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**Texas State Library and Archives Commission**  
**Terms and Conditions**

All of the following terms and conditions are hereby made part of this contract with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) by reference. Submitting a Response with a false statement is a material breach of contract and shall void the submitted Response or any resulting contracts, and the Vendor shall be removed from all bid lists.

Contracts awarded by TSLAC shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The federal or state courts of the United State located in Texas shall have jurisdiction to hear any dispute under potential contracts and serviced may be made upon TSLAC by first class mail to its address as set forth herein.

1. **Sales and Use Tax.** The TSLAC, as an agency of the State of Texas, qualifies for exemption from State and Local Sales and Use Taxes pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act. The Vendor may be able to claim exemption from payment of applicable State taxes by complying with such procedures as may be prescribed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Excise Tax Exemption Certificates are available upon request.
2. **Observance of TSLAC Rules and Regulations.** Vendor agrees that at all times its employees will observe and comply with all regulations when accessing the TSLAC facilities, including, but not limited to, parking and security regulations.
3. **Non-Appropriation of Funds.** The State funds are contingent on the availability of lawful appropriates by the Texas Legislature. If the Texas Legislature fails to continue funding for the payments due under an order referencing this contract; the order will terminate as of the date that the funding expires, and the State will have no further obligation to make any payments.
4. **Prohibited Use of Appropriated or Other Funds Under Control of State Agency; Lobbying.** Vendor represents and warrants that TSLAC's payment to Vendor and Vendor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this any resulting Contract are prohibited by Section 556.005 or Section 556.008 of the Texas Government Code.
5. **Public Information Act.** Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this RFP or contract may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552.021 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). Any part of a submitted Response that is of a confidential or proprietary nature must be clearly and prominently marked on each page as such by the Vendor. Vendor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the state pursuant to this contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the state.
6. **Antitrust.** Vendor represents that neither the Vendor nor the company, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the Vendor, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, or institution has violated the antitrust laws of this State or the Federal Antitrust Laws, nor communicated directly or indirectly the proposal to any other person engaged in such line of business.
7. **Specifications.**  
The State will not be bound by any oral statement or representation contrary to the written specifications.
8. **Delivery.**
  - Delivery shall be made during normal working hours (8am-5pm, CT), unless prior approval has been obtained from the TSLAC.
  - No substitutions permitted without written approval of the TSLAC's Purchasing Dept.
  - If delay is foreseen, vendor shall give written notice to the TSLAC. Vendor must keep the TSLAC advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications authorizes the TSLAC to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase, if any, in cost and handling to defaulting vendor.
9. **Contract Fulfillment.** If federal or state laws or regulations or other federal or state requirements are amended and judicially interpreted so that either party cannot reasonably fulfill this contract, and if the parties cannot agree to an amendment that would enable substantial continuation of the contract, the parties shall be discharged from any further obligations under this contract.
10. **Inspection and Tests.** All goods will be subject to inspection and test by the State. Authorized TSLAC personnel shall have access to supplier's place of business for the purpose of inspecting merchandise. Tests shall be performed on samples submitted with the Response or on samples taken from regular shipments. All costs shall be borne by the vendor in the event products tested fail to meet or exceed all conditions and requirements of the specification. Goods delivered and rejected in whole or in part may, at the State's option, be returned to the vendor or held for disposition at vendor's expense. Latent defects may result in revocation of award.

