client Coverage</p> <p>\$ _____ Forgery or Alteration</p> <p>\$ _____ Inside the Premises (theft of money and securities)</p> <p>\$ _____ Inside the Premises (robbery or safe burglary of other property)</p> <p>\$ _____ Outside the Premises</p> <p>\$ _____ Money Orders and Counterfeit Money</p> <p>City of New York is a loss payee as its interests may appear</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyber Liability Insurance §7.03(E)	<i>[If there is a significant cyber risk, please consult with the Law Department about specific insurance requirements.]</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> [OTHER]	<i>[If other type(s) of insurance need to be required under the Contract, the Contracting Agency should (a) check the box and fill in the type of insurance in left-hand column, and (b) in this right-hand column, specify appropriate limit(s) and appropriate Named Insured and Additional Insured(s).]</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> [OTHER]	<i>[If other type(s) of insurance need to be required under the Contract, the Contracting Agency should (a) check the box and fill in the type of insurance in left-hand column, and (b) in this right-hand column, specify appropriate limit(s) and appropriate Named Insured and Additional Insured(s).]</i>
Section 10.07 – Liquidated Damages	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violation of Section 3.02(H), reporting subcontractors in the City’s Payee Information Portal • 	<p>\$100 per day</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
Section 14.04 – Notice	

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Department's Mailing Address and Email Address for Notices	
Contractor's Mailing Address and Email Address for Notices	

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Instructions to New York City Agencies, Departments, and Offices

All certificates of insurance (except certificates of insurance solely evidencing Workers' Compensation Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance, and/or Disability Benefits Insurance) must be accompanied by one of the following:

- (1) the Certification by Insurance Broker or Agent on the following page setting forth the required information and signatures;

-- OR --

- (2) copies of all policies as certified by an authorized representative of the issuing insurance carrier that are referenced in such certificate of insurance. If any policy is not available at the time of submission, certified binders may be submitted until such time as the policy is available, at which time a certified copy of the policy shall be submitted.

CITY OF NEW YORK
CERTIFICATION BY INSURANCE BROKER OR AGENT

The undersigned insurance broker or agent represents to the City of New York that the attached Certificate of Insurance is accurate in all material respects.

[Name of broker or agent (typewritten)]

[Address of broker or agent (typewritten)]

[Email address of broker or agent (typewritten)]

[Phone number/Fax number of broker or agent (typewritten)]

[Signature of authorized official, broker, or agent]

[Name and title of authorized official, broker, or agent (typewritten)]

State of)

) ss.:

County of)

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____ 20__

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF _____

Appendix F – Sample Valuation Results Output

New York City Health Benefits Program
6/30/2022 Valuation Results of GASB OPEB
Fire
Not Including Component Unit Liability

