

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

**BUREAU OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**Chest X-ray Readings & Interpretation Services
PIN: 11TB004100R0X00**

RELEASE DATE: December 19, 2013

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AUTHORIZED AGENCY CONTACT PERSON

Proposers are advised that the Authorized Agency Contact Person for all matters concerning this Request for Proposals is:

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SECTION I - TIMETABLE

A. Release Date of the Request for Proposals: December 19, 2013

B. Questions

Questions about this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) may be asked at the Pre-Proposal Conference set forth in Section C below or in writing to Authorized Agency Contact Person’s Mailing Address or to the E-Mail Address as listed below.

Question/Clarification Deadline:

Date: January 15, 2014

Time: 5:00 pm

E-Mail Address: RFP@health.nyc.gov

Answer to all questions asked will be available on the Agency’s website at <http://www.nyc.gov/health/contracting>. A list of the questions and answer will also be sent to everyone who picked up or downloaded this RFP.

B. Pre-Proposal Conference:

Date: January 8, 2014

Time: 10:30AM - Noon

Location: 42-09 28th Street, 17th floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

Attendance by proposers is optional but strongly recommended by DOHMH. To register for the conference, email the name, title and affiliation of each attendee to RFP@health.nyc.gov. Please state “X-RAY RFP CONFERENCE ATTENDEE” in the subject line of the e-mail.

On the day of the conference, please bring picture identification with you and arrive thirty minutes early to allow for the time that it will take to proceed through security.

D. Proposal due Date and Time and Location:

Date: January 23, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: 42-09 28th Street, 17th floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

DOHMH advises proposers to deliver proposals by hand. E-mailed or faxed proposals will not be accepted by the Agency.

Proposals received at this Location after the Proposal Due Date and Time are late and shall not be accepted by the Agency, except as provided under New York City’s Procurement Policy Board Rules. The Agency will consider requests made to the Authorized Agency Contact Person to extend the Proposal Due Date and Time prescribed above. However, unless the Agency issues a written addendum to the RFP that extends the Proposal Due Date and Time for all proposers, the Proposal Due Date and Time prescribed above shall remain in effect.

E. Anticipated Contract Start Date: November 01, 2014

SECTION II - SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

A. Purpose of RFP

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DOHMH” or “the Agency”) is seeking one appropriately qualified Contractor to provide teleradiology (x-ray reading) and interpretation services at all four (4) DOHMH Bureau of Tuberculosis Chest Centers (“Chest Centers” or “DOHMH Chest Centers”) located in in the Boroughs of Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens.

The mission of the DOHMH Bureau of Tuberculosis Control (BTBC) is to prevent the spread of tuberculosis (TB) and eliminate it as a public health problem in New York City (NYC). The BTBC has two goals:

1. To identify all individuals with suspected or confirmed TB disease and ensure their appropriate treatment, and;
2. To ensure that individuals with latent TB infection (LTBI) who are at high risk for progression to active disease, receive treatment for LTBI and do not develop disease.

To achieve these goals, the BTBC conducts multifaceted activities through integration of clinical and field services, case management, directly observed therapy (DOT), and epidemiology and surveillance. To ensure that treatment for TB meets acceptable standards, the BTBC monitors the care received by every patient diagnosed with active TB in NYC, regardless of whether the patient receives treatment in a DOHMH-operated Chest Center or elsewhere. Reading and interpretation of radiographic images &/or diagnostic films are an integral component in the identification of patients with active TB disease before the DOMHH physicians can initiate effective treatment.

The contractor would provide on-demand, as-needed, teleradiology services for the four (4) DOHMH Chest Centers. There are approximately 11,000 x-rays per year done at these four (4) sites.

The DOHMH Chest Centers utilize eVero’s Digital Clinic™ as its electronic medical record system and FUJIFILM’s Synapse Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS).

eVero’s Digital Clinic™ provides the user with access to the complete record for each patient within citywide settings to provide secure, timely, accurate information about thousands of daily patient contacts. It also tracks providers and patients at multiple locations and records all pertinent information for billing.

FUJIFILM’s Synapse Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS) is dedicated to the storage, retrieval, distribution and presentation of x-ray images with timely and efficient access to images, interpretations and related data. The PACS consists of the imaging modalities within a secure network for the transmission of patient’s information, workstations for interpreting and retrieving x-ray images, and long and short term archives for the storage and retrieval of x-ray images and reports.

The contractor’s remote access sessions through the Internet or other networks would be conducted using DOHMH’s remote access Virtual Private Network (VPN) services. The contractor would be

responsible for all IT connections and work with the DOHMH Division of Informatics & Information Technology (DIIT) Liaison to set up connectivity.

B. Anticipated Contract Term

It is anticipated that the duration of the contract awarded from this RFP will be three (3) years, with one three (3) year option to renew. The Bureau reserves the right, prior to contract award, to determine the length of the initial contract term and each option to renew, if any.

C. Maximum Anticipated Available Funding

It is anticipated that the anticipated maximum available annual funding for the contract awarded from this RFP will be \$242,000, and the anticipated maximum available funding for the three-year initial term will be \$726,000. Greater consideration will be given to applicants that propose more competitive prices in combination with a high quality service.

D. Anticipated Payment Structure

It is anticipated that the payment structure of the contract awarded from this RFP will be deliverables based with liquidated damages for specific instances of failure to perform. However, the Agency will consider proposals to structure payments in a different manner and reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City's best interest.

SECTION III: SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. Agency Goals and Objectives

The Agency's goal and objectives are as follows:

- Prevent the spread of tuberculosis (TB) and eliminate it as a public health problem in New York City;
- Identify all individuals with suspected or confirmed TB disease and ensure their appropriate treatment, and;
- Ensure individuals with latent TB infection (LTBI) who are at high risk for progression to active disease receives treatment and do not develop disease.

B. Agency Assumptions Regarding Contractor Approach

1. Experience

The contractor would have at least three (3) years of experience in all of the following; greater consideration would be given to proposers with more than three (3) years of experience:

1.1. Reading and interpretation services:

- i. Providing remote teleradiology services, which are defined as “the transmission of digitized medical images (as X-rays, CAT scans, and sonograms) over electronic networks and with the interpretation of the transmitted images for diagnostic purposes”
- ii. Reading and interpreting the following types of x-rays reports in accordance with the American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards for Radiologic Practice:
 - a. **“Normal” Reports;**
 - b. **“Abnormal consistent with TB” Reports;**
Abnormalities suggestive or consistent with TB would be reported with the specific abnormality and also as “low, medium, or high suspicion” for TB. Reports would indicate follow-up as needed.
 - c. **“Abnormalities with potentially life threatening findings” Reports;**
Abnormalities found on the x-ray that require immediate attention as they may be life threatening (Pneumothorax, pericardial effusion etc.):
 - d. **“Abnormalities other than TB” Reports;**
Reported as the specific abnormality (congestive heart failure, rib fracture, suture line, pneumonectomy, etc.).
 - e. **Stat Call Reports** – also known as Wet Readings.

1.2 Experience with a volume of work consistent with DOHMH's estimated annual need for 11,000 chest x-ray readings and interpretation reports.

1.3. Experience employing and supervising staff that are either Board-Eligible or Board-Certified in Diagnostic Radiology Medicine from the American Board of Radiologists, and who are skilled in the interpretation of chest radiographs of adults and pediatric including suspected or confirmed TB. Radiologists are not required to have certification in pediatric radiology;

however, radiologists reading pediatric x-rays must have experience reading childrens' chest x-rays;

- 1.4. Experience training Board-eligible or Board-certified Radiologists in adults and pediatric chest radiography.

