

B. Customer Discount

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

The minimum Customer discount for all products and services will be the percentage off MSRP as specified in Appendix C, Pricing Index.

C. Customer Price

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SECTION C1

1) The price to the Customer shall be calculated as follows:

Customer Price = (MSRP or List Price – Customer Discount as set forth in Appendix C, Pricing Index) x (1 + DIR Administrative Fee, as set forth in the Contract).

2) Customers purchasing products and services under this Contract may negotiate more advantageous pricing or participate in special promotional offers. In such event, a copy of such better offerings shall be furnished to DIR upon request.

3) If pricing for products or services available under this Contract is provided by the Vendor at a lower price to: (i) an eligible Customer who is not purchasing those products or services under this Contract or (ii) to any other customer under the same terms and conditions provided for the State for the same commodities and services under this contract, then the available Customer Price in this Contract shall be adjusted to that lower price. This requirement applies to products or services quoted by Vendor or its resellers for a quantity of one (1) under like terms and conditions, and does not apply to volume or special pricing purchases. Vendor shall notify DIR within ten (10) days and this Contract shall be amended to reflect the lower price.

D. Shipping and Handling Fees

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

The price to the Customer under this Contract shall include all shipping and handling fees. Shipments will be Free On Board Customer's Destination. No additional fees shall be charged to the Customer for standard shipping and handling. If the Customer requests expedited or special delivery, Customer will be responsible for any charges for expedited or special delivery.

E. Tax-Exempt

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

As per Section 151.309, Texas Tax Code, Customers under this Contract are exempt from the assessment of State sales, use and excise taxes. Further, Customers under this Contract are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes, 26 United States Code Sections 4253(i) and (j). Customers shall provide evidence of tax-exempt status to Vendor upon request.

F. Travel Expense Reimbursement

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Pricing for services provided under this Contract are exclusive of any travel expenses that may be incurred in the performance of those services. Travel expense reimbursement may include personal vehicle mileage or commercial coach transportation, hotel accommodations, parking and meals; provided, however, the amount of reimbursement by Customers shall not

exceed the amounts authorized for state employees as adopted by each Customer; and provided, further, that all reimbursement rates shall not exceed the maximum rates established for state employees under the current State Travel Management Program (<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/programs/travel-management/>). Travel time may not be included as part of the amounts payable by Customer for any services rendered under this Contract. The DIR administrative fee specified in the Contract is not applicable to travel expense reimbursement. Anticipated travel expenses must be pre-approved in writing by Customer. Customer reserves the right not to pay travel expenses which are not pre-approved in writing by the Customer.

G. Changes to Prices

Subject to the requirements of this section, Vendor may change the price of any product or service at any time, based upon changes to the MSRP, but discount levels shall remain consistent with the discount levels specified in this Contract.

Vendor may revise its pricing (but not its discount rate, if any, and not the products or services on its contract pricing list) by posting a revised pricing list. Such revised pricing lists are subject to review by DIR. If DIR finds that a product's or service's price has been increased unreasonably, DIR may request Vendor to reduce its pricing for the product or service to the level published before the revision. Vendor must reduce its pricing, or remove the product from its pricing list. Failure to do so will constitute an act of default by Vendor.

H. Purchase Orders

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

All Customer Purchase Orders will be placed directly with the Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller. Accurate Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon Vendor or Order Fulfillers or Reseller when accepted by Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller. Customer and Vendor may work together to include specific requirements as to what constitutes a valid Purchase Order.

Vendors will be required to comply with the disclosure requirements of Section 2252.908, Texas Government Code, as enacted by House Bill 1295, 84th Regular Session, when execution of a contract requires an action or vote by the governing body of a governmental entity before the contract may be signed.

I. Invoices

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

1) Invoices shall be submitted by the Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller directly to the Customer and shall be issued in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code. All payments for products and/or services purchased under the Contract and any provision of acceptance of such products and/or services shall be made by the Customer to the Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller. For Customers that are not subject to Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code, Customer and Vendor will agree to acceptable terms.

2) Invoices must be timely and accurate. Each invoice must match Customer's Purchase Order and include any written changes that may apply, as it relates to products, prices and quantities. Invoices must include the Customer's Purchase Order number or other pertinent information for verification of receipt of the product or services by the Customer.

3) The administrative fee as set forth in the Contract shall not be broken out as a separate line item when pricing or invoice is provided to Customer.

J. Payments

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Customers shall comply with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code, in making payments to Order Fulfiller or Reseller. The statute states that payments for goods and services are due thirty (30) calendar days after the goods are provided, the services completed, or a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. Payment under the Contract shall not foreclose the right to recover wrongful payments. For Customers that are not subject to Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code, Customer and Vendor will agree to acceptable terms.

9. Contract Administration

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR A,C-D

A. Contract Managers

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

DIR and the Vendor will each provide a Contract Manager to support the Contract. Information regarding the Contract Manager will be posted on the Internet website designated for the Contract.

1) State Contract Manager

DIR shall provide a Contract Manager whose duties shall include but not be limited to: i) advising DIR and Vendor of Vendor's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, ii) periodic verification of product pricing, and iii) verification of monthly reports submitted by Vendor.

