



Invitation for Bid (IFB) IFB OPD-2023-17

PlusTrac Professional

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| Date IFB Issued | Wednesday, September 20, 2023 |
| Due Date for Questions | 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023 |
| Issuance of Responses to Questions | 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2023 |
| Due Date for Submission of IFB Response | 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023 |



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1. INTRODUCTION

To remain in compliance with regulatory requirements, and to continue to prioritize the health and safety of the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) employees and the individuals OPWDD supports, it is imperative that we retain our ability to ensure that each Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is functioning properly.

2. PURPOSE

OPWDD is issuing this IFB for the purchase of 239 five (5) year subscriptions of PlusTrac Professional. There are thirteen (13) additional licenses set to expire in 2026 and 2027, OPWDD is requesting to receive a pro-rated cost for these to be on the same schedule. OPWDD may purchase more subscriptions, therefore it is the expectation that the pricing remains the same for the duration of the Purchase Order. This online subscription will enable OPWDD staff to remotely monitor AED units.

3. TERM AND CO-TERM DATES

August 31,2023 – August 30, 2028
 June 8, 2026 – August 30, 2028
 February 2, 2027 – August 30, 2028

4. METHOD OF AWARD

Lowest price is the method of award for this IFB.

5. QUESTIONS FROM BIDDERS

Questions and/or requests for clarification should be sent no later than **4:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023**, to contracts@opwdd.ny.gov, with the subject line **“Questions for IFB #OPD-2023-17 PlusTrac Professional from [insert name of firm]”**.

6. INTEGRATION, MERGER, AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The Purchase Order resulting from an award shall be comprised solely of the following documents. In the event of an inconsistency or conflict in terms, precedence shall be given in the order indicated:

- Appendix A Standard Clauses for New York State Contract (June 2023)
- Appendix B Agency Specific Terms and Conditions
- Appendix C Supplier Diversity Requirements
- Purchase Order
- This Invitation For Bid: IFB OPD-2023-17 and all attachments, exhibit(s) and any addenda
- Selected Contractor Cost Proposal

7. PAYMENT

Payments to the awarded Contractor shall be based on the prices set forth in the Purchase Order. The State's payment obligations shall be governed by the provisions of the New York State Finance Law ("STF").

OPWDD shall pay invoices submitted by the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days (excluding legal holidays) from receipt in accordance with New York State Finance Law Article 11-A.

Payments are made via direct deposit with New York State's electronic payment program for vendors, transferring payments directly into the Contractor's bank account. Contractors who have not already enrolled can do so by visiting <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors>.

8. NEW YORK STATE VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Section 163 of the State Finance Law requires that contracts be awarded on the basis of lowest price or best value to a responsible Contractor. The State and courts have determined that responsibility includes integrity, previous performance, legal authority to do business in New York State, and financial and organizational ability to perform the contract. As part of the procurement process, Bidders, affiliates, any business entity of which the Bidder is a subsidiary, and subcontractors (where the subcontractor is known at the time of the contract award, its qualifications are a material factor in the award, and its subcontract will equal or exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract) are required to complete the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire.

The State recommends that each Contractor file the required Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the VendRep System, the Contractor should refer to the VendRep System Instructions and User Support for Vendors available on the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) website at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/enroll.htm>. The Contractor must update their Questionnaire within ten (10) business days of such request by the State.

Bidders are encouraged to complete the online form, as it will expedite release of a purchase order resulting from a successful award from this IFB.

9. VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

To do business with the State of New York, each Bidder/Contractor is required to obtain a NYS Vendor Identification Number for use in the Statewide Financial System (SFS). If a Bidder does not already have a Vendor ID Number, a Substitute Form W-9 must be completed and submitted directly to OPWDD upon notification of award. The purpose of the Substitute Form W-9, which will provide the Contractor's taxpayer identification number, business name and business contact person, is to allow the State to establish a vendor file in the State Financial System.

10. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING LAW REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, effective January 1, 2006, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OPWDD and Bidder during the procurement process. A Bidder is restricted from making contact from the earliest Notice of Intent to Solicit Offers through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OPWDD and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law § 129-j (3)(a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is (are) identified in this solicitation. The designated contact person is listed in Section 2, 'Designated Contact Person(s) For Inquiries & Submissions' of this solicitation. The Restricted Period for this procurement begins with the date of the advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter and will end when the NYS Office of the State Comptroller has approved the contract. All contact during the Restricted Period regarding this procurement must be made with the OPWDD designated contact person.

OPWDD employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award. In the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental procurement contracts. Bidders will be informed in writing of any preliminary OPWDD finding of non-responsibility and will be afforded administrative due process prior to a final determination being made.

11. PERIOD OF VALIDITY

Each Bidder's submission including all elements of the bid and proposal must remain valid and in effect for a minimum of sixty (60) days.

12. ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are included with this IFB:

1. Appendix A Standard Clauses for New York State Contract (June 2023)
2. Appendix B Agency Specific Terms and Conditions
3. Appendix C Supplier Diversity Requirements
4. Attachment 1 Cost Proposal Worksheet
5. Attachment 2 Procurement Lobbying Law Certification of Compliance

13. SUBMISSION

A point of contact for each respondent should be provided, including name, address, email, and phone number. Responses **must** be submitted using Attachment 1: Cost Proposal Worksheet. Included in the submission, **must** be a completed Attachment 2: Procurement Lobbying Law Certification and Compliance.

Responses **must** be emailed to contracts@opwdd.ny.gov with the subject line “**Response for IFB #OPD-2023-17 PlusTrac Professional** from [insert name of firm]”, and are due no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023.

APPENDIX A

STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, “the contract” or “this contract”) agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word “Contractor” herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licenser, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. EXECUTORY CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE. In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet or otherwise disposed of without the State’s previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller’s approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Contractor’s business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State’s prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. COMPTROLLER’S APPROVAL. In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or \$75,000 for State University of New York or City University of New York contracts for goods, services, construction and printing, and \$150,000 for State University Health Care Facilities) or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$25,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller’s approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services, either for itself or its customer agencies by the Office of General Services Business Services Center, is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000. Comptroller’s approval of contracts established as centralized contracts through the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$125,000, and when a purchase order or other procurement transaction issued under such centralized contract exceeds \$200,000.

4. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BENEFITS. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers’ Compensation Law.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, nor subject any individual to harassment, because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status or because the individual has opposed any practices forbidden under the Human Rights Law or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under the Human Rights Law. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract 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, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS. If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor’s employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in

accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

7. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION. In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION. In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2 NYCRR § 105.4).

9. SET-OFF RIGHTS. The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State agency, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, the "Records"). The Records

must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION. (a) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) Privacy Notification. (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR Part 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Contractor will include the provisions of "(a), (b) and (c)" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not

apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this clause. The contracting agency shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. SERVICE OF PROCESS. In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this

law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in § 165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992. It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority- and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business and Technology Development
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5100

A directory of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
633 Third Avenue 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10017
646-846-7364
email: mwbebusinessdev@esd.ny.gov
<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/searchcertifieddirectory.asp>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 (Chapter 844 of the Laws of 1992, codified in State Finance Law § 139-i and Public Authorities Law § 2879(3)(n)-(p)) requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively, codified in State Finance Law § 165(6) and Public Authorities Law § 2879(5)) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 2023, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH BREACH NOTIFICATION AND DATA SECURITY LAWS. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law §§ 899-aa and 899-bb and State Technology Law § 208).

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW. If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then, in accordance with Section 163 (4)(g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a “procurement contract” as defined by State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law § 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

26. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT. By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law § 165-a that it is not on the “Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012” (“Prohibited Entities List”) posted at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/iran-divestment-act-2012>

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law § 165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

27. ADMISSIBILITY OF REPRODUCTION OF CONTRACT. Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, in the form approved by the State Comptroller, if such approval was required, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.

APPENDIX B

AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The parties to the Purchase Order resulting from IFB OPD-2023-17, agree to be bound by the following, which are hereby made part of said Purchase Order.