2. Organization Capability

The Contractor would have adequate organizational (i.e., programmatic, technical, managerial and financial) capability to provide the work described in this RFP. Specifically the contractor would:

- 2.1. Employ radiologists who are licensed as physicians in New York State, and who are Board Eligible or Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology Medicine by the American Board of Radiology (ABR). Ensure that all radiologists have and maintain all required licenses and certificates to perform the work specified in this RFP.
- 2.2. Be located within seventy five (75) miles of NYC due to the high levels of coordination necessary between the Agency and the contractor. Greater consideration will be given to proposers that are located within the five (5) boroughs of NYC.
- 2.3. Demonstrate the ability to hire and retain competent, appropriately-licensed staff to perform the work under this RFP. Greater consideration would be given to proposers that propose to assign one pool of radiologists, consisting of at least three radiologists, to serve all four (4) Chest Centers.
- 2.4. Demonstrate the ability to perform the required services in compliance with all established principles and ethics of the medical professions, Joint Commission Standards, and all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- 2.5. Demonstrate the technical ability to:
 - i. configure, install and maintain secure remote connectivity, and implement an emergency back-up plan if remote connections fail; security standards must, at minimum meet Citywide Information Security Policies (http://www.nyc.gov/html/doitt/html/business/business_it_security.shtml)
 - ii. maintain equipment that would be reliable and functional to prevent disruption in the delivery of services, and to maintain stable data transmission security;
 - iii. increase capacity within a short timeframe;
 - iv. utilize FUJIFILM's Synapse Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS).

3. Approach

The contractor would:

- 3.1. Provide an estimated 11,000 chest x-ray readings and interpretation reports for all four locations per year including pediatric and adult chest x-rays in the following classifications:
 - i. Standard posterior anterior (PA) chest x-ray
 - ii. Lateral chest x-ray
 - iii. Pediatric (PA/AP and Lateral)
 - iv. Apical lordotic chest x-ray
 - v. Oblique (RT &/or LT) chest x-ray
 - vi. Other (i.e. extremities, spine, etc.)

Table 1 details estimated volumes:

Table 1
Estimated Annual X-Ray Volumes
(Based on prior estimated DOHMH yearly usage)

Type of X-Ray	Estimated Annual Volume
Standard PA chest x-rays	8,650
Apical lordotic chest x-rays	500
Lateral chest x-rays	650
Pediatric (PA & Lateral) chest x-rays	1,000
Oblique chest x-rays	100
Other x-rays (i.e. extremities, spine, etc.)	100
TOTAL	11,000

- 3.2. Read and interpret x-rays in accordance with the American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards for Radiologic Practice, and transmit reports to the designated DOHMH official at the respective Chest Center in accordance with the guidelines and time frames specified below:
 - i. **“Normal” Reports** –within 48 hours (Mondays through Saturdays, excluding City holidays).
 - ii. **“Abnormal consistent with TB” Reports** –within 24 hours (Mondays through Saturdays, excluding City holidays).
 - Abnormalities suggestive or consistent with TB would be reported with the specific abnormality and also as “low, medium, or high suspicion” for TB.
 - Reports would indicate follow-up as needed.

iii. **“Abnormalities with potentially life threatening findings” Reports** – notification via telephone within two (2) hours of the interpretation and no later than 10:00 a.m. the next business day. These include abnormalities found on the x-ray that require immediate attention as they may be life threatening (such as pneumothorax, pericardial effusion, etc.).

iv. **“Abnormalities other than TB” Reports** – within 24 hours. Would be reported as the specific abnormality (congestive heart failure, rib fracture, suture line, pneumonectomy etc.).

v. **Stat Call Reports (Wet Readings)** would be performed on an as-needed basis when requested by the BTBC Director of Medical Affairs or designee and transmit the “Preliminary Reports” back to the BTBC within two (2) hours of the request being made. The contractor would transmit the “Final Report” in accordance with the reporting requirements of this RFP.

- 3.3. Compare new x-ray images with prior x-ray studies in accordance with the American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards for Radiologic Practice. Comparison may be a Non-DOHMH film compared to that taken at one of the DOHMH four sites.
- 3.4. Read and interpret hard copy films when necessary and compare them to the new x-ray images transmitted by the DOHMH then provide the interpretation report in accordance with the guidelines below. The DOHMH will be responsible for the transporting and delivery of films to the contractor.
- 3.5. Address and resolve, via written report, any discrepancies in readings within 24 hours of notification of any significant variance between the Agency’s readings and that of the contractor. Contractor’s report would include a reinterpretation of the x-ray in question and an amended report for it.
 - i. If the DOHMH personnel continue to disagree with the rereading of the contractor’s staff, the DOHMH may request that the contractor use a different staff to provide an additional reading at no cost to the DOHMH.
 - ii. The DOHMH personnel reserve the right to call a conference, either in person or by telephone to discuss the findings with the contractor. The contractor would attend such conference and provide the amended report if necessary.
 - iii. In the event that the contractor’s radiologist(s) reads a significant number of x-rays that are found to be inconsistent, the DOHMH Assistant Commissioner will have the authority to request a change in the contractor’s staff assigned to interpret x-rays for the BTBC. For purposes of this provision, the DOHMH reserves the sole discretion to determine what constitutes a “significant” number of x-rays. If it is not possible for the contractor to change its staff, or if the result of such change is not acceptable to the DOHMH, the Agency will have the right to terminate this contract without penalty to the City.
 - iv. The contractor would immediately comply with any decisions that the DOHMH deems to be in its best interest including the authority to request a change in the contractor’s staff

assigned to perform teleradiology services for the Agency under the contract that results from this RFP.

- 3.6. Provide the required services during the Chest Centers' normal business hours, excluding New York City government holidays. See Appendix B for a listing of Chest Center locations and business hours. Be accessible throughout the contract period to DOHMH -designated personnel during the Chest Centers' normal business hours for telephone and/or email consultation pertaining to patients' x-ray interpretation.
- 3.7. Work with the DOHMH DIIT Liaison to establish full connectivity for services in all four Chest Centers.
 - i. Contractor will assume all costs associated with modifications/upgrades of equipment, additional equipment, hardware or software, and maintenance of equipment, which may be required to provide services under the contract arising from this RFP.
 - ii. Contractor would have an established method for adding/removing and testing new equipment throughout the term of the contract.
 - iii. In the event the DOHMH modifies or upgrades its system, the Contractor would modify or upgrade its system accordingly.
 - iv. Contractor would develop and implement a plan to address continuity of services during emergency down times.
- 3.8. Attend conferences with DOHMH Personnel, as scheduled by the BTBC Director of Medical Affairs or assigned designee. The DOHMH expects that there will be approximately (five) 5 conferences per year and expects that each will last for approximately two (2) hours. There is no guarantee as to the number of conferences under the Contract arising from this RFP. The contractor would be notified to attend no later than two (2) weeks in advance of being scheduled.
- 3.9. Assign a direct contact liaison person in their company to be responsible for all dealings, including inquiries and billings issues.
- 3.10. Ensure that all patient medical information including the interpretation of all x-rays is kept confidential in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- 3.11. Make available necessary documents for auditing by the DOHMH.
- 3.12. Sign an agreement of confidentiality, in a form approved by the DOHMH.

C. Agency Assumptions Regarding Payment Structure and Related Financial Disincentives

The Agency's assumptions or determination regarding the performance - based payment structure that will most likely assure that the selected proposer will perform the work under the contract awarded from this RFP in a manner that is cost-effective for the Agency and most likely to achieve the Agency's goals and objectives set forth above are as follows:

It is anticipated that the payment structure of the contract awarded from this RFP will be deliverables based with liquidated damages for specific instances of failure to perform. However, the Agency will consider proposals to structure payments in a different manner and reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City's best interest.

The agency may impose liquidated damages if the contractor fails to transmit x-ray readings in accordance with the following schedule for x-ray transmittal below, subject to the expiring of such delay time for the DOHMH PACS system downtime that are beyond the control of the contractor. For each business day following the date on which the interpretation is due to the Agency in which interpretations are not delivered to DOHMH before 10:00 AM, in the Invoice covering the time period(s) in which the delay(s) occurred, the Agency would have the authority to deduct Liquidated Damages at a rate of 5 percent (5%) of the payment that would have otherwise been due for the delay.

SCHEDULE FOR X-RAY TRANSMITTAL

REPORTS	DELIVERY AT THE DOHMH	LATE TRANSMITTAL
Normal	WITHIN 48 HRS	No later than (24 Hrs.) one business day after expiration of delivery time.
Abnormal consistent with TB	WITHIN 24 HRS	No later than (24 Hrs.) one day after expiration of delivery time.
Abnormalities with potentially life threatening findings	WITHIN 2 HRS	No later than 2 Hrs. after expiration of delivery time.
Abnormalities other than TB" Reports	WITHIN 24 HRS	No later than (24 Hrs.) one day after expiration of delivery time.
Stat Call Reports (Wet Readings)	WITHIN 2 HRS	No later than 2 Hrs. after expiration of delivery time.