	6/30/2021 Stage 4 (Discount Rate)	6/30/2022 Stage 1 (Experience)	6/30/2022 Stage 2 (Unit Costs)	6/30/2022 Stage 3 (Trend)	6/30/2022 Stage 4 (Discount Rate)
Discount Rate Used:	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.13%
DEMOGRAPHICS					
Actives					
Number	10,751	10,685	10,685	10,685	10,685
Average Age	41.17	40.95	40.95	40.95	40.95
Average Service	14.50	14.19	14.19	14.19	14.19
Future Years of Service	139,542	142,399	142,399	142,399	142,399
Salary	\$ 1,386,952,944	\$ 1,539,526,561	\$ 1,539,526,561	\$ 1,539,526,561	\$ 1,539,526,561
Present Value of Future Salary	\$ 17,589,532,043	\$ 19,824,003,664	\$ 19,824,003,664	\$ 19,824,003,664	\$ 19,754,861,880
Present Value of Future Working Lifetime	100,720	101,054	101,054	101,054	100,756
Actives Off Payroll					
Number	-	-	-	-	-
Average Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Future Years of Service	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deferred Vesteds					
Number	62	66	66	66	66
Average Age	44.31	44.58	44.58	44.58	44.58
Retirees/Participants					
Pre - Medicare Number	6,956	6,907	6,907	6,907	6,907
Medicare Number	9,274	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458
Welfare Funds Number	15,470	15,573	15,573	15,573	15,573
Pre - Medicare Part B Premium Number	6,956	6,907	6,907	6,907	6,907
Medicare Part B Premium Number	9,274	9,458	9,458	9,458	9,458
Total Retiree Headcount	16,230	16,365	16,365	16,365	16,365
Pre - Medicare Average Age	56.38	56.24	56.24	56.24	56.24
Medicare Average Age	75.74	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
Welfare Funds Average Age	67.45	67.41	67.41	67.41	67.41
Pre - Medicare Part B Average Age	56.38	56.24	56.24	56.24	56.24
Medicare Part B Average Age	75.74	75.50	75.50	75.50	75.50
Retirees' Covered Spouses					
Pre - Medicare Number	6,458	6,464	6,464	6,464	6,464
Medicare Number	5,164	4,949	4,949	4,949	4,949
Pre - Medicare Part B Premium Number	6,458	6,464	6,464	6,464	6,464
Medicare Part B Premium Number	5,164	4,949	4,949	4,949	4,949
Pre - Medicare Average Age	55.52	56.05	56.05	56.05	56.05
Medicare Average Age	74.90	74.48	74.48	74.48	74.48
Pre - Medicare Part B Average Age	55.52	56.05	56.05	56.05	56.05
Medicare Part B Average Age	74.90	74.48	74.48	74.48	74.48
Children Valued					
Number	4,743	4,777	4,777	4,777	4,777
Adult Children on Medicare					
Number	85	84	84	84	84
Average Age	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00	64.00

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Discount Rate Used:	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.13%
TOTAL PRESENT VALUE					
Actives					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 3,842,446,831	\$ 4,015,639,004	\$ 4,040,672,083	\$ 4,485,325,499	\$ 4,450,527,198
Medicare	972,890,447	1,016,876,085	921,509,196	921,509,196	907,903,008
Welfare	455,229,711	469,658,629	347,781,024	347,781,024	343,771,736
Part - B	931,938,389	979,596,116	947,350,769	947,350,769	933,541,356
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,202,505,378	\$ 6,481,769,834	\$ 6,257,313,072	\$ 6,701,966,488	\$ 6,635,743,298
Actives Off Payroll					
Pre - Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare	-	-	-	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Part - B	-	-	-	-	-
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Vesteds					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 31,421,794	\$ 35,407,634	\$ 35,638,346	\$ 39,121,885	\$ 38,919,191
Medicare	5,471,278	6,106,190	5,512,619	5,512,619	5,438,596
Welfare	3,393,788	3,776,147	2,796,227	2,796,227	2,771,585
Part - B	5,180,253	5,801,027	5,610,075	5,610,075	5,536,375
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 45,467,113	\$ 51,090,998	\$ 49,557,267	\$ 53,040,806	\$ 52,665,747
Retirees					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 2,158,334,155	\$ 2,275,393,673	\$ 2,292,577,255	\$ 2,432,655,360	\$ 2,425,719,602
Medicare	1,027,584,793	1,084,584,197	966,621,086	966,621,086	960,330,702
Welfare	474,339,861	496,518,972	357,659,500	357,659,500	355,833,683
Part - B	864,091,642	918,660,241	888,420,720	888,420,720	882,803,301
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,524,350,451	\$ 4,775,157,083	\$ 4,505,278,561	\$ 4,645,356,666	\$ 4,624,687,288
Total - Total Present Value					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 6,032,202,780	\$ 6,326,440,311	\$ 6,368,887,684	\$ 6,957,102,744	\$ 6,915,165,991
Medicare	2,005,946,518	2,107,566,472	1,893,642,901	1,893,642,901	1,873,672,306
Welfare	932,963,360	969,953,748	708,236,751	708,236,751	702,377,004
Part - B	1,801,210,284	1,904,057,384	1,841,381,564	1,841,381,564	1,821,881,032
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 10,772,322,942	\$ 11,308,017,915	\$ 10,812,148,900	\$ 11,400,363,960	\$ 11,313,096,333