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any applicant for services for reasons based upon religion or religious belief. The Contractor shall not use any monies received from the State to benefit or inhibit a particular religion or religious belief.
2. The relationship of the Contractor to the State is that of an independent contractor and the officers and employees of the Contractor shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with such status, shall neither hold themselves out as nor claim to be officers, employees, or agents of the State by reason thereof, and shall not make any claim, demand or application to or for any right of the State, including, but not limited to, Workers' Compensation coverage, unemployment insurance benefits, Social Security coverage or retirement membership credit.
3. The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons or property, including death, arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor. It shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from any and all claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature and description arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or the violation by the Contractor, its employees, servants, agents, or contractors, of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation in connection therewith.
4. Neither party shall be liable for losses, defaults, or damages under this Contract which result from delays in performing, or inability to perform, all or any of the obligations or responsibilities imposed upon it pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract, due to or because of acts of God, the public enemy, earthquake, floods, typhoons, civil strife, fire or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the party that was so delayed in performing or so unable to perform, provided that such party was not negligent and shall have used reasonable efforts to avoid and overcome such cause. Such party shall resume full performance of such obligations and responsibilities promptly upon removal of any such cause.
5. If any term or provision of the Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, then, notwithstanding, the Contract shall remain in full force and effect and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken from the Contract.
6. The Contractor shall comply with all statutory requirements relating to the confidentiality of information obtained during the performance of the Purchase Order.
7. The Contractor shall certify that payment requests do not duplicate reimbursement of costs and services received from other sources.
8. Upon termination of the Purchase Order, there shall be a reconciliation based upon the services provided by the Contractor and the payments made by the State. The Contractor shall refund to the State any overpayments made by the State pursuant to the Purchase Order.
9. Unless otherwise provided, the Purchase Order may be amended, modified, renewed, and/or renegotiated by written agreement of the parties which shall become effective upon approval by the Office of the State Comptroller.
10. Unless otherwise provided, the OPWDD may cancel the Purchase Order without cause upon serving thirty (30) days' written notice on the Contractor. Cancellation by mutual agreement of all parties to the Purchase Order will be allowed subject to documentation in writing.

11. No part of the Contractor's income or resources shall be used directly or indirectly for the benefit of, or payment to, any State employee for services provided under this Purchase Order other than employees whose names are furnished to the OPWDD and no employee so identified shall receive any benefit or payment under this Purchase Order without prior written approval by the OPWDD.
12. This Purchase Order contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties and no statement or representation, oral or written, express or implied, shall be deemed to exist or to bind either party or to vary any of the terms and conditions of the Purchase Order.
13. Where applicable, the Contractor shall maintain eligibility for reimbursement from any program that provides payment for services and shall apply for and obtain all funds available for the program from any public or private source. Upon request, the OPWDD shall assist in establishing the Contractor's eligibility for such funds.
14. The Contractor must comply with the provisions of Mental Hygiene Law Section 16.33 and Executive Law Section 845-b, the regulations related to criminal history record checks adopted by OPWDD in connection with the fingerprinting of certain individuals and the policies and procedures of OPWDD in connection therewith. In particular, any individual employed by or affiliated as a volunteer with a provider of services as defined in Section 1.03(5) of the Mental Hygiene Law who has regular and substantial unsupervised or unrestricted physical contact with people receiving services (such contact hereinafter referred to as "consumer contact") and who hereafter submits or who has submitted an application for employment or otherwise becomes or became affiliated with the Contractor on or after April 1, 2005 (such individual hereinafter referred to as "a subject party") shall be required to consent and submit to a criminal history record check. Upon the completion thereof, the Contractor shall deny or hold in abeyance employment or volunteer opportunities involving consumer contact to a subject party when directed to do so by OPWDD and in those instances the Contractor shall notify the subject party that his or her criminal history record information is the basis for such action taken by the Contractor.
15. Federal False Claims Act (31 USC Sections 3729-3733) and the New York State False Claims Act (State Finance Law Article XIII, Sections 187-194) – the Contractor is bound by all of the related laws. The law requires that OPWDD provide its contractors with information about the federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act, and other federal and State laws that play a role in preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse in federal health care programs. This information must include the whistleblower protections that are in these laws. OPWDD must also provide its contractors with information about OPWDD's own policies and procedures for detecting and preventing waste, fraud and abuse. You can find detailed descriptions of these laws, their whistleblower protections and OPWDD's policies on the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov. At the home page, select Information for Providers on the left side of the page, then select False Claims Recoveries. You can also visit the New York State Medicaid Inspector General website at www.omig.ny.gov to obtain information about these laws. A paper copy of the detailed descriptions of the laws and of OPWDD policies and procedures related to waste, fraud and abuse is available from the OPWDD Contract Management Unit, 44 Holland Ave. 4th Fl., Albany NY 12229-0001. As a contractor of OPWDD, you are required to participate in the reviews and audits described in OPWDD's policies, and to abide by these policies with respect to funding for OPWDD services. You are also required to make the information at the OPWDD website address listed above available to all your employees and to all of your contractors involved in performing work under your contract with OPWDD.
16. Both the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) can exclude persons and organizations from federal and State healthcare programs. If this Contract is funded through the New York State Medicaid program, the following applies:

For Contractors

The Contractor represents that:

- (1) The United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has not excluded the Contractor from participation in a federal health care program (including the Medicaid program) under 42 U.S.C. §§1320a-7 or 1320a-7a, or excluded the Contractor from eligibility to provide services under the Social Security Act on a reimbursable basis under 42 U.S.C. §1320c-5;
- (2) The Secretary of Health and Human Services has not directed the New York State Department of Health or any other New York State government agency to exclude the Contractor from participation in a federal health care program (including the Medicaid program) under 42 U.S.C. §§1320a-7(d) or 1320a-7a(a);
- (3) The New York State Medicaid Inspector General has not excluded the Contractor from participation in the New York Medicaid program under 18 NYCRR Part 515; and
- (4) No federal or State agency has otherwise excluded the Contractor from participation in the New York Medicaid program or excluded the Contractor from eligibility to provide services under the Social Security Act or the New York Medicaid program on a reimbursable basis.

If, during the term of this Contract, the Contractor is excluded from participation in a federal health care program or the New York Medicaid program or is excluded from eligibility to provide services under the Social Security Act or the New York Medicaid program on a reimbursable basis, under the authorities stated above, this Contract shall be immediately terminated.

17. On February 12, 2007, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act took effect as law. Pursuant to new §19-0323 of the N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law ("NYECL"), it is now a requirement that heavy duty diesel vehicles in excess of 8,500 pounds use the best available retrofit technology ("BART") and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel ("ULSD"). The requirements of the law apply to all vehicles owned, operated by or on behalf of, or leased by State agencies and State or regional public authorities. As a contract vendor, the Law may be applicable to vehicles used by contract vendors "on behalf of" State agencies and State or regional public authorities. Therefore, the Bidder/Contractor hereby certifies and warrants that all heavy-duty vehicles, as defined in NYECL §19-0323, to be used under this Contract will comply with the specifications and provisions of NYECL §19-0323, and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, which requires the use of BART and ULSD, unless specifically waived by NYSDEC. Qualification and application for a waiver under this Law will be the responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.

18. Notices:

- (1) All notices permitted or required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
 - (a) via certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
 - (b) by facsimile transmission;
 - (c) by personal delivery;
 - (d) by expedited delivery service; or
 - (e) by e-mail.

Such notices shall be addressed as follows or to such different addresses as the parties may from time-to-time designate:

New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Name: Marc Kleinhenz

Title: Director of Contracts and Grants

Address: 44 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12229

Telephone Number: (518) 473-9300

E-Mail Address: marc.l.kleinhenz@opwdd.ny.gov

Enter Contractor Name Here

Name: Enter Here

Title: Enter Here

Address: Enter Here

Telephone Number: Enter Here

E-Mail Address: Enter Here

- (2) Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or email, upon receipt.
 - (3) The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under this Agreement. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation and administration/billing, resolving issues and problems and/or for dispute resolution.
19. 14 NYCRR Sec. 624.5(u)(2) An agency shall not take any retaliatory action against an employee or agent who believes that he or she has reasonable cause to suspect that a person receiving services has been subjected to a reportable incident or notable occurrence, and the employee or agent makes a report to the VPCR and/or OPWDD in accordance with this section and/or if the employee or agent cooperates with the investigation of a report made to the VPCR or OPWDD.