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- 11. Payment.** The State will incur no penalty for late payment if payment is made in 30 or fewer days from receipt of goods or services and an uncontested invoice. Any payments later than 30 days from uncontested invoice will start to accrue interest.
- 12. Dispute Resolution.** Unless an applicable state statute or applicable federal law establishes another procedure for the resolution of disputes, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, shall be used, as further described herein, by TSLAC and the Vendor to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this contract. Vendor claims for breach of this contract that the parties cannot resolve in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Chapter 2260, subchapter B, of the Texas Government Code. To initiate the process, Vendor shall submit written notice, as required by subchapter B, to the Chief Financial Officer or the designate. Said notice shall specifically state that the provisions of Chapter 2260, subchapter B, are being invoked. A copy of the notice shall also be given to all other representatives of Vendor and the TSLAC otherwise entitled to notice under the parties' contract. Compliance by Vendor with subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Chapter 2260, subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code. The contested case process provided in Chapter 2260, subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code is Vendor's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for any and all alleged breaches of contract by TSLAC if the parties are unable to resolve their disputes under this Section. Compliance with the contested case process provided in subchapter C is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Legislature under Chapter 107 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code. Neither the execution of this contract by TSLAC nor any other conduct of any representative of TSLAC relating to this contract shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit. The submission, processing and resolution of Vendor's claim is governed by the published rules adopted by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, as currently effective, hereafter enacted or subsequently amended. These rules are found in the Texas Administrative Code. Neither the occurrence of an event nor the pendency of a claim constitutes grounds for the suspension of performance by the Vendor, in whole or in part.
- 13. Gifts.** The Vendor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted Response or contract.
- 14. Compensation.** Pursuant to Chapter 2155.004 of the Texas Government Code, the Vendor has not received compensation for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this RFP or contract.
- 15. Certification Regarding Non-Payment of Child Support.** Pursuant to Section 231.006 (d), Family Code, re: child support, the Vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Response is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 16. Ineligibility.** Under Chapter 2155.004 of the Texas Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Response or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 17. Indemnification.** The Vendor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Texas, all of its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of contractor or any agent, employee, subcontractor, or supplier of contractor in the execution or performance of this contract.
- 18. Debt.** Vendor agrees that any payments due under this contract will be applied towards any debt, including but not limited to delinquent taxes and child support that is owed to the State of Texas.
- 19. Executive Head of a State Agency.** Pursuant to §669.003, Government Code, the TSLAC may not enter into a contract with a person who employs a current or former Executive Head of a state agency until four years have passed since that person was the executive head of the state agency. By submitting a Proposal, the Respondent certifies that it does not employ any person who was the Executive Head of a state agency in the past four years.
- 20. State Auditor's Clause.** Vendor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditors Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Vendor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditors Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Vendor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Vendor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.
- 21. Patents and Copyrights.** Vendor shall defend and indemnify TSLAC and the State of Texas against claims of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights, violations or infringements arising from TSLAC's or Vendor's

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use of or acquisition of any services or other items provided to TSLAC by Vendor or otherwise to which TSLAC has access as a result of Vendor's performance under this Contract, provided that TSLAC notify Vendor of any such claim within a reasonable time of TSLAC's receiving notice of any such claim. If Vendor is notified of any claim subject to this Section, Vendor shall notify TSLAC of such claim within five (5) working days of such notice. If TSLAC determines that a conflict exists between its interests and those of Vendor or if TSLAC is required by applicable law to select separate counsel, TSLAC shall be permitted to select separate counsel, and the reasonable costs of such TSLAC's counsel shall be paid by Vendor. No settlement of any such claim shall be made by Vendor without TSLAC's prior written approval. Vendor shall reimburse TSLAC and the State of Texas for any claims, damages, losses, costs, expenses, judgments or any other amounts, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and court costs arising from any such claim. Vendor represents that it has determined what licenses, patents and permits are required under this Contract and has acquired all such licenses, patents and claims.

- 22. Vendor Assignments.** Vendor hereby assigns an ordering agency any and all claims for overcharges associated with this contract arising under the antitrust laws of the United States 15 U.S.C.A Section 1, et seq (1973), and the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, TEX. Bus. & Comm. Code Ann. Sec. 15.01, et seq (1967).

- 23. Default.** If the Vendor fails to provide the goods or services contracted for according to the provisions of the Contract, or fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Contract, the TSLAC may, upon written notice of default to the Vendor, immediately terminate all or any part of the Contract. Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but will be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law or under the Contract.