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Discount Rate Used:	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.09%	4.13%
FIRST YEAR PAYOUT - TPV					
Actives					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 6,214,126	\$ 6,418,329	\$ 6,461,045	\$ 6,461,045	\$ 6,461,045
Medicare	27,609	33,447	29,189	29,189	29,189
Welfare	410,784	417,111	308,870	308,870	308,870
Part - B	24,947	31,371	30,339	30,339	30,339
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,677,466	\$ 6,900,258	\$ 6,829,443	\$ 6,829,443	\$ 6,829,443
Actives Off Payroll					
Pre - Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare	-	-	-	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Part - B	-	-	-	-	-
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Vesteds					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 72,761	\$ 104,305	\$ 105,023	\$ 105,023	\$ 105,023
Medicare	-	-	-	-	-
Welfare	4,998	6,897	5,108	5,108	5,108
Part - B	-	-	-	-	-
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 77,759	\$ 111,202	\$ 110,131	\$ 110,131	\$ 110,131
Retirees					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 214,335,067	\$ 226,804,740	\$ 228,448,657	\$ 228,448,657	\$ 228,448,657
Medicare	34,350,577	35,859,559	31,355,572	31,355,572	31,355,572
Welfare	26,252,670	27,351,984	20,003,507	20,003,507	20,003,507
Part - B	27,396,183	29,980,372	28,993,509	28,993,509	28,993,509
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 302,334,497	\$ 319,996,655	\$ 308,801,245	\$ 308,801,245	\$ 308,801,245
Total - First Year Payout					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 220,621,954	\$ 233,327,374	\$ 235,014,725	\$ 235,014,725	\$ 235,014,725
Medicare	34,378,186	35,893,006	31,384,761	31,384,761	31,384,761
Welfare	26,668,452	27,775,992	20,317,485	20,317,485	20,317,485
Part - B	27,421,130	30,011,743	29,023,848	29,023,848	29,023,848
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 309,089,722	\$ 327,008,115	\$ 315,740,819	\$ 315,740,819	\$ 315,740,819
ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY - EAN (Level %)					
Actives					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 1,358,765,068	\$ 1,392,767,111	\$ 1,401,481,364	\$ 1,555,538,589	\$ 1,550,231,602
Medicare	400,666,268	410,167,947	369,377,340	369,377,340	365,581,492
Welfare	177,947,587	180,363,569	133,558,766	133,558,766	132,534,684
Part - B	373,985,052	384,831,745	372,153,634	372,153,634	368,421,491
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,311,363,975	\$ 2,368,130,372	\$ 2,276,571,104	\$ 2,430,628,329	\$ 2,416,769,269
Total - Accrued Liability					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 3,548,521,017	\$ 3,703,568,418	\$ 3,729,696,965	\$ 4,027,315,834	\$ 4,014,870,395
Medicare	1,433,722,339	1,500,858,334	1,341,511,045	1,341,511,045	1,331,350,790
Welfare	655,681,236	680,658,688	494,014,493	494,014,493	491,139,952
Part - B	1,243,256,947	1,309,293,013	1,266,184,429	1,266,184,429	1,256,761,167
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 6,881,181,539	\$ 7,194,378,453	\$ 6,831,406,932	\$ 7,129,025,801	\$ 7,094,122,304
NORMAL COST - EAN (Level %)					
Actives/Total					
Pre - Medicare	\$ 174,495,274	\$ 181,964,805	\$ 183,054,060	\$ 201,413,791	\$ 200,059,345
Medicare	39,503,272	41,315,667	37,394,325	37,394,325	36,858,439
Welfare	20,513,613	21,089,778	15,616,927	15,616,927	15,452,582
Part - B	37,707,086	39,630,551	38,328,092	38,328,092	37,789,286
Cadillac Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 272,219,245	\$ 284,000,801	\$ 274,393,404	\$ 292,753,135	\$ 290,159,652

Appendix G – Conflict of Interest Disclosure



**Mayor's Office of
Contract Services**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
OFFICE OF CONTRACT SERVICES**

253 Broadway - 9th
Floor New York, New
York 10007
(212) 788-0001

Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Compliance Certification

A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT WILLFULLY OR FRAUDULENTLY MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CERTIFICATION, AND/OR THE FAILURE TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE DUE DILIGENCE IN VERIFYING THE INFORMATION THAT IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS CERTIFICATION, MAY RESULT IN RENDERING THE VENDOR NON-RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACT AWARD, AND A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT WILLFULLY OR FRAUDULENTLY MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CERTIFICATION MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON MAKING THE FALSE STATEMENT TO CRIMINAL CHARGES.