C. Compliance with Local Law 34 of 2007

Pursuant to Local Law 34 of 2007, amending the City's Campaign Finance Law, the City is required to establish a computerized database containing the names of any "person" that has "business dealings with the City" as such terms are defined in the Local Law. In order for the City to obtain necessary information to establish the required database, vendors responding to this solicitation are required to complete the attached Doing Business Data Form (see Attachment D) and return it with this proposal and should do so in a separate envelope. (If the responding vendor is a proposed joint venture, the entities that comprise the proposed joint venture must each complete a Data Form). If the City determines that a vendor has failed to submit a Data Form or has submitted a Data Form that is not complete, the vendor will be notified by the Agency and will be given four (4) calendar days from receipt of notification to cure the specified deficiencies and return a complete Data Form to the Agency. Failure to do so will result in a determination that the proposal is non-responsive. Receipt of notification is

defined as the day notice is e-mailed or faxed (if the vendor has provided an e-mail address or fax number), or no later than five (5) days from the date of mailing or upon delivery, if delivered.

D. Subcontracting

The agency anticipates that there will be no subcontracting under the contract that result from this solicitation.

F. Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider

Local Law Nos. 30 and 33 of 2012, codified at sections 6-132 and 12-113 of the New York City Administrative Code, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act, protect employees of certain City contractors from adverse personnel action based on whistleblower activity relating to a City contract and require contractors to post a notice informing employees of their rights. Please read Attachment G, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act Rider, carefully.

G. Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act

Pursuant to State Finance Law Section 165-a and General Municipal Law Section 103-g, the City is prohibited from entering into contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran. Each proposer is required to complete the attached Bidders Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act, certifying that it is not on a list of entities engaged in investments activities in Iran created by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of General Services. If a proposer appears on that list, the Agency/Department will be able to award a contract to such proposer only in situations where the proposer is taking steps to cease its investments in Iran or where the proposer is a necessary sole source. Please refer to Attachment E for information on the Iran Divestment Act required for this solicitation and instructions on how to complete the required form and to <http://www.ogs.ny.gov/About/regs/ida.asp> for additional information concerning the list of entities.

H. Subcontractor Compliance Notice

The selected vendor will be required to utilize the City's web based system to identify all subcontractors in order to obtain subcontractor approval pursuant to PPB Rule section 4-13, and will also be required to enter all subcontractor payment information and other related information in such system during the contract term. Please read Attachment F, the Subcontractor Compliance Notice as it relates to competitive solicitations.

SECTION IV: FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

Instructions: Proposers should provide all information required in the format below. The proposal should be typed on both sides of 8 ½" X 11" papers. The City of New York requests that all proposals be submitted on paper with no less than 30% post-consumer material content, i.e., the minimum recovered fiber content level for reprographic papers recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (for any changes to that standard please consult: <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/products/printing.htm>). Pages should be paginated. The proposal will be evaluated on the basis of its content, not length. Proposers should clearly mark any section of their proposal that is confidential or proprietary. Failure to comply with any of these instructions will not make the proposal non-responsive.

A. Proposal Format

1. Proposal Cover Letter

The Proposal Cover Letter form (Attachment A) transmits the proposer's Proposal Package to the Agency. It should be completed, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the proposer.

2. Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal is a clear, concise narrative that addresses the following:

2.1 Experience

Describe the successful relevant experience of the proposer and the proposed key staff in providing the services described in Section III - Scope of Services of this RFP. Specifically address the following:

- i. Demonstrate the proposer's successful relevant experience providing all of the following.
 - Providing remote teleradiology services .
 - Reading and interpreting the following types of x-rays reports in accordance with the American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards for Radiologic Practice:
 - **“Normal” Reports;**
 - **“Abnormal consistent with TB” Reports;**
 - **“Abnormalities with potentially life threatening findings” Reports;**
 - **“Abnormalities other than TB” Reports;**
 - **Stat Call Reports.**
- ii. Demonstrate the proposer's experience with a volume of work consistent with DOHMH's established annual need for 11,000 chest x-ray reading and interpretation reports.
- iii. Demonstrate the proposer's experience employing, supervising and training staff that possess NYS Medical Licenses, and who are either Board-Eligible or Board –Certified Radiologists skilled in the interpretation of chest radiographs of adults and pediatric including suspected or

confirmed TB; include the proposer's plan for ensuring that all radiologists assigned to this contract maintain all required licenses.

In addition:

- iv. Provide at least three (3) written references for comparable services as those set forth herein. Such references must be of customers within the past three (3) years for whom comparable work as specified herein has been performed and who can verify and attest to the quality of the services. References from DOHMH are not acceptable for the purposes of this RFP.
- vi. Attach current resumes/vitae of education, training and experience and current licenses for key staff positions (example, New York State medical licenses, Board-eligible or Board-certified Radiologists) skilled in the interpretation of radiographs of adults and children, or provide job descriptions for these positions.
- vii. Provide a table of contracts showing services provided by the proposer to in facilities similar to DOHMH's facilities, within the last three (3) years.

2.2. Organizational Capability

Demonstrate the proposer's organizational (i.e. programmatic, technical, managerial and financial) capability to perform the services described in Section III – Scope of Services of this RFP. Specifically address the following:

- i. Demonstrate that the proposer will employ radiologists who are licensed as physicians in New York State, and who are Board Eligible or Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology Medicine by the American Board of Radiology (ABR). Ensure that all radiologists have and maintain all required licenses and certificates to perform the work specified in this RFP.
- ii. Demonstrate that the proposer is located within seventy five (75) miles of NYC due to the high levels of coordination necessary between the Agency and the contractor. Greater consideration will be given to proposers that are located within the five (5) boroughs of NYC.
- iii. Demonstrate the capability to ensure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and with all established principles and ethics of the medical professions, Joint Commission Standards, and all applicable federal, state and local laws.
- iv. Demonstrate the ability to hire and retain competent, appropriately-licensed staff to perform the work under this RFP. Greater consideration would be given to proposers that propose to assign one pool of radiologists to serve all four (4) Chest Centers.
- v. Demonstrate the technical ability to:
 - configure, install and maintain secure remote connectivity, and implement an emergency back-up plan if remote connections fail;
 - maintain equipment that would be reliable and functional to prevent disruption in the delivery of services, and to maintain stable data transmission security;
 - increase capacity within a short timeframe;
 - utilize FUJIFILM's Synapse Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS).

In addition:

- vi. Attach a chart showing where, or an explanation of how, the proposed services will fit into the proposer's organization.
- v. Attach a copy of the proposer's latest audit report or certified financial statement, or a statement as to why no report or statement is available.

2.3. Proposed Approach

Describe in detail how the proposer's will provide the services described in Section III – Scope of Services of this RFP and demonstrate that the proposer's proposed approach will fulfill the Agency's goals and objectives. Specifically address the following:

- i. Describe the proposer's approach to providing 11,000 chest x-ray readings and interpretation reports per year including pediatric and adult chest x-rays in the following classifications:
 - Standard posterior anterior (PA) chest x-ray
 - Lateral chest x-ray
 - Pediatric (PA/AP and Lateral)
 - Apical lordotic chest x-ray
 - Oblique (RT &/or LT) chest x-ray
 - Other (i.e. extremities, spine, etc.)
- ii. Describe the proposer's approach to reading, interpreting and comparing new x-rays to prior x-rays in accordance with the American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards for Radiologic Practice, and the approach to ensuring the transmission of all reports to the designated DOHMH official at the respective Chest Center in accordance with the guidelines and time frames specified in Section III.B.(3.2) of this RFP.
- iii. Describe the proposer's approach to addressing and resolving, via written report, any discrepancies in readings within 24 hours of notification of any significant variance between the Agency's readings and that of the contractor, in accordance with the guidelines in Section III.B.(3.5) of this RFP.
- iv. Describe the proposer's approach to establishing full connectivity for services in all four Chest Centers, including a plan for modifying or upgrading hardware and software as necessary to implement the services in this RFP, the method for replacing equipment and upgrading systems during the course of the contract, and the proposed plan to ensure continuity of services during emergency down times.
- v. Describe the proposer's approach to managing and administering the contract, including the approach to being accessible to the Chest Centers during business hours, attending conferences with DOHMH personnel, assigning a contract liaison, ensuring confidentiality of patient medical information, ensuring that employees retain and maintain all appropriate licenses, and performing all services in accordance with all applicable professional standards and laws.