The TSLAC may exercise any other right, remedy or privilege which may be available to it under applicable law of the state and any other applicable law or may proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the provisions of the Contract, or to recover damages for the breach of any agreement being derived from the Contract. The exercise of any of the foregoing remedies will not constitute a termination of the Contract unless the TSLAC notifies the Vendor in writing prior to the exercise of such remedy. The Vendor shall remain liable for all covenants and indemnities under the Contract. The Respondent shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including court costs, incurred by the TSLAC with respect to the enforcement of any of the remedies listed herein.

- 24. Cancellation.** The cancellation of the agreement, under any circumstances whatsoever, shall not effect or relieve Vendor from any obligation or liability that may have been incurred or will be incurred pursuant to this agreement, and such cancellation by TSLAC shall not limit any other right or remedy available to the TSLAC at law or in equity.
- 25. Agreement Amendments.** No modification or amendment to the agreement shall become valid unless in writing and signed by both parties. All correspondence regarding modifications or amendments to the agreement must be forwarded to the TSLAC Purchasing Department for prior review and approval. Only the contract administrator within the Purchasing Department or his/her designee will be authorized to sign changes or amendments.
- 26. Independent Vendor Status.** Vendor agrees that Vendor and Vendor's employees and agents have no employer-employee relationship with TSLAC. TSLAC shall not be responsible for the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) payments, federal or state unemployment taxes, income tax withholding, Workers Compensation insurance payments, or any other insurance payments, nor will TSLAC furnish any medical or retirement benefits, any paid vacation or sick leave.
- 27. Publicity.** Vendor agrees that it shall not publicize this agreement or disclose, confirm or deny any details thereof to third parties or use any photographs or video recordings of TSLAC's name in connection with any sales promotion or publicity event without the prior express written approval of TSLAC.
- 28. Severability.** If one or more provisions of this agreement, or the application of any provision to any party or circumstance is held invalid, unenforceable, or illegal in any respect, the remainder of the agreement and the application of the provision to other parties or circumstances shall remain valid and in full force and effect.
- 29. No Waiver.** Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the state's sovereign immunity. This agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the State of Texas under this agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. TSLAC does not waive any privileges, rights defenses, or immunities available to TSLAC by entering into this agreement or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into this agreement.
- 30. Property Rights.** For purposes of this contract, the term "work" is defined as all reports, work papers, work products, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, documentation, methodologies, concepts, intellectual property or

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other property developed, produced or generated in connection with the services provided under the contract. The TSLAC and Vendor intend this contract to be a contract for services, and each considers the work and any and all documentation or other products and results of the services to be rendered by Vendor to be a work made for hire. By execution of a contract for these services, Vendor acknowledges and agrees that the work (and all rights therein) belongs to and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the TSLAC.

If, for any reason, the work would not be considered a work-for-hire under applicable law, Vendor does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to the TSLAC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the copyright of the work and any registrations and copyright applications relating thereto, and any renewals and extensions thereof, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the work, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present, or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and all to rights corresponding to the foregoing. Vendor agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other property rights as the TSLAC may deem necessary to secure for TSLAC or its designee the rights herein assigned.

Copyrightable material made by the Vendor for TSLAC shall be considered work-made-for-hire for TSLAC within the meaning of the copyright laws. Vendor shall assign all rights, title and interest in such copyrightable materials to TSLAC. Should this work product prove to be patentable, Vendor will assign all patent rights to TSLAC upon request. TSLAC shall have the right, at its discretion, to keep such work product as a trade secret.

Vendor and Vendor's employees shall have no rights of ownership of the Work and any documentation or other products and results of the services or any other property of TSLAC. Any property or Work not specifically scheduled in this Contract as property of Vendor shall constitute property of TSLAC.