No Conflict of Interest: Except as otherwise fully disclosed below (attach additional pages as needed), the Vendor affirms, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, that no City Elected Official, nor any person associated with any City Elected Official, is an employee, Director or Trustee, Officer or consultant to/of, or has any financial interest, direct or indirect, in the organization, or has received or will receive any financial benefit, directly or indirectly, from the organization or from this funding. For purposes of this certification, "associated" persons include: a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a City Elected Official; a person with whom a City Elected Official has a business or other financial relationship, including but not limited to employees of a City Elected Official and/or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of such employees; and each firm in which a City Elected Official has a present or potential interest.

NOTE: THE VENDOR IS ENCOURAGED TO DISCLOSE ANY CONNECTION TO A CITY ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT COULD CREATE AN APPEARANCE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT MEETS THE LISTED DEFINITIONS.

Incorporation: Vendor is incorporated under NYS Not-for-Profit Corp. Law (☒ one) ☐ Yes ☐ No (explain below)

Explain corporate status if you are not incorporated under NPCL:

NOTE: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VENDOR'S CORPORATE STATUS WILL BE USED BY THE CITY TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARITIES REGISTRATION, PAYMENT OF TAXES AND OTHER LEGAL MANDATES AND THIS CONTRACT WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO UNLESS THE VENDOR IS IN COMPLIANCE.

Name of Vendor

Signature of Authorized Official/Date

Vendor's Address

Print Name/Title of Signer

City, State, Zip Code

Vendor's EIN

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public





**Mayor's Office of
Contract Services**

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OFFICE OF CONTRACT SERVICES**

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Floor New York, New
York 10007
(212) 788-0001

Appendix H – Iran Divestment Rider

**IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT COMPLIANCE RIDER FOR
NEW YORK CITY CONTRACTORS**

The Iran Divestment Act of 2012, effective as of April 12, 2012, is codified at State Finance Law (“SFL”) §165-a and General Municipal Law (“GML”) §103-g. The Iran Divestment Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits municipalities, including the City, from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Pursuant to the terms set forth in SFL §165-a and GML §103-g, a person engages in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran if:

(a) the person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or

(b) The person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars or more in credit to another person, for forty-five days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision three of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law and maintained by the Commissioner of the Office of General Services.

A bid or proposal shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where the bidder or proposer fails to submit a signed and verified bidder’s certification.

Each bidder or proposer must certify that it is not on the list of entities engaged in investment activities in Iran created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law. In any case where the bidder or proposer cannot certify that they are not on such list, the bidder or proposer shall so state and shall furnish with the bid or proposal a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons why such statement cannot be made. The City of New York may award a bid to a bidder who cannot make the certification on a case by case basis if:

(1) The investment activities in Iran were made before the effective date of this section (i.e., April 12, 2012), the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after the effective date of this section and the person has adopted, publicized and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran: or

(2) The City makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the City to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the City would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

**BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT**

Pursuant to General Municipal Law §103-g, which generally prohibits the City from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran, the bidder/proposer submits the following certification:

[Please Check One]

BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

- ☐ By submission of this bid or proposal, each bidder/proposer and each person signing on behalf of any bidder/proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, that each bidder/proposer is not on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law.
- ☐ I am unable to certify that my name and the name of the bidder/proposer does not appear on the list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of Section 165-a of the State Finance Law. I have attached a signed statement setting forth in detail why I cannot so certify.