The Agency's assumptions regarding contractor approach represent what the Agency believes to be most likely to achieve its goals and objectives. However, proposers are encouraged to propose an approach that they believe will most likely achieve the BTBC's goals and objectives.

Proposers may also propose more than one approach. However, if an alternative approach affects other areas of the proposal such as experience, technology, organizational capability or price, that alternative approach should be submitted as a complete and separate proposal providing all the information specified in Section IV – Format and Content of the Proposal of this RFP.

3. Price Proposal

Proposers are encouraged to propose innovative payment structures. The Agency reserves the right to select any payment structure that is in the City's best interest. For the purposes of comparison, proposers should submit a Price Proposal that meets the standards prescribed below.

3.1. Proposed Pricing

The Price Proposal should include each of the following for providing the Scope of Services described in Section III, of this RFP.

- i. The proposed price per deliverable and total offering price in the format prescribed in the Price Proposal Form, attached as Attachment B.
- ii. A detailed explanation of how each deliverable rate was derived.

4. Acknowledgment of Addenda

The Acknowledgment of Addenda form (Attachment C) serves as the proposer's acknowledgment of the receipt of addenda to this RFP that may have been issued by the Agency prior to the Proposal Due Date and Time, as set forth in Section I (D), above. The proposer should complete this form as instructed on the form.

B. Proposal Package Contents (“Checklist”)

The Proposal Package should contain the following materials. Proposers should utilize this section as a “checklist” to assure completeness prior to submitting their proposal to the Agency.

1. A sealed inner envelope labeled “Program Proposal,” containing one original set and three (3) duplicate sets of the documents listed below in the following order:
 - Proposal Cover Letter Form (Attachment A)
 - Technical Proposal
 - Narrative
 - 3 written references for the Proposer.
 - Resumes and/or Description of Qualifications for Board-eligible or Board-certified radiologists.
 - Table of Contracts.
 - Organization Chart.
 - Audit Report or Certified Financial Statement or a statement as to why no report or statement is available
 - Acknowledgment of Addenda Form (Attachment C)
 - CD-ROM, DVD, USB drive or zip disk containing an electronic copy of all hardcopy documents submitted in response to this RFP

2. A separate sealed inner envelope labeled “Price Proposal” containing one original set and three (3) duplicate sets of the Price Proposal.
 - Price Proposal
 - Price Proposal Form (Attachment B)
 - Explanation of the deliverables derivation

3. A third sealed inner envelope labeled “Doing Business Data Form” and Iran Contractor Compliance Form” containing:
 - an original completed Doing Business Data Form (Attachment D)
 - an original signed and notarized Iran Contractor Compliance Form (Attachment E)

4. A sealed outer envelope, enclosing the three sealed inner envelopes. The sealed outer envelope should have two labels containing:
 - The proposer’s name and address, the Title and PIN of this RFP and the name and telephone number of the Proposer’s Contact Person.
 - The name, title and address of the Authorized Agency Contact Person.

SECTION V: PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND CONTRACT AWARD PROCEDURES

A. Evaluation Procedures.

All proposals accepted by the Agency will be reviewed to determine whether they are responsive or non-responsive to the requisites of this RFP. Proposals that are determined by the Agency to be non-responsive will be rejected. The Agency's Evaluation Committee will evaluate and rate all remaining proposals based on the Evaluation Criteria prescribed below. The Agency reserves the right to conduct site visits and/or interviews and/or to request that proposers make presentations and/or demonstrations, as the Agency deems applicable and appropriate. Although discussions may be conducted with proposers submitting acceptable proposals, the Agency reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of initial proposals received, without discussions; therefore, the proposer's initial proposal should contain its best programmatic, technical and price terms.

The Agency's evaluation committee will review and rate each technical proposal. The proposals will be ranked in order of highest to lowest technical score and the agency will establish a shortlist through a natural break in scores. The Agency reserves the right to conduct site visits and/or interviews and/or to request that proposers make presentations and/or demonstrations, as the Agency deems applicable and appropriate. Although discussions may be conducted with proposers submitting acceptable proposals, the Agency reserves the right to award contracts on the basis of initial proposals received, without discussions; therefore, the proposer's initial proposal should contain its best technical and price terms.

B. Evaluation Criteria

1. Demonstrated quantity and quality of successful relevant experience.	40%
2. Demonstrated level of organizational capability.	30%
3. Quality of proposed approach.	30%
	TOTAL 100%

C. Basis for Contract Award.

A contract award will be made to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration the price and other such factors or criteria that are set forth in the RFP.

An award will be made to the proposer offering the proposal with the highest average technical score and with a price that does not exceed the maximum available total funding specified in Section II.C. of this RFP. In the event that multiple proposers have the same average technical score, the proposer offering the lower price will be ranked higher.

Contract award shall be subject to the timely completion of contract negotiations between the Agency and any selected proposer and a determination of vendor responsibility.

SECTION VI - GENERAL INFORMATION TO PROPOSERS

- A. Complaints.** The New York City Comptroller is charged with the audit of contracts in New York City. Any proposer 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, Room 1005, New York, NY 10007; the telephone number is (212) 669-2323. In addition, the New York City Department of Investigation should be informed of such complaints at its Investigations Division, 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038; the telephone number is (212) 825-5959.
- B. Applicable Laws.** This Request for Proposals and the resulting contract award(s), if any, unless otherwise stated, are subject to all applicable provisions of New York State Law, the New York City Administrative Code, New York City Charter and New York City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. A copy of the PPB Rules may be obtained by contacting the PPB at (212) 788-0010.
- C. General Contract Provisions.** Contracts shall be subject to New York City’s general contract provisions, in substantially the form that they appear in “Appendix A—General Provisions Governing Contracts for Consultants, Professional and Technical Services” or, if the Agency utilizes other than the formal Appendix A, in substantially the form that they appear in the Agency’s general contract provisions. A copy of the applicable document is available through the Authorized Agency Contact Person.
- D. Contract Award.** Contract award is subject to each of the following applicable conditions and any others that may apply: New York City Fair Share Criteria; New York City MacBride Principles Law; submission by the proposer of the New York City Department of Small Business Services/Division of Labor Services Employment Report and certification by that office; submission by the proposer of the requisite VENDEX Questionnaires/Certificates of No Change; and review of the information contained therein by the New York City Department of Investigation; all other required oversight approvals; applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws and executive orders requiring affirmative action and equal employment opportunity; and Section 6-108.1 of the New York City Administrative Code relating to the Local Based Enterprises program and its implementation rules.
- E. Proposer Appeal Rights.** Pursuant to New York City’s Procurement Policy Board 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.
- F. Multi-Year Contracts.** Multi-year contracts are subject to modification or cancellation if adequate funds are not appropriated to the Agency to support continuation of performance in any City fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year and/or if the contractor’s performance is not satisfactory. The Agency will notify the contractor as soon as is practicable that the funds are, or are not, available for the continuation of the multi-year contract for each succeeding City fiscal year. In the event of cancellation, the contractor will be reimbursed for those costs, if any, which are so provided for in the contract.
- G. Prompt Payment Policy.** Pursuant to the New York City’s Procurement Policy Board Rules, it is the policy of the City to process contract payments efficiently and expeditiously.
- H. Prices Irrevocable.** Prices proposed by the proposer shall be irrevocable until contract award, unless the proposal is withdrawn. Proposals may only be withdrawn by submitting a written request to the Agency prior to contract award but after the expiration of 90 days after the opening of proposals. This shall not limit the discretion of the Agency to request proposers to revise proposed prices through the submission of best and final offers and/or the conduct of negotiations.

I. Confidential, Proprietary Information or Trade Secrets. Proposers should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification of why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the City. Such information must be easily separable from the non-confidential sections of the proposal. All information not so identified may be disclosed by the City.

J. RFP Postponement/Cancellation. The Agency reserves the right to postpone or cancel this RFP, in whole or in part, and to reject all proposals.