In addition to compliance with the right to examination provisions of the Contract, Vendor must deliver to TSLAC, no later than the forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of TSLAC's written request for same, all completed or partially completed Work and any and all documentation or other products and results of the Services under such Contract. Vendor's failure to timely deliver such Work or any documentation or other products and results of the Services will be considered a material breach of the Contract. With the prior written approval of TSLAC, this forty-eight (48) hour period may be extended for delivery of certain completed or partially completed Work or other such information, if such extension is in the best interest of the State of Texas or TSLAC. If Vendor fails to deliver such Work within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of written request for same, TSLAC may withhold all payments to Vendor, may withhold all authorization for payment of previously approved and future invoices, may impose liquidated damages of \$1000 per each twenty-four (24) hour period of delay, or a pro rata amount for any portion of each such twenty-four (24) hour period. During the transition from any successor of the Vendor, TSLAC may impose liquidated damages of \$2000 rather than \$1000 per each twenty-four (24) hour period of delay, or a pro rata amount for any portion of each such twenty-four (24) hour period. These liquidated damages are in addition to other remedies and rights that are applicable or available to TSLAC for such failure or delay under this Contract.

31. **Acceptance of Products and Services.** All products furnished and all services performed under this agreement shall be to the satisfaction of TSLAC and in accordance with the specifications, terms, and conditions of this contract. TSLAC reserves the right to inspect the products furnished or the services performed, and to determine the quality, acceptability, and fitness of such products or services.
32. **Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).** Vendor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of a Deceptive Trade Practices Act or any unfair business practice administrative hearing or court suit, and that Vendor has not been found to be guilty of such practices in such proceedings. Vendor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of a Deceptive Trade Practices Act or any unfair business administrative hearing or court suit, and that such officers have not been found to be guilty of such practices in such proceedings.
33. **Immigration.** Vendor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individuals hired on or after November 6, 1986, who will perform any labor or services under this Contract.
34. **Criminal Conviction Certification.** The Vendor represents and warrants that Vendor has not and Vendor's employees have not been convicted of a felony criminal offense, or that, if such a conviction has occurred, Vendor has fully advised TSLAC as to the facts and circumstances surrounding the conviction. Vendor has a continuing duty to amend, supplement or correct this representation and warranty not later than ten (10) days after discovering additional information relating to felony criminal convictions of Vendor or any of its employees. Vendor shall not allow any employee convicted of a felony criminal offense to perform tasks related to the contract without such disclosure and express permission from TSLAC.
35. **Subcontracting.** It is contemplated by the parties hereto that the Vendor shall conduct the performances provided by this contract substantially with its own resources and through the services of its own staff. In the event the Vendor should

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determine that it is necessary or expedient to subcontract for any of the performances specified herein, the Vendor shall subcontract for such performances only after the Vendor has transmitted to TSLAC a true copy of the subcontract the Vendor proposes to execute with a subcontractor and has obtained TSLAC's written approval for subcontracting the subject performance in advance of executing a subcontract. The Vendor, in subcontracting for any products or performances specified herein, expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontracting(s), TSLAC is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of the Vendor. In no event shall this provision relieve the Vendor of the responsibility for ensuring that the finished products and/or services rendered under all subcontracts are rendered so as to comply with all terms of this contract.