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**APPENDIX C
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

**PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:
REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

I. General Provisions

- A. The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”) for all State contracts, as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The contractor to the subject contract (the “Contractor” and the “Contract,” respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to OPWDD, to fully comply and cooperate with OPWDD in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and the regulations promulgated thereunder. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for New York State-certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). The Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) and other applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- C. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the assessment of liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Appendix and such other remedies are available to OPWDD pursuant to the Contract and applicable law.
- D. OPWDD’s agency MWBE goals are: an overall goal of 30 percent for MWBE participation, 17 percent for New York State-certified minority-owned business enterprise (“MBE”) participation and 13 percent for New York State-certified women-owned business enterprise (“WBE”) participation (collectively, “MWBE Contract Goals”).

II. Contract Goals

- A. For purposes of this Contract, OPWDD hereby establishes an overall goal of 0% for MWBE participation, 0% for New York State-certified minority-owned business enterprise (“MBE”) participation and 0% for New York State-certified women-owned business enterprise (“WBE”) participation (collectively, “MWBE Contract Goals”) based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs.

OPWDD encourages contractors to make every effort to include the participation of MWBE firms whenever practical in the performance of this contract to meet its agency goals.

- B. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the MWBE Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, the Contractor should reference the directory of MWBEs at the following internet address: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development at (212) 803-2414 to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- C. The Contractor understands that only sums paid to MWBEs for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may be applied towards the achievement of the applicable MWBE participation goal. [FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS –

The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a supplier that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 60% of the total value of the contract. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be the monetary value for fees, or the markup percentage, charged by the MWBE]. [FOR ALL OTHER CONTRACTS - The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 25% of the total value of the contract]

- D. The Contractor must document “good faith efforts,” pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.8, to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors and suppliers in the performance of the Contract. Such documentation shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
1. Evidence of outreach to MWBEs;
 2. Any responses by MWBEs to the Contractor’s outreach;
 3. Copies of advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications;
 4. The dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by OPWDD with MWBEs; and,
 5. Information describing specific steps undertaken by the Contractor to reasonably structure the Contract scope of work to maximize opportunities for MWBE participation.

III. Equal Employment Opportunity (“EEO”)

- A. The provisions of Article 15-A of the Executive Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder pertaining to equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women shall apply to the Contract.
- B. In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall:
1. Ensure that each contractor and subcontractor performing work on the Contract shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 2. The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to OPWDD within seventy-two (72) hours after the date of the notice by OPWDD to award the Contract to the Contractor.
 3. If the Contractor, or any of its subcontractors, does not have an existing EEO policy statement, OPWDD requires the Contractor or subcontractor to adopt a model statement (see Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement).
 4. The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
 - c. The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex

age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.

- d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

C. Workforce Utilization Report

1. The Contractor shall submit a Workforce Utilization Report and, shall require each of its subcontractors to submit a Workforce Utilization Report, in such form as shall be required by OPWDD on a monthly basis for construction contracts or a quarterly basis for all other contracts during the term of the Contract.
2. Separate forms shall be completed by the Contractor and any subcontractors.

- D. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

IV. MWBE Utilization Plan

- A. In accordance with 5 NYCRR § 142.4, Bidders are required to submit a completed Utilization Plan on Form MWBE 100, with their bid. At such time as shall be requested by OPWDD, the Utilization Plan may be submitted through the New York State Contract System ("NYSCS"), which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.
- B. The Contractor agrees to adhere to the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan in the performance of the Contract. The Utilization Plan shall list the MWBEs the Bidder intends to use to perform the Contract, a description of the Contract scope of work the Bidder intends the MWBE to perform to meet the goals on the Contract, and the estimated or, if known, actual dollar amounts to be paid to an MWBE. By signing the Utilization Plan, the Bidder acknowledges that making false representations or including information evidencing a lack of good faith as part of, or in conjunction with, the submission of a Utilization Plan is prohibited by law and may result in penalties including, but not limited to, termination of a contract for cause, loss of eligibility to submit future bids, and/or withholding of payments. Any modifications or changes to the agreed participation by New York State Certified MWBEs after the Contract award and during the term of the Contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to OPWDD.
- C. By entering into the Contract, Bidder/Contractor understands that only sums paid to MWBEs for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may be applied towards the achievement of the applicable MWBE participation goal.
- D. OPWDD will review the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan and advise the Bidder of OPWDD acceptance or issue a notice of deficiency within 30 days of receipt.
- E. If a notice of deficiency is issued; Bidder agrees that it shall respond to the notice of deficiency, within seven (7) business days of receipt, by submitting to OPWDD a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found by OPWDD to be inadequate, OPWDD shall notify the Bidder and direct the Bidder to submit, within five (5) business days of notification by OPWDD, a request for a partial or total waiver of MWBE