K. Proposer Costs. Proposers will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred to prepare proposals.

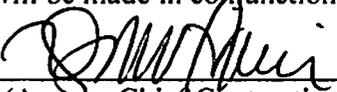
L. Vendex Fees. Pursuant to PPB Rule 2-08(f)(2), the contractor will be charged a fee for the administration of the Vendex system, including the Vendor Name Check Process, if a Vendor Name Check review is required to be conducted by the Department of Investigation. The contractor shall also be required to pay the applicable fees for any of its subcontractors for which Vendor Name Check reviews are required. The fee(s) will be deducted from payments made to the contractor under the contract. For contracts with an estimated value of less than or equal to \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$175. For contracts with an estimated value of greater than \$1,000,000, the fee will be \$350. The estimated value for each contract resulting from this RFP is estimated to be (less than or equal to \$1million) (above \$1million).

M. Charter Section 312(a) Certification. [IF APPLICABLE]

The Agency has determined that the contract(s) to be awarded through this Request for Proposals will not result in the displacement of any New York City employee within this Agency. See attached Displacement Determination Form.

The Agency has determined that the contract(s) to be awarded through this Request for Proposals will result in the displacement of New York City employee(s) within this Agency. See attached Displacement Determination Form.

The contract to be awarded through this Request for Proposals is a task order contract that does not simultaneously result in the award of a first task order; a displacement determination will be made in conjunction with the issuance of each task order pursuant to such task order contract. Determinations for any subsequent task orders will be made in conjunction with such subsequent task orders.



(Commissioner) (Agency Chief Contracting Officer)

12/13/13

Date

Displacement Determination Form – Pursuant to City Charter § 312(a)
(for PSRs or equivalent pre-procurement documents)

This form must be used to certify whether or not there is displacement in the instant contracting action, as defined in City Charter § 312(a) (as amended by Local Law 63 of 2011). You can either certify that there is no displacement by completing Part 1 of this form, or you can certify that there is displacement by completing Part 2 of this form.

If the contract that you are awarding is a task order contract that does not simultaneously result in the award of a first task order, then you must check the box on the bottom of this page; displacement determinations will be made in conjunction with the issuance of task orders pursuant to the subject contract. If the contract that you are awarding does simultaneously result in the award of a first task order, then the displacement determination for that first task order must be done prior to issuance of the solicitation and you must complete either Part 1 or Part 2 of this form.

If you have any questions about Local Law 63 or about completing this form, please contact the Mayor's Office of Contract Services at APTLL63@cityhall.nyc.gov or (212) 788-0010.

Procurement Description:

APT EPIN:

Your Name: IMary Masterson

Phone: 1347-396-7533

Email: Immasters@health.nyc.gov

Please specifically identify the service(s) being procured.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene "DOHMH" or "the Agency") is seeking an appropriately qualified Contractor to provide teleradiology (x-ray reading) and interpretation services at up to four (4) DOHMH operated Bureau of Tuberculosis Chest Centers ("Chest Centers" or "DOHMH Chest Centers") located in in the Boroughs of Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. Reading and interpretation of radiographic images &/or diagnosticfilm sa re an integral component in the identification of patients with active TB disease before the DOMHH physicians can initiate effective treatment. The Contractor must provide evidence that each member of its staff performing services under this Agreement is either a Board-eligible or Board-certified radiologist who are skilled in the interpretation of chest radiographs of adults and children with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis.,

- If the contract to be awarded as a result of this procurement action is a task order contract (multiple or single award and multiple or single agency) that does not simultaneously result in the award of a first task order, then displacement determinations will be made in conjunction with the issuance of task orders pursuant to the subject contract. (Check this box *only* if you are completing this form for a task order contract that will *not* simultaneously result in the award of the first task order. If you check this box, do not fill out the remainder of this form.)

If the contract to be awarded as a result of this procurement action *does* simultaneously result in the

award of a first task order, then the displacement determination for that first task order must be done prior to issuance of the solicitation and you must complete either Part 1 or Part 2 of this form.

Part 1: Certification of No Displacement

The Agency has determined that the contract resulting from this procurement action *will not* result in the displacement of any City employee within this Agency, as defined by Charter § 312(a).

The basis upon which the Agency has made this determination (Please answer *all* questions under Part 1):

Do any civil service and/or job titles within this Agency currently perform the services sought by the proposed contract and/or services of a substantially similar nature or purpose?

Yes No

If so, list the names of such titles and the extent to which Agency employees within such titles currently perform such services.

Do the services sought by the proposed contract expand, supplement, or replace existing services?

Yes No

In either event, include a detailed description comparing the services sought by the proposed contract with such existing services.

A vendor currently provides the same services mentioned above. The contract is expiring and the same services are being procured.

Is there capacity within the Agency to perform the services sought by the proposed contract?

Yes No

If not, provide a detailed description specifying the ways in which the Agency lacks such capacity.

in-house expertise does not exist.

For the term of the proposed contract, list the projected headcount of employees within such titles or employees who perform such services and/or services of a substantially similar nature or purpose.

None



Check this box to confirm that none of the below events have occurred within the Agency in the past three years.

- The displacement of a City employee within the agency who performs or has performed the services sought by the proposed contract and/or services of a substantially similar nature or purpose; or
- The announcement of spending reductions in connection with a budgetary program, including but not limited to a Program to Eliminate the Gap, that could result or has resulted in the displacement of a City employee within the Agency who performs or has performed the services sought by the proposed contract and/or services of a substantially similar nature or purpose; or
- Any other statement by an Agency or by the Mayor of a specific anticipated employment action that could result or has resulted in the displacement of a City employee within the Agency who performs or has performed the services sought by the proposed contract and/or services of a substantially similar nature or purpose.

List any other bases for the Agency's determination that the contract resulting from this procurement action will not result in the displacement of any City employee within this Agency.

Part 2: Certification of Displacement



The agency has determined that displacement, as defined by Charter § 312(a), has or will occur as a result of this contracting action. The agency has performed the required cost-benefit analysis, as described in Charter § 312(a).

Message from the New York City Vendor Enrollment Center
Get on mailing lists for New York City contract opportunities!
Submit a NYC-FMS Vendor Application - Call 212/857-1680

Message from New York City's Department of Small Business Services

The Department of Small Business Services (SBS) offers One-on-One Technical Assistance to businesses that are interested in bidding on City contracts for the following goods and services: construction, construction related, standardized and architectural and engineering. If you plan on bidding on this or any other City contract, contact SBS to schedule an appointment. The Department of Small Business Services will meet with you to review your particular proposal or submission, and provide feedback and guidance to help you submit the best proposal possible.

To schedule One-on-One Technical Assistance, email techassist@sbs.nyc.gov and an SBS representative will contact you.

APPENDIX A

**GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTRACTS FOR
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APPENDIX A

GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING CONTRACTS FOR CONSULTANTS, PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, HUMAN AND CLIENT SERVICES

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” shall mean 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” shall mean the various documents, including this Appendix A, that constitute the contract between the Contractor and the City.
- C. “City” shall mean The City of New York.
- D. “City Chief Procurement Officer” or “CCPO” shall mean 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” shall mean 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” shall mean the Comptroller of the City of New York.
- G. “Contractor” shall mean the entity entering into this Agreement with the Department.
- H. “Days” shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specifically noted to mean business days.
- I. “Department” or “Agency” shall mean the City agency that has entered into this Agreement.
- J. “Law” or “Laws” shall mean 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” shall mean the board established pursuant to Charter § 311 whose function is to establish comprehensive and consistent procurement policies and rules which have broad application throughout the City.
- L. “PPB Rules” shall mean 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. “State” shall mean the State of New York.

ARTICLE 2 - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 2.01 Procurement of Agreement

- A. The Contractor represents and warrants that no person or entity (other than an officer, partner, or employee working solely for the Contractor) has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage fee, contingent fee or any other direct or indirect compensation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Contractor may retain consultants

to draft proposals, negotiate contracts, and perform other similar services. The Contractor further represents and warrants that no payment, gift, or thing of value has been made, given, or promised to obtain this or any other agreement between the parties. The Contractor makes such representations and warranties to induce the City to enter into this Agreement and the City relies upon such representations and warranties in the execution of this Agreement.

B. For any breach or violation of the representations and warranties 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 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 Paragraph 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.

[PARAGRAPHS D-H ARE APPLICABLE ONLY TO HUMAN OR CLIENT SERVICE CONTRACTS.]