- 36. Assignment.** The Vendor will not assign its rights under this contract or delegate the performance of its duties under this contract without prior written approval from TSLAC.
- 37. Accessibility.** TSLAC is required to follow Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 10, Chapter 206, Accessibility and Usability of State Web Sites, Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 10, Chapter 213, and the Federal Section 508, Accessibility Standards.
- 38. Ethics.** Any individual who interacts with public purchasers in any capacity is required to adhere to the guidelines established in Chapter 2155.003 of the Texas Government Code. The Rule outlines the ethical standards required of public purchaser, employees, and vendors who interact with public purchasers in the conduct of state business. Specifically, a TSLAC employee may not have an interest in, or in any matter be connected with a contract or RFP for a purchase of goods or services by an agency of the state; or in any manner, including by rebate or gift, accept or receive from a person to whom a contract may be awarded, directly or indirectly, anything of value or a promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation. Entities who are interested in seeking business opportunities with the state must be mindful of these restrictions when interacting with public purchasers of TSLAC or purchasers of other state agencies.
- 39. Convictions in connection with Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and subsequent disasters.** Per Senate Bill 608, 80th Legislative Session, TSLAC will not accept Responses, nor award contracts to persons convicted of violating a federal law in connection with a contract awarded by the federal government for relief, recovery, or reconstruction efforts as a result of Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and subsequent disasters.
- 40. Equal Opportunity.** Vendor represents and warrants that it shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, age and disability in the performance of awards.
- 41. Drug Free Workplace.** The contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C 701 ET SEQ.) and maintain a drug-free work environment; and the final rule, government-wide requirements for drug-free work place (grants), issued by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Defense (32 CFR Part 280, Subpart F) to implement the provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 is incorporated by reference and the contractor shall comply with the relevant provisions thereof, including any amendments to the final rule that may hereafter be issued.
- 42. Force Majeure.** Neither Vendor nor TSLAC shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in any award resulting from a RFP caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome. Each party must inform the other in writing, with proof of receipt, within three (3) business days of the existence of such force majeure, or otherwise waive this right as a defense.
- 43. Termination.** Vendor shall have the right to terminate contracts awarded from this RFP upon a material breach of its terms by TSLAC, which are not cured within thirty (30) days of written notice. If Vendor (a) terminates or suspends its business (b) becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under any Federal or State statute or (c) becomes or subject to direct control by a trustee, receiver, or similar authority, TSLAC may, in addition to its other legal rights and remedies, terminate this agreement on seven (7) days notice to Vendor. Upon such termination, Vendor will offer TSLAC a prorated refund or subscription fee.

In the event that the Contract is terminated for any reason, or upon its expiration, the TSLAC shall retain ownership of all associated work products and documentation obtained from the Vendor under the Contract.

- 44. Survival of Terms.** Termination of this Contract for any reason shall not release the Vendor from any liability or obligation

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set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such termination, including the provisions regarding confidentiality, indemnification, transition, records, audit, property rights, dispute resolution, and invoice and fees verification.

- 45. Supporting Documents; Right to Audit; Independent Audits.** Vendor shall maintain and retain supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for Contract funds are in accordance with applicable TSLAC and State of Texas requirements. Vendor shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this Contract and the State's property for a period of four (4) years after the date of submission of the final invoices or until a resolution of all billing questions, whichever is later. Vendor shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to the State's property, such as work papers, reports, books, data, files, software, records, and other supporting documents pertaining to this Contract, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by TSLAC, State of Texas or their authorized representatives. Vendor shall cooperate with auditors and other authorized TSLAC and State of Texas representatives and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such State's property as requested by TSLAC or the State of Texas. By example, and not as an exclusion to other breaches or failures, Vendor's failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Contract and shall authorize TSLAC to immediately assess liquidated damages as described in Section 29 of Appendix C for such failure. For purposes of this Section, the "State's property" includes, but is not limited to, "Work" as defined in the RFP. TSLAC may require, at Vendor's sole cost and expense, independent audits by a qualified certified public accounting firm of Vendor's books and records or the State's property. The independent auditing shall provide TSLAC with a copy of such audit at the same time it is provided to Vendor. TSLAC retains the right to issue the request for Statement of Qualifications for the services of an independent certified public accounting firm under this Contract. In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this Contract, pursuant to Section 2262.003 of the Texas Government Code, the state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of Vendor or any other entity or person receiving funds from the state directly under this Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this Contract. The acceptance of funds by Vendor or any other entity or person directly under this Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, Vendor or other entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. This Contract may be amended unilaterally by TSLAC to comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.003. Under procedures provided by the state auditor on September 5, 2003, in addition to the above, (1) Vendor understands that the acceptance of funds under this Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds; (2) Vendor further agrees to cooperate fully with the state auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested; (3) Vendor shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Vendor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards; and (4) the state auditor shall at any time have access to and the rights to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any pertinent books, documents, working papers, and records of Vendor relating to this Contract
- 46. Limitation on Authority; No Other Obligations.** Vendor shall have no authority to act for or on behalf of TSLAC or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in the Contract; no other authority, power or use is granted or implied. Vendor may not incur any debts, obligations, expenses, or liabilities of any kind on behalf of the State of Texas or TSLAC.
- 47. Records Retention.** Vendor shall maintain and retain supporting fiscal and any other documents relevant to showing that any payments under this Contract funds were expended in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas, including, but not limited to, requirements of the Comptroller of the State of Texas and the State Auditor. Vendor shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this Contract and the State's property until December 31, 2021.
- 48. Insurance & Other Security.** Vendor represents and warrants that it will, upon five (5) days of request, provide TSLAC with current certificates of insurance or other proof acceptable to TSLAC of the following insurance coverage: Standard Workers Compensation Insurance covering all personnel who will provide services under the Contract; Commercial General Liability Insurance, personal injury and advertising injury with, at a minimum, the following limits: \$500,000 minimum each occurrence; \$1,000,000 per general aggregate. Vendor represents and warrants that all of the above coverage is with companies licensed in the state of Texas, with 'A' rating from Best, and authorized to provide the corresponding coverage. Vendor also represents and warrants that all policies contain endorsements prohibiting cancellation except upon at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to TSLAC. Vendor represents and warrants that it shall maintain the above insurance coverage during the term of the Contract, and shall provide TSLAC with an executed copy of the policies immediately upon request.