Dated: _____, New York
_____, 20__

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

Sworn to before me this
____ da y of _____, 20__

Notary Public

Dated:

Appendix I – Living Wage Certification

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned affirms and declares under the penalties of perjury, that the following information is true:

The proposer/bidder/contractor ("Contractor") agrees to comply with the requirements of section 6-109 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and with all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Contractor acknowledges that a finding by the City that the Contractor has violated the requirements of section 6-109 of the administrative code of the City of New York may result in the cancellation or rescission of this contract.

The Contractor provides the following information. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Procurement Identification Number (PIN) _____
2. Full Name of Contractor _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
3. Full name of the Chief Executive Officer of the Contractor

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
4. For employees of the Contractor that will be covered employees under this Agreement, state the following:

A. The absolute number of covered employees and the number of full-time equivalent covered employees.

B. For all categories of covered employees, the following information broken down by category:

(1) job classifications of covered employees in each category.

(2) the wages and benefits provided covered employees in each category
(including a description of individual and family health coverage, and sick, annual and terminal leave).

5. For employees of any subcontractor, known at this time, that will be covered employees under this Agreement, state the following:

Full Name of Subcontractor_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

A. The absolute number of covered employees and the number of full-time equivalent covered employees.

B. For all categories of covered employees, the following information broken down by category:

(1) job classifications of covered employees in each category.

(2) the wages and benefits provided covered employees in each category
(including a description of individual and family health coverage, and sick, annual
and terminal leave).

6. To the extent permitted by law, provide a record of any instances during the preceding
five years in which the Contractor has been found by a court or government agency to
have violated federal, state or local laws regulating payment of wages or benefits, labor
relations or occupational safety and health, or, to the extent permitted by law, in which
any government body initiated a judicial action, administrative proceeding or
investigation of the applicant in regard to such laws.
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Dated:

By _____
Signature

Title

Must be signed by an officer or duly authorized representative.

Appendix J – Fraud or Unethical Conduct Flyer

REPORT
CORRUPTION, FRAUD, UNETHICAL CONDUCT
RELATING TO A NYC-FUNDED CONTRACT
OR PROJECT
CALL THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION
212-825-5959



DOI CAN ALSO BE REACHED BY MAIL OR IN PERSON AT:

New York City Department of Investigation (DOI)
80 Maiden Lane, 17th floor
New York, New York 10038
Attention: COMPLAINT BUREAU

OR FILE A COMPLAINT ON-LINE AT:

www.nyc.gov/doi

All communications are confidential

**THE LAW PROTECTS EMPLOYEES OF
CITY CONTRACTORS WHO REPORT CORRUPTION**

- Any employee of a City contractor, or subcontractor of the City, or a City contractor with a contract valued at more than \$100,000 is protected under the law from retaliation by his or her employer if the employee reports wrongdoing related to the contract to the DOI.
- To be protected by this law, an employee must report to DOI – or to certain other specified government officials – information about fraud, false claims, corruption, criminality, conflict of interest, gross mismanagement, or abuse of authority relating to a City contract valued at more than \$100,000.
- Any employee who makes such a report and who believes he or she has been dismissed, demoted, suspended, or otherwise subject to an adverse personnel action because of that report is entitled to bring a lawsuit against the contractor and recover damages



← **Scan the QR Code at Left to File a Complaint**

Appendix K – MacBride Principles Provisions

MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES FORM

BIDDER'S REQUIREMENT: TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES AND NORTHERN IRELAND ACT OF 1989.

Pursuant to Public Law 1995, c. 134, a responsible bidder selected, after public bidding, by the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12, must complete the certification below by checking one of the two representations listed and signing where indicated. If a bidder who would otherwise be awarded a purchase, contract or agreement does not complete the certification, then the Director may determine, in accordance with applicable law and rules, that it is in the best interest of the State to award the purchase, contract or agreement to another bidder who has completed the certification and has submitted a bid within five (5) percent of the most advantageous bid. If the Director finds contractors to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, they shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2, that the entity for which I am authorized to bid:

Has no ongoing business activities in Northern Ireland and does not maintain a physical presence therein through the operation of offices, plants, factories, or similar facilities, either directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, subsidiaries or affiliated companies over which it maintains effective control; or

Will take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Principles of nondiscrimination in employment as set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:18A-89.8 and in conformance with the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and permit independent monitoring of their compliance with those principles.