D. Except as provided in Paragraph E below, the Contractor's employees and members of their immediate families, as defined in Paragraph F below, may not serve on the Board of Directors of the Contractor ("Board"), or any committee with authority to order personnel actions affecting his or her job, or which, either by rule or by practice, regularly nominates, recommends or screens candidates for employment in the program to be operated pursuant to this Agreement.

E. If the Board has more than five (5) members, then Contractor's employees and members of their immediate families may serve on the Board, or any committee with authority to order personnel actions affecting his or her job, or which, either by rule or by practice, regularly nominates, recommends or screens candidates for employment in the program to be operated pursuant to this Agreement, provided that (i) Contractor's employees and members of their immediate families are prohibited from voting on any such personnel matters, including but not limited to any matters directly affecting their own salary or other compensation, and shall fully disclose all conflicts and potential conflicts to the Board, and (ii) Contractor's employees and members of their immediate families may not serve in the capacity either of Chairperson or Treasurer of the Board (or equivalent titles), nor constitute more than one-third of either the Board or any such committee.

F. Without the prior written consent of the Commissioner, no person may hold a job or position with the Contractor over which a member of his or her immediate family exercises any supervisory, managerial or other authority whatsoever whether such authority is reflected in a job title or otherwise, unless such job or position is wholly voluntary and unpaid. A member of an immediate family includes: husband, wife, domestic partner, father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, first cousin, and separated spouse. Where a member of an immediate family has that status because of that person's relationship to a spouse (e.g., father-in-law), that status shall also apply to a relative of a domestic partner. For purposes of this Section, a member of the Board is deemed to exercise authority over all employees of the Contractor.

G. If the Contractor has contracts with the City that in the aggregate during any twelve-month period have a value of more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and such amount constitutes more than fifty percent (50%) of the Contractor's total revenues, then the Contractor must have a minimum of five (5) persons on its Board.

H. Paragraphs D-H of this Section 2.02 apply only if Contractor is a not-for-profit corporation.

Section 2.03 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 which 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.

Section 2.04 VENDEX

The Contractor represents and warrants that it and its principals have duly executed and filed all required VENDEX Questionnaires and, if applicable, Certificates of No Change, pursuant to PPB Rule § 2-08 and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Mayor's Office of Contract Services. The Contractor understands that the Department's reliance upon the completeness and veracity of the information stated therein is a material condition to the execution of this Agreement, and represents and warrants that the information it and its principals have provided is accurate and complete.

Section 2.05 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 2.06 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 2.07 Unlawful Discriminatory Practices: Admin. Code § 6-123

As required by 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 City Administrative 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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) that such subcontractor shall not engage in any such unlawful discriminatory practice.

Section 2.08 Bankruptcy and Reorganization

In the event that 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 (7) days of filing.

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 VENDEX questionnaire must be submitted within thirty (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 Agency 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 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. The Contractor shall not enter into any subcontract for an amount greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the performance of its obligations, in whole or in part, under this Agreement without the prior approval by the Department of the subcontractor. The Department hereby grants approval for all subcontracts for an amount that does not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). The Contractor must submit monthly reports to the Department indicating all such subcontractors. All subcontracts must be in writing.

B. Prior to entering into any subcontract for an amount greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), 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 and the portion of the services that it is to perform and furnish. At the request of the Department, a copy of the proposed subcontract shall be submitted to the Department. The proposed subcontractor's VENDEX Questionnaire must be submitted, if required, within thirty (30) Days after the ACCO has granted preliminary approval of the proposed subcontractor. Upon the request of the Department, the Contractor shall provide any other information demonstrating that the proposed subcontractor 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 Agency shall make a final determination in writing approving or disapproving the subcontractor after receiving all requested information. For proposed subcontracts that do not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), the Department's approval shall be deemed granted if the Department does not issue a written approval or disapproval within forty-five (45) Days of the Department's receipt of the written request for approval or, if applicable, within forty-five (45) Days of the Department's acknowledged receipt of fully completed VENDEX Questionnaires for the subcontractor.

C. 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 4.07 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.

D. 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.

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

F. The Department may revoke the approval of a subcontractor granted or deemed granted pursuant to Paragraphs (A) and (B) of this section if revocation is deemed to be in the interest of the City in writing on no less than ten (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.

G. 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.

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

ARTICLE 4 - LABOR PROVISIONS

Section 4.01 Independent Contractor Status

The Contractor and the Department agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee of the Department or the City. Accordingly, neither the Contractor nor its employees or agents will hold themselves out as, or claim to be, officers or employees of the City, or of any department, agency or unit of the City, by reason of this Agreement, and they will not, by reason of this Agreement, make any claim, demand or application to or for any right or benefit applicable to an officer or employee of the City, including, but not limited to, Workers' Compensation coverage, Disability Benefits coverage, Unemployment Insurance benefits, Social Security coverage or employee retirement membership or credit.

Section 4.02 Employees

All persons who are employed by the Contractor and all consultants or independent contractors who are retained by the Contractor to perform services under 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 engaged under this Agreement. Nothing in the Agreement shall impose any liability or duty on the City for the acts, omissions, liabilities or obligations of the Contractor, or any officer, employee, or agent of the Contractor, or for taxes of any nature, or for any right or benefit applicable to an officer or employee of the City, including, but not limited to, Workers' Compensation coverage, Disability Benefits coverage, Unemployment Insurance benefits, Social Security coverage or employee retirement membership or credit. Except as specifically stated in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall impose any liability or duty on the City to any person or entity.

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 (5) Days' written notice. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor not to allow the individual from performing work under the Agreement pending the opportunity to be heard and the Commissioner's determination.

Section 4.04 Minimum Wage

Except for those employees whose minimum wage is required to be fixed pursuant to Sections 220 or 230 of the New York State Labor Law or by City Administrative 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 shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement.

Section 4.05 Non-Discrimination: New York State Labor Law § 220-e

A. 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 New York State 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50) 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.

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

Section 4.06 Non-Discrimination: 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 New York City Administrative Code § 6-108, that:

A. 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.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person or any servant, agent or employee of any person, described in Paragraph A 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.

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

D. 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 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) Days, or both.

Section 4.07 Non-Discrimination: E.O. 50 -- Equal Employment Opportunity

A. 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:

1. 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;

2. 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;

3. 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;

4. 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;

5. 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 City Department of Small Business Services, Division of Labor Services ("DLS"); and

6. 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.

B. 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:

1. Disapproval of the Contractor; and/or
2. Suspension or termination of the Agreement; and/or
3. Declaring the Contractor in default; and/or
4. In lieu of any of the foregoing sanctions, imposition of an employment program.

C. 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.

D. The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of the foregoing Paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 Paragraph.

E. 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 Paragraph.

F. Nothing contained in this Section 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.

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, which 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, and other documents 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 records must be retained until the completion of such litigation, claim, or audit. Any books, records and other documents that are created in an electronic format in the regular course of business may be retained in an electronic format. Any books, records, and other documents that are created in the regular course of business as a paper copy may be retained in an electronic format provided that the records satisfy the requirements of New York 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 or other documents 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, and other documents maintained or retained by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Article. Notwithstanding any provision herein regarding notice of inspection, all books, records and other documents 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 and/or the Comptroller without prior notice and at no additional cost to the City. The Contractor shall make such books, records and other documents 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.

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.

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.

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 data (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 data 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. 1. 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.

2. 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 (5) 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 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 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. In the event that the data contains social security numbers or other Personal Identifying Information, as such term is defined in Paragraph B of this Section, the Contractor shall utilize best practice methods (e.g., encryption of electronic records) to protect the confidentiality of such data. The obligation under this Section to hold reports, information or data confidential shall not apply where the City would be required to disclose such reports, information or data pursuant to the State Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”), provided that the Contractor provides advance notice to the City, in writing or by e-mail, that it

intends to disclose such reports, information or data and the City does not inform the contractor, in writing or by e-mail, that such reports, information, or data are not subject to disclosure under FOIL.

B. The Contractor shall provide notice to the Department within three (3) 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 twenty-four (24) hours prior to any statement to the press or at least five (5) 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 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

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 not commence performing services under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required by this Article is in effect, and shall ensure continuous insurance coverage in the manner, form, and limits required by this Article throughout the term of the Agreement.

Section 7.02 Commercial General Liability Insurance

A. The Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance covering the Contractor as Named Insured and the City as an Additional Insured in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. Such insurance shall protect the City and the Contractor from claims for property damage and/or bodily injury, including death that may arise from any of the operations under this Agreement. Coverage under this insurance shall be at least as broad as that provided by the most recently issued Insurance Services Office (“ISO”) Form CG 0001, and shall be "occurrence" based rather than “claims-made.”