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**49. Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage.**

**A. Definitions:**

Certificate of coverage ("certificate")- A copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

Duration of the project - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractor's/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the governmental entity.

Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractor" in §406.096) - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitation, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

B. The contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

C. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the governmental entity prior to being awarded the contract.

D. If the coverage period shown on the contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the governmental entity showing that coverage has been extended.

E. The contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project, and provide to the governmental entity:

(1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the governmental entity will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

(2) no later than seven days after receipt by the contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

F. The contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter.

G. The contractor shall notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 days after the contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

H. The contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

I. The contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project, to:

(1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

(2) provide to the contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

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(3) provide the contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the contractor:

(a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

(b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one year thereafter;

(6) notify the governmental entity in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within 10 days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project; and

(7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7), with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

J. By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the contractor is representing to the governmental entity that all employees of the contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.

K. The contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the contractor which entitles the governmental entity to declare the contract void if the contractor does not remedy the breach within ten days after receipt of notice of breach from the governmental entity.

**50. Vendor Responsibility for Damage to Government Property.** The Vendor shall be liable for all damages to government-owned, leased, or occupied property and equipment caused by the Vendor and its employees, agents, subcontractors, and suppliers, including any delivery or cartage company, in connection with any performance pursuant to the Contract. The Vendor shall notify the TSLAC Project Manager in writing of any such damage within one (1) calendar day.

**51. Vendor Performance.** The TSLAC may monitor the performance of the Contract issued under this RFP. All services and goods under the Contract shall be performed at an acceptable service levels and in a manner consistent with acceptable industry standards, custom, and practice. The Vendor will receive a paper copy of this report, as well as an e-mailed copy. The TSLAC will provide a sample of the Vendor Performance Report upon request.

**52. Change Management.** Vendor shall assign only qualified personnel to this Contract. Vendor, in its reasonable discretion, reserves the right to substitute appropriate key personnel to accomplish its duties so long as the substituted personnel are equally qualified and skilled in the tasks necessary to accomplish the tasks and services required. Vendor shall provide to TSLAC prior written notice of any proposed change in key personnel involved in providing services under this Contract. Subcontractors providing services under the Contract shall meet the same requirements and level of experience as required of the Vendor. No subcontract under the Contract shall relieve the Vendor of responsibility for ensuring the requested services are provided. If Vendor uses a subcontractor for any or all of the work required, the following conditions shall apply: a) Vendors planning to subcontract all or a portion of the work to be performed shall identify the proposed subcontractors. b) Subcontracting shall be solely at Vendor's expense. c) TSLAC retains the right to check subcontractor's background and approve or reject the use of submitted subcontractors. d) Vendor shall be the sole contact for TSLAC. Vendor shall list a designated point of contact for all TSLAC inquiries.

