

## STATE OF NEW YORK LETTER OF AGREEMENT

This State of New York Letter of Agreement (“Letter of Agreement”) by and between the State of New York (“State”) acting by and through the applicable State Agency (“State Agency”) and the public or private entity (“Recipient” and, together with the State, the “Parties”) hereby supplements the purchase order (“Purchase Order” and, together with this Letter Agreement, the “Purchase Order Agreements”) attached hereto and entered into by and between the Parties listed thereto.

### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**A. Executory Clause:** The State shall have no liability under either Purchase Order Agreement to the Recipient, or to anyone else, beyond funds appropriated and available for the Purchase Order Agreements.

**B. Performance:** The Recipient shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Purchase Order Agreements to the satisfaction of the State. The Recipient shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the agreed upon program objectives in accordance with the provisions of this Letter of Agreement, the Purchase Order, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

**C. Funding:** Funding for the term of the Purchase Order Agreements shall not exceed the amount specified on the Purchase Order.

**D. Term:** The term of the Purchase Order Agreements shall be specified on the Purchase Order, unless terminated sooner as provided herein, and may be extended subject to agreement by the Parties and compliance with applicable State law.

**E. Subrecipients:** If the Recipient enters into subagreements for the performance of work pursuant to the Purchase Order Agreements, the Recipient shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subrecipients. Nothing in the subagreement shall impair the rights of the State under Purchase Order Agreements. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subrecipient and the State.

**F. Indemnification:** The Recipient shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Recipient or its subrecipients pursuant to the Purchase Order Agreements. The Recipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Purchase Order Agreements.

**G. 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 Recipient under the Purchase Order Agreements up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to the Purchase Order Agreements, any other agreement with any State department or agency, including any agreement for a term commencing prior to the term of the Purchase Order Agreements, 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 New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

**H Legal Action:** No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Purchase Order Agreements. The term “litigation” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term “regulatory action” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding, or requesting any regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

**I No Arbitration:** Disputes involving the Purchase Order Agreements, 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.

**J. Non-Assignment Clause:** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Purchase Order Agreements may not be assigned by the Recipient 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 shall be considered to be null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of the Purchase Order Agreements, let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law, may be waived at the discretion of the State Agency and where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Recipient’s business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that the merged Recipient demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Recipient may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State’s prior written consent unless the Purchase Order Agreements concern Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

**K. Non-Collusive Bidding Certification:** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if the Purchase Order Agreements were awarded based upon the submission of bids, the Recipient affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Recipient further affirms that, at the time

the Recipient submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on the Recipient's behalf.

**L. Grounds for Termination:**

1. Mutual Consent: The Purchase Order Agreements may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Recipient.
2. Cause: The State may terminate the Purchase Order Agreements immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Recipient, if the Recipient fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of either Purchase Order Agreement and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to either Purchase Order Agreement.
3. Non-Responsibility: The State may make a final determination that the Recipient is non-responsible. In such event, the State may terminate the Purchase Order Agreements at the Recipient's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
4. Convenience: The State may terminate the Purchase Order Agreements in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice.
5. Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Purchase Order Agreements or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under the Purchase Order Agreements, the State Agency, may at its discretion, terminate or reduce the Purchase Order Agreements, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Recipient where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Purchase Order Agreements, all remaining funds paid to the Recipient that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Recipient shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Purchase Order Agreements. The Recipient acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Recipient's responsibility.
6. Force Majeure: The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Purchase Order Agreements immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Purchase Order Agreements, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

**M. Notice of Termination:**

1. Service of notice: Written notice of termination shall be sent by (i) personal messenger service; or (ii) certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

2. Effective date of termination: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Recipient, and shall be established as follows: (a) if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Recipient or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or (b) if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or (c) if no receipt is returned, five (5) business days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

**N. Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:**

1. Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Recipient agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.
2. The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Order Agreements. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements the Purchase Order Agreements after its termination date.

**O. Notices of Matters Not Related to Termination:** All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:

1. by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
2. by facsimile transmission;
3. by personal delivery;
4. by expedited delivery service; or
5. by electronic mail.

**P. Notification of Significant Occurrences:**

1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Recipient agrees to submit to the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.

2. The Recipient shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Purchase Order Agreements of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Recipient, any subrecipient or program participant funded through the Purchase Order Agreements, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Recipient; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

**Q. Suspension:** The State may, in its discretion, order the Recipient to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Recipient shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Recipient shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Recipient's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Purchase Order Agreements.

**R. Confidentiality:** The Recipient agrees that it shall use and maintain personally identifiable information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Purchase Order Agreements, or any other information, data or records marked as, or reasonably deemed, confidential by the State ("Confidential Information") only for the limited purposes of the Purchase Order Agreements and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Recipient understands and agrees that it (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

**S. Publicity:**

1. "Publicity" shall mean, but not be limited to, news conferences, news releases, public announcements, advertising, brochures, reports, discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.

2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Purchase Order Agreements may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:

- a) Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and

- b) State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Recipient and do not necessarily represent the

opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.

3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Recipient is an educational institution, the Recipient may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Purchase Order Agreements and the Recipient agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Recipient's performance under the Purchase Order Agreements, or if requested by the State, the Recipient shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements; or (ii) if the Recipient is not an educational institution, the Recipient may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Purchase Order Agreements (but are not deliverable under the Purchase Order Agreements), provided that the Recipient first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section S(2) hereof.

**T. MacBride Fair Employment Principles:** In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Recipient hereby stipulates that the Recipient 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.

**U. Iran Divestment Act:**

1. By entering into the Purchase Order Agreements, the Recipient 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").

2. The Recipient further certifies that it shall not utilize on the Purchase Order Agreements any subrecipient that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. The Recipient agrees that should it seek to renew or extend the Purchase Order Agreements, it must provide the same certification at the time the Purchase Order Agreements are renewed or extended. The Recipient also agrees that any proposed assignee of the Purchase Order Agreements shall be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the Purchase Order Agreements assignment shall be approved by the State.

3. During the term of the Agreement, should the State receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law §165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the State 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 New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012 within 90 calendar days after the determination of such violation, then the State 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 Recipient in default.

4. The State 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 the Purchase Order Agreements, 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.

**V. Severability:** Any provision of the Purchase Order Agreements that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Purchase Order Agreements shall attempt in good faith to reform the Purchase Order Agreements in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

**W. Governing Law:** The Purchase Order Agreements shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.