B. Such Commercial General Liability Insurance shall name the City, together with its officials and employees, as an Additional Insured with coverage at least as broad as the most recently issued ISO Form CG 20 10.

Section 7.03 Professional Liability Insurance

A. At the Department’s direction, if professional services are provided pursuant to this Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain and submit evidence of Professional Liability Insurance appropriate to the type(s) of such services to be provided under this Agreement in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim. The policy or policies shall include an endorsement to 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.

B. All subcontractors of the Contractor providing professional services under this Agreement for which Professional Liability Insurance is reasonably commercially available shall also maintain such insurance in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim, and the Contractor shall provide to the Department, at the time of the request for subcontractor approval, evidence of such Professional Liability Insurance on forms acceptable to the Department.

C. 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 (2) 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.

Section 7.04 Workers' Compensation, Disability Benefits, and Employer's Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall maintain, and ensure that each subcontractor maintains, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Disability Benefits Insurance, and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with the Laws of the State on behalf of, or with regard to, all employees providing services under this Agreement.

Section 7.05 Unemployment Insurance

To the extent required by Law, the Contractor shall provide Unemployment Insurance for its employees.

Section 7.06 Business Automobile Liability Insurance

A. If vehicles are used in the provision of services under this Agreement, then the Contractor shall maintain Business Automobile Liability insurance in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident combined single limit 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 CA0001.

B. If vehicles are used for transporting hazardous materials, the Business 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.

Section 7.07 General Requirements for Insurance Coverage and Policies

A. All required insurance policies shall be maintained with companies that may lawfully issue the required policy and have an A.M. Best rating of at least A- / "VII" or a Standard and Poor's rating of at least A, unless prior written approval is obtained from the City Law Department.

B. All insurance policies shall be primary (and non-contributing) to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City.

C. 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.

D. There shall be no self-insurance program with regard to any insurance required under this Article unless approved in writing by the Commissioner. Any such self-insurance program shall provide the City with all rights that would be provided by traditional insurance required under this Article, including but not limited to the defense obligations that insurers are required to undertake in liability policies.

E. The City's limits of coverage for all types of insurance required under this Article shall be the greater of (i) the minimum limits set forth in this Article or (ii) the limits provided to the Contractor as Named Insured under all primary, excess, and umbrella policies of that type of coverage.

Section 7.08 Proof of Insurance

A. For Workers' Compensation Insurance, Disability Benefits Insurance, and Employer's Liability Insurance, the Contractor shall file one of the following within ten (10) Days of award of this Agreement. ACORD forms are not acceptable proof of workers' compensation coverage.

1. C-105.2 Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance;

2. U-26.3 -- State Insurance Fund Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance;
3. Request for WC/DB Exemption (Form CE-200);
4. Equivalent or successor forms used by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board; or
5. Other proof of insurance in a form acceptable to the City.

B. For each policy required under this Agreement, except for Workers' Compensation Insurance, Disability Benefits Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance, and Unemployment Insurance, the Contractor shall file a Certificate of Insurance with the Department within ten (10) Days of award of this Agreement. All Certificates of Insurance shall be (a) in a form acceptable to the City and certify the issuance and effectiveness of such policies of insurance, each with the specified minimum limits; and (b) accompanied by the endorsement in the Contractor's general liability policy by which the City has been made an additional insured pursuant to Section 7.02(B). All Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be accompanied by either a duly executed "Certification by Broker" in the form attached to this Appendix A or copies of all policies referenced in the Certificate of Insurance. If complete policies have not yet been issued, binders are acceptable, until such time as the complete policies have been issued, at which time such policies shall be submitted.

C. Certificates of Insurance confirming renewals of insurance shall be submitted to the Commissioner prior to the expiration date of coverage of policies required under this Article. Such Certificates of Insurance shall comply with the requirements of Section 7.08 (A) and Section 7.08(B), as applicable.

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

E. 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 (and ensuring that subcontractors maintain such policies) or from any liability arising from its failure to do so.

F. In the event the Contractor receives notice, from an insurance company or other person, that any insurance policy required under this Article shall expire or be cancelled or terminated for any reason, the Contractor shall immediately forward a copy of such notice to both the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Gotham Center, 42-09 28th Street, Queens, New York 11101, and the New York City Comptroller, Attn: Office of Contract Administration, Municipal Building, One Centre Street, Room 1005, New York, New York 10007.

Section 7.09 Miscellaneous

A. Whenever notice of loss, damage, occurrence, accident, claim or suit is required under a general liability policy maintained in accordance with this Article, 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 have coverage under such policy (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 as Additional Insured" and contain the following information: 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 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.

B. The Contractor's failure to maintain any of the insurance required by this Article 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 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. The Contractor waives all rights against the City, including its officials and employees for any damages or losses that are covered under any insurance required under this Article (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 procure insurance with regard to any operations under this Agreement and requires such subcontractor to name the Contractor as an additional insured under such insurance, the Contractor shall ensure that such entity also name the City, including its officials and employees, as an additional insured with coverage 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 damage, loss or injury 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 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

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

Section 8.04 Infringement Indemnification

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless from any and all claims (even if the allegations of the lawsuit are without merit) or judgments for damages and from costs and expenses to which the City may be subject to or which it may suffer or incur allegedly arising out of or in connection with any

infringement by the Contractor of any copyright, trade secrets, trademark or patent rights or any other property or personal right of any third party by the Contractor and/or its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless regardless of whether or not the alleged infringement arises out of compliance with the Agreement's scope of services/scope of work. Insofar as the facts or Law relating to any claim would preclude the City from being completely indemnified by the Contractor, the City 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 indemnification provisions set forth in this Article shall not be limited in any way by the Contractor's obligations to obtain and maintain insurance as provided in this Agreement.

Section 8.06 Actions By or Against Third Parties

A. In the event 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 which the City may reasonably require of the Contractor.

B. The Contractor shall report to the Department in writing within five (5) business Days of the initiation by or against the Contractor of any legal action or proceeding in connection with or relating to this Agreement.

Section 8.07 Withholding of Payments

A. In the event that 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. In the event that 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 further 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 setoff in the event that an insurance company that provided liability insurance pursuant to Article 7 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 shall not be 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 officers 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. Contractors deviating from the requirements of this Agreement without a duly approved and executed change order document, or written contract modification or amendment, do so at their own risk.

Section 9.02 Changes Through Fault of Contractor

In the event that 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, AND REDUCTIONS IN FUNDING

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. If the City terminates this Agreement pursuant to this Section, 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 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 Paragraph 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 thirty (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 (7) 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, 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 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 (5%) 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 (5%) 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 (5%) 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 (10) 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.

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. 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 (5) 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, 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.

C. If the City terminates the Agreement pursuant to this Section, 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. For termination without cause, the effective date of the termination shall not be less than ten (10) Days from the date the notice is personally delivered, or fifteen (15) Days from the date the notice is either sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or sent by fax and deposited in a post office box regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service in a 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 forty-five (45) Days, any unexpended funds which have been advanced to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement;
2. Furnishing within forty-five (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 ninety (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; 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, 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 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by Law or under this Agreement.

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. 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 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 Agency may waive the requirements of this Section 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 is applicable to contracts valued at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) 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

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, 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.

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 and PPB Rule § 4-09. This procedure shall be the exclusive means of resolving any such disputes.

1. This Section 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 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 shall not apply to termination of the Agreement for cause or other than for cause.

B. All determinations required by this Section 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 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, 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 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 thirty (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 thirty (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 as the Contractor initiating the dispute.

3. **Agency Head Determination.** Within thirty (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. 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 thirty (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 thirty (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 fifteen (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 forty-five (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 ninety (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 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, 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 thirty (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 thirty (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 forty-five (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 ninety (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 thirty (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 shall not affect or impair the ability of the Agency Head or CDRB to make a binding and final decision pursuant to this Section.

Section 12.04 Claims and Actions

A. Any claim against the City or Department based on this Agreement or arising out of this Agreement that is not subject to dispute resolution under the PPB Rules or this Agreement shall not be made or

asserted in any legal proceeding, 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 (6) months after the date of filing with the Comptroller of the certificate for the final payment under this Agreement, or within six (6) months of the termination or expiration of this Agreement, or within six (6) months after the accrual of the cause of action, whichever first occurs.