**53. Federal, State, and Local Requirements.** Vendor shall demonstrate on-site compliance with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, Section 1706, amending Section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978, dealing with issuance of Form W-2's to common law employees. Vendor is responsible for both federal and State unemployment insurance coverage and standard Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage. Vendor shall comply with all federal and State tax laws and withholding requirements. The State of Texas shall not be liable to Vendor or its employees for any Unemployment or Workers' Compensation coverage, or federal or State withholding requirements. Vendor shall indemnify the State of Texas and shall pay all costs,



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penalties, or losses resulting from Vendor's omission or breach of this Section.

- 54. Applicable Law & Conforming Amendments.** Vendor must comply with all laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines applicable to a Vendor providing services to the State of Texas as these laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines currently exist and as they are amended throughout the term of this Contract. TSLAC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to unilaterally amend this Contract throughout its term to incorporate any modifications necessary for TSLAC or Vendor's compliance with all applicable State and federal laws, and regulations.
- 55. No Liability Upon Termination.** If this Contract is terminated for any reason, TSLAC and the State of Texas shall not be liable to Vendor for any damages, claims, losses, or any other amounts arising from or related to any such termination. However, Vendor may be entitled to the remedies provided in Government Code, Chapter 2260. Vendor or Vendor's employees, representatives, agents and any subcontractors shall serve as an independent contractor in providing services under any Contract resulting from this RFP. Vendor or Vendor's employees, representatives, agents and any subcontractors shall not be employees of TSLAC. Should Vendor subcontract any of the services required in this RFP, Vendor expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), TSLAC is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Vendor. In no event shall this provision relieve Vendor of the responsibility for ensuring that the services rendered under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with this RFP.
- 56. Independent Vendor.** Vendor or Vendor's employees, representatives, agents, and any subcontractors shall serve as an independent contracting in providing services under any PO. Vendor or Vendor's employees, representatives, agents and any subcontractors shall not be employees of the TSLAC. Should Vendor subcontract any of the services required, Vendor expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering into such subcontract(s), the TSLAC is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Vendor. In no event shall this provision relieve the Vendor of the responsibility for ensuring that the services rendered under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the specifications.
- 57. Buy Texas.** Vendor represents and warrants that it will buy Texas products and materials for use in providing the services authorized herein when such products and materials are available at a comparable price and in a comparable period of time when compared to non-Texas products and materials.
- 58. Environmental Protection.** The Vendor shall be in compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the mandates of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 *et seq.*) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251 *et seq.*).
- 59. Electronic and Information Resources Accessibility Standards.** As Required by 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213 (Applicable to State Agency and Institution of Higher Education Purchases Only) 1) Effective September 1, 2006 state agencies and institutions of higher education shall procure products which comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements for Electronic and Information Resources specified in 1 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213 when such products are available in the commercial marketplace or when such products are developed in response to a procurement solicitation. 2) Vendor shall provide TSLAC with the URL to its Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) for reviewing compliance with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements (based on the federal standards established under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act), or indicate that the product/service accessibility information is available from the General Services Administration "Buy Accessible Wizard" (<http://www.buyaccessible.gov>). Vendors not listed with the "Buy Accessible Wizard" or supplying a URL to their VPAT must provide TSLAC with a report that addresses the same accessibility criteria in substantively the same format. Additional information regarding the "Buy Accessible Wizard" or obtaining a copy of the VPAT is located at <http://www.section508.gov/>.