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder; that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State, permitting the State to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Signature:

Print Name:

Title:

Firm Name:

Date:

Appendix L – Paid Sick Leave Rider

PAID SICK LEAVE LAW CONTRACT RIDER

Introduction and General Provisions

The Earned Sick Time Act, also known as the Paid Sick Leave Law (“PSLL”), requires covered employees who annually perform more than 80 hours of work in New York City to be provided with paid sick time.¹ Contractors of the City of New York or of other governmental entities may be required to provide sick time pursuant to the PSLL.

¹ Pursuant to the PSLL, if fewer than five employees work for the same employer, as determined pursuant to New York City Administrative Code §20-912(g), such employer has the option of providing such employees uncompensated sick time.

The PSLL became effective on April 1, 2014, and is codified at Title 20, Chapter 8, of the New York City Administrative Code. It is administered by the City’s Department of Consumer Affairs (“DCA”); DCA’s rules promulgated under the PSLL are codified at Chapter 7 of Title 6 of the Rules of the City of New York (“Rules”).

Contractor agrees to comply in all respects with the PSLL and the Rules, and as amended, if applicable, in the performance of this agreement. Contractor further acknowledges that such compliance is a material term of this agreement and that failure to comply with the PSLL in performance of this agreement may result in its termination.

Contractor must notify the Agency Chief Contracting Officer of the City agency or other entity with whom it is contracting in writing within ten (10) days of receipt of a complaint (whether oral or written) regarding the PSLL involving the performance of this agreement. Additionally, Contractor must cooperate with DCA’s education efforts and must comply with DCA’s subpoenas and other document demands as set forth in the PSLL and Rules.

The PSLL is summarized below for the convenience of Contractor. Contractor is advised to review the PSLL and Rules in their entirety. On the website www.nyc.gov/PaidSickLeave there are links to the PSLL and the associated Rules as well as additional resources for employers, such as Frequently Asked Questions, timekeeping tools and model forms, and an event calendar of upcoming presentations and webinars at which Contractor can get more information about how to comply with the PSLL. Contractor acknowledges that it is responsible for compliance with the PSLL notwithstanding any inconsistent language contained herein.

Pursuant to the PSLL and the Rules:

Applicability, Accrual, and Use

An employee who works within the City of New York for more than eighty hours in any consecutive 12-month period designated by the employer as its “calendar year” pursuant to the PSLL (“Year”) must be provided sick time. Employers must provide a minimum of one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked by an employee and compensation for such sick time must be provided at the greater of the employee’s regular hourly rate or the minimum wage. Employers are not required to provide more than forty hours of sick time to an employee in any Year.

An employee has the right to determine how much sick time he or she will use, provided that employers may set a reasonable minimum increment for the use of sick time not to exceed four hours per day. In addition, an employee may carry over up to forty hours of unused sick time to the following Year, provided that no employer is required to allow the use of more than forty hours of sick time in a Year or carry over unused paid sick time if the employee

is paid for such unused sick time and the employer provides the employee with at least the legally required amount of paid sick time for such employee for the immediately subsequent Year on the first day of such Year.

An employee entitled to sick time pursuant to the PSLL may use sick time for any of the following:

- such employee's mental illness, physical illness, injury, or health condition or the care of such illness, injury, or condition or such employee's need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;
- such employee's care of a family member (an employee's child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild or grandparent, or the child or parent of an employee's spouse or domestic partner) who has a mental illness, physical illness, injury or health condition or who has a need for medical diagnosis or preventive medical care;
- closure of such employee's place of business by order of a public official due to a public health emergency; or
- such employee's need to care for a child whose school or childcare provider has been closed due to a public health emergency.