Section 12.05 No Claim Against Officers, Agents or Employees

No claim shall be made by the Contractor against any officer, 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. In the event of 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 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). In the event that 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 (10) 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 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. 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; the Department of Small Business Services; 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 Health; 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, 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 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 are material conditions of this Agreement.

F. The provisions of this Section 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 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 13.08 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 13.09 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 applies as provided in Paragraph B of this Section,

the Contractor hereby agrees to fulfill the obligations in Paragraph C of this Section. 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 shall be applicable to a Contractor operating pursuant to an Agreement which (i) is in excess of \$250,000 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 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 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 13.10 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. 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 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 vary 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 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 fax or email and, unless receipt of the fax or e-mail is acknowledged by the recipient by fax or e-

mail, 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 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.

APPENDIX B**Locations and Business Hours of TB Chest Centers****NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL CHEST CENTERS****DIRECTOR OF CLINIC OPERATIONS (All Sites Below)****42-09 28 Street, 21st Fl., CN72B,****LIC, N.Y. 11101-4131****MORRISANIA CHEST CENTER**

1309 Fulton Avenue, Room 255

Bronx, NY 10456

Monday to Friday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday (2 nd & 4 th)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

FORT GREENE CHEST CENTER295 Flatbush Ave Extension, 4th Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11201

Monday - Friday	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CHEST CENTER600 West 168th Street, 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10032

Monday -Thursday	8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday (1 st)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

CORONA CHEST CENTER

34-33 Junction Boulevard, Room 120

Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Monday & Thursday	8:30 am – 8:00 pm
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSAL COVER LETTER

RFP TITLE: Chest X-ray Readings & Interpretation Services

PIN #: 11TB004100R0X00

Proposer:

Name:

Address:

Tax Identification #:

Proposer's Contact Person:

Name:

Title:

Telephone #:

Email Address:

Proposer's Authorized Representative:

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Is the response printed on both sides, on recycled paper containing the minimum percentage of recovered fiber content as requested by the City in the instructions to this RFP?

Yes

No

ATTACHMENT B
Price Proposal

Chest X-Ray Reading and Interpretation Services
11TB004100R0X00
3 YEAR PRICE PROPOSAL

I		A	B	C	D
		Estimated # of Readings Annually*	Proposed Price Per Reading	Total Proposed Price for 1 Year	Total Proposed Price for 3 Years
	STANDARD PA CHEST X-RAY	8,650			
	APICAL LORDOTIC CHEST X-RAY	500			
	LATERAL CHEST X-RA	650			
	PEDIATRIC CHEST X-RAY	1,000			
	OBLIQUE CHEST X-RAY	100			
	OTHER X-RAY (I.e. extremities, spine, etc.)	100			
	SUBTOTAL PROPOSED PRICE	11,000			\$ _____ A

II	A	B	C	D
	Estimated Number of Mandatory Conferences with DOHMH Per Year	Proposed Price Per Conference	Proposed Total for 1 year	Proposed Total for 3 years
	5	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____ B

III. Total Proposed Price for 3 years	\$ _____ (A + B)
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* The numbers provided in Column A – “Estimated Number of Readings Annually” are estimates only. There is no guaranteed minimum or maximum number of readings. DOHMH shall only reimburse the contractor for actual readings done. The price per reading is inclusive of readings of the standard chest x-ray, and all other x-rays of the same person’s x-ray done per visit, which includes, without limitation, apical lordotics, laterals, pediatric chest x-rays, and is also inclusive of preparation and transmission of all Stat Call Reports, (Wet Readings), electronic reports, instant messaging for “Abnormalities with potentially life threatening finding” readings, discrepancies in readings/re-readings, telephone inquiries, attendance at conferences and all other cost associated with performing the services except Contractor’s Emergency Services as outlined in Section III - Scope of Services, Section (10). The price per reading is also inclusive of travel, tele-conference and all other costs associated with performing the services.

As specified in Section IV.A.3.(3.1)(ii) of this RFP, proposers are required to attach a detailed explanation of how each deliverable rate was derived.

ATTACHMENT C

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

DIRECTIONS: COMPLETE PART I OR PART II WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE

PART I: LISTED BELOW ARE THE DATES OF ISSUE FOR EACH ADDENDUM RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RFP:

ADDENDUM # 1, DATED _____, 20__

ADDENDUM # 2, DATED _____, 20__

ADDENDUM # 3, DATED _____, 20__

ADDENDUM # 4, DATED _____, 20__

ADDENDUM # 5, DATED _____, 20__

ADDENDUM # 6, DATED _____, 20__

PART II: NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RFP.

DATE __/__/__

PROPOSER (NAME) _____

PROPOSER (SIGNATURE) _____

ATTACHMENT D

DOING BUSINESS DATA FORM

Please go to the link below to complete the Doing Business Data Form and submit the copy with your proposal.

http://cityshare.nycnet/subs/buywise/downloads/forms%20updated/doing_business_data_form_standard.pdf

And

DOING BUSINESS FAQ

http://cityshare.nycnet/subs/buywise/downloads/forms%20updated/doing_business_fa_standard.pdf

ATTACHMENT E**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
_____ day of _____, 20__

Notary Public

Dated:

ATTACHMENT F**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

As of March 2013 the City has implemented a new web based subcontractor reporting system through the City's Payee Information Portal (PIP), available at www.nyc.gov/pip. In order to use the new system, a PIP account will be required. Detailed instructions on creating a PIP account and using the new system are also available at that site. Additional assistance with PIP may be received by emailing the Financial Information Services Agency Help Desk at pip@fisa.nyc.gov.

In order to obtain subcontractor approval under section 3.02 of Appendix A or Article 17 of the Standard Construction Contract and PPB Rule § 4-13 Contractor is required to list the subcontractor in the system. For each subcontractor listed, Contractor is required to provide the following information: maximum contract value, description of subcontractor work, start and end date of the subcontract and identification of the subcontractor's industry. Thereafter, Contractor will be required to report in the system the payments made to each subcontractor within 30 days of making the payment. If any of the required information changes throughout the term of the contract, Contractor will be required to revise the information in the system.

Failure of the Contractor to list a subcontractor and/or to report subcontractor payments in a timely fashion may result in the Agency declaring the Contractor in default of the Contract 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. For construction contracts, the provisions of Article 15 of the Standard Construction Contract shall govern the issue of liquidated damages.

Contractor hereby agrees to these provisions.

ATTACHMENT G**WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION EXPANSION ACT RIDER****NOTICE TO BIDDERS, PROPOSERS, CONTRACTORS, AND RENEWAL CONTRACTORS**

This contract includes a provision concerning the protection of employees for whistleblowing activity, pursuant to New York City Local Law Nos. 30-2012 and 33-2012, effective October 18, 2012 and September 18, 2012, respectively. The provisions apply to contracts with a value in excess of \$100,000.

Local Law No. 33-2012, the Whistleblower Protection Expansion Act (“WPEA”), prohibits a contractor or its subcontractor from taking an adverse personnel action against an employee or officer for whistleblower activity in connection with a City contract; requires that certain City contracts include a provision to that effect; and provides that a contractor or subcontractor may be subject to penalties and injunctive relief if a court finds that it retaliated in violation of the WPEA. The WPEA is codified at Section 12-113 of the New York City Administrative Code.

Local Law No. 30-2012 requires a contractor to prominently post information explaining how its employees can report allegations of fraud, false claims, criminality, or corruption in connection with a City contract to City officials and the rights and remedies afforded to employees for whistleblowing activity. Local Law No. 30-2012 is codified at Section 6-132 of the New York City Administrative Code.



REPORTING INFORMATION TO THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION

If you have information of any corrupt or fraudulent activities or unethical conduct relating to a New York City funded project or contract, contact:

**Department of Investigation (DOI) Complaint Bureau
212-825-5959**

**or by mail or in person at:
DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION
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 contractor or subcontractor that has a contract with the City or a City contractor of 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 information about fraud, false claims, corruption, criminality, conflict of interest, gross mismanagement, or abuse of authority relating to a City contract over \$100,000 to DOI or to certain other government officials all of whom must forward the report to DOI.
- Any employee who has made 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.