participation goals on Form BDC 333. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.

- F. OPWDD may disqualify a Bidder's bid/proposal as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:
 - (a) If a Bidder fails to submit an MWBE Utilization Plan;
 - (b) If a Bidder fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency;
 - (c) If a Bidder fails to submit a request for waiver; or
 - (d) If OPWDD determines that the Bidder has failed to document good faith efforts.
- G. If awarded a Contract, Contractor certifies that it will follow the submitted MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in clause IV-A of this Section.

V. Waivers

- A. If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to achieve the MWBE Contract Goals stated herein, the Contractor may submit a request for a waiver through the NYSCS, or a non-electronic method provided by OPWDD. Such waiver request must be supported by evidence of the Contractor's good faith efforts to achieve the maximum feasible MWBE participation towards the applicable MWBE Contract Goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, OPWDD shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of approval or denial within twenty (20) business days of receipt.
- B. If OPWDD, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan, quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports described in Section VI, or any other relevant information, determines that the Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the MWBE Contract Goals, and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, OPWDD may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

VI. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

The Contractor is required to submit a quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report through the NYSCS, provided, however, that the Contractor may arrange to provide such report via a non-electronic method to OPWDD by the 10th day following the end of each quarter during the term of the Contract.

VII. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation

- A. Where OPWDD determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of this Appendix and the Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if the Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay to OPWDD liquidated damages.
- B. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - 1. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - 2. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- C. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by OPWDD the Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to OPWDD within sixty (60) days after they are assessed. Provided, however, that if the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.12, liquidated damages shall be payable only in the event of a determination adverse to the Contractor following the complaint process.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

By signing the contract, the awardee/contractor/organization agrees to adopt the following policies with respect to the project/program/product being developed or services rendered at the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

M/WBE

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the M/WBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Actively and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to M/WBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified M/WBEs from AGENCY and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective M/WBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhanced participations by M/WBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among M/WBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to M/WBEs and the results thereof. The Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting M/WBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to M/WBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that, if legally permissible, bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage M/WBE participation.

EEO

(a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.

(b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex disability or marital status.

(c) At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein.

(d) The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

(e) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (d) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract

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PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED SERVICE- DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Article 17-B of the New York State Executive Law provides for more meaningful participation in public procurement by certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (“SDVOBs”), thereby further integrating such businesses into New York State’s economy. NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities recognizes the need to promote the employment of service-disabled veterans and to ensure that certified service-disabled veteran-owned businesses have opportunities for maximum feasible participation in the performance of NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities contracts.

In recognition of the service and sacrifices made by service-disabled veterans and in recognition of their economic activity in doing business in New York State, Bidders/Contractors are strongly encouraged and expected to consider SDVOBs in the fulfillment of the requirements of the Contract. Such participation may be as subcontractors or suppliers, as protégés, or in other partnering or supporting roles.

For purposes of this procurement, NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities conducted a comprehensive search and determined that the Contract does not offer sufficient opportunities to set specific goals for participation by SDVOBs as subcontractors, service providers, and suppliers to Contractor. Nevertheless, Bidder/Contractor is encouraged to make good faith efforts to promote and assist in the participation of SDVOBs on the Contract for the provision of services and materials. The directory of New York State Certified SDVOBs can be viewed at: <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans/>.

Bidder/Contractor is encouraged to contact the Office of General Services’ Division of Service-Disabled Veteran’s Business Development at 518-474-2015 or VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov to discuss methods of maximizing participation by SDVOBs on the Contract.