An employer must not require an employee, as a condition of taking sick time, to search for a replacement. However, an employer may require an employee to provide: reasonable notice of the need to use sick time; reasonable documentation that the use of sick time was needed for a reason above if for an absence of more than three consecutive work days; and/or written confirmation that an employee used sick time pursuant to the PSLL. However, an employer may not require documentation specifying the nature of a medical condition or otherwise require disclosure of the details of a medical condition as a condition of providing sick time and health information obtained solely due to an employee's use of sick time pursuant to the PSLL must be treated by the employer as confidential.

If an employer chooses to impose any permissible discretionary requirement as a condition of using sick time, it must provide to all employees a written policy containing those requirements, using a delivery method that reasonably ensures that employees receive the policy. If such employer has not provided its written policy, it may not deny sick time to an employee because of non-compliance with such a policy.

Sick time to which an employee is entitled must be paid no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period beginning after the sick time was used.

Exemptions and Exceptions

Notwithstanding the above, the PSLL does not apply to any of the following:

- an independent contractor who does not meet the definition of employee under section 190(2) of the New York State Labor Law;
- an employee covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement in effect on April 1, 2014 until the termination of such agreement;
- an employee in the construction or grocery industry covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement if the provisions of the PSLL are expressly waived in such collective bargaining agreement;
- an employee covered by another valid collective bargaining agreement if such provisions are expressly waived in such agreement and such agreement provides a benefit comparable to that provided by the PSLL for such employee;
- an audiologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or speech language pathologist who is licensed by the New York State Department of Education and who calls in for work assignments at will, determines his or her own schedule, has the ability to reject or accept any assignment referred to him or her, and is paid an average hourly wage that is at least four times the federal minimum wage;
- an employee in a work study program under Section 2753 of Chapter 42 of the United States Code;

- an employee whose work is compensated by a qualified scholarship program as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, Section 117 of Chapter 20 of the United States Code; or
- a participant in a Work Experience Program (WEP) under section 336-c of the New York State Social Services Law.

Retaliation Prohibited

An employer may not threaten or engage in retaliation against an employee for exercising or attempting in good faith to exercise any right provided by the PSLL. In addition, an employer may not interfere with any investigation, proceeding, or hearing pursuant to the PSLL.

Notice of Rights

An employer must provide its employees with written notice of their rights pursuant to the PSLL. Such notice must be in English and the primary language spoken by an employee, provided that DCA has made available a translation into such language. Downloadable notices are available on DCA's website at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/law/PaidSickLeave.shtml>.

Any person or entity that willfully violates these notice requirements is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed fifty dollars for each employee who was not given appropriate notice.

Records

An employer must retain records documenting its compliance with the PSLL for a period of at least three years, and must allow DCA to access such records in furtherance of an investigation related to an alleged violation of the PSLL.

Enforcement and Penalties

Upon receiving a complaint alleging a violation of the PSLL, DCA has the right to investigate such complaint and attempt to resolve it through mediation. Within 30 days of written notification of a complaint by DCA, or sooner in certain circumstances, the employer must provide DCA with a written response and such other information as DCA may request. If DCA believes that a violation of the PSLL has occurred, it has the right to issue a notice of violation to the employer.

DCA has the power to grant an employee or former employee all appropriate relief as set forth in New York City Administrative Code 20-924(d). Such relief may include, among other remedies, treble damages for the wages that should have been paid, damages for unlawful retaliation, and damages and reinstatement for unlawful discharge. In addition, DCA may impose on an employer found to have violated the PSLL civil penalties not to exceed \$500 for a first violation, \$750 for a second violation within two years of the first violation, and \$1,000 for each succeeding violation within two years of the previous violation.

More Generous Policies and Other Legal Requirements

Nothing in the PSLL is intended to discourage, prohibit, diminish, or impair the adoption or retention of a more generous sick time policy, or the obligation of an employer to comply with any contract, collective bargaining agreement, employment benefit plan or other agreement providing more generous sick time. The PSLL provides minimum requirements pertaining to sick time and does not preempt, limit or otherwise affect the applicability of any other law, regulation, rule, requirement, policy or standard that provides for greater accrual or use by employees of sick leave or time, whether paid or unpaid, or that extends other protections to employees. The PSLL may not be construed as creating or imposing any requirement in conflict with any federal or state law, rule or regulation.