2) Vendor Contract Manager

Vendor shall identify a specific Contract Manager whose duties shall include but not be limited to: i) supporting the marketing and management of the Contract, ii) facilitating dispute resolution between a Order Fulfiller or Reseller and a Customer, and iii) advising DIR of Order Fulfillers or Resellers performance under the terms and conditions of the Contract. DIR reserves the right to require a change in Vendor's then-current Contract Manager if the assigned Contract Manager is not, in the reasonable opinion of DIR, adequately serving the needs of the State.

B. Reporting and Administrative Fees

1) Reporting Responsibility

a) Vendor shall be responsible for reporting all products and services purchased through Vendor and Order Fulfillers and Resellers under the Contract. Vendor shall file the monthly reports, subcontract reports, and pay the administrative fees in accordance with the due dates specified in this section.

b) DIR shall have the right to verify required reports and to take any actions necessary to enforce its rights under this section, including but not limited to compliance checks of Vendor's applicable Contract. Vendor will provide all required documentation at no cost.

2) Detailed Monthly Report

Vendor shall electronically provide DIR with a detailed monthly report in the format required by DIR showing the dollar volume of any and all sales under the Contract for the

previous calendar month period. Reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of the month following the month of the sale. If the 15th calendar day falls on a weekend or state or federal holiday, the report shall be due on the next business day. The monthly report shall include, per transaction: the detailed sales for the period, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, quantity, MSRP or List Price, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, the estimated administrative fee for the reporting period, subcontractor name, EPEAT designation (if applicable), configuration (if applicable), contract discount percentage, actual discount percentage, negotiated contract price (if fixed price is offered instead of discount off of MSRP), and other information as required by DIR. Each report must contain all information listed above per transaction or the report will be rejected and returned to the Vendor for correction in accordance with this section. Vendor shall report in a manner required by DIR which is subject to change dependent upon DIR's business needs. Failure to do so may result in contract termination.

3) Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontract Reports

a) Vendor shall electronically provide each Customer with Vendor's relevant Historically Underutilized Business Subcontracting Report, pursuant to the Contract, as required by Chapter 2161, Texas Government Code. Reports shall also be submitted to DIR.

b) Reports shall be due in accordance with the CPA rules.

4) DIR Administrative Fee

a) The Vendor shall pay an administrative fee to DIR to defray the DIR costs of negotiating, executing, and administering the Contract. The maximum administrative fee is set by the Texas Legislature in the biennial General Appropriations Act. DIR will review Vendor monthly sales reports, close the sales period, and notify the Vendor of the administrative fee no later than the fourteenth (14th) day of the second month following the date of the reported sale. Vendor shall pay the administrative fee by the twenty-fifth (25th) calendar day of the second month following the date of the reported sale. For example, Vendor reports January sales by February 15th; DIR closes January sales and notifies Vendor of administrative fee by March 14th; Vendor submits administrative fee for January sales by March 25th.

b) DIR may change the amount of the administrative fee upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Vendor without the need for a formal contract amendment.

c) Vendor shall reference the DIR Contract number, reporting period, and administrative fee amount on any remittance instruments.

5) Accurate and Timely Submission of Reports

a) The reports and administrative fees shall be accurate and timely and submitted in accordance with the due dates specified in this section. Vendor shall correct any inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments within three (3) business days upon written notification by DIR. Vendor shall deliver any late reports or late administrative fee payments within three (3) business days upon written notification by DIR. If Vendor is unable to correct inaccurate reports or administrative fee payments or deliver late reports and fee payments within three (3) business days, Vendor must contact DIR and provide a corrective plan of action, including the timeline for completion of correction. The corrective plan of action shall be subject to DIR approval.

b) Should Vendor fail to correct inaccurate reports or cure the delay in timely delivery

of reports and payments within the corrective plan of action timeline, DIR reserves the right to require an independent third party audit of the Vendor's records as specified in C.3 of this Section, at Vendor's expense. DIR will select the auditor (and all payments to auditor will require DIR approval).

c) Failure to timely submit three (3) reports or administrative fee payments within any rolling twelve (12) month period may, at DIR's discretion, result in the addition of late fees of \$100/day for each day the report or payment is due (up to \$1000/month) or suspension or termination of Vendor's Contract.

C. Records and Audit

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN SUBPARAGRAPH ONE (1)

1) Acceptance of funds under the Contract by Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency or designee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Vendor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor or designee 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 or directly by Order Fulfillers or Resellers and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract or Order Fulfillers or Reseller contract it awards pertaining to the Contract. Under the direction of the Legislative Audit Committee, a Vendor that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the State Auditor's Office must provide the State Auditor's Office with access to any information the State Auditor's Office considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

2) Vendor and Order Fulfillers and Resellers shall maintain adequate records to establish compliance with the Contract until the later of a period of seven (7) years after termination of the Contract or until full, final and unappealable resolution of all Compliance Check or litigation issues that arise under the Contract. Such records shall include per transaction: the Order Fulfiller's or Reseller's company name if applicable, Customer name, invoice date, invoice number, description, part number, manufacturer, quantity, MSRP or list price, unit price, extended price, Customer Purchase Order number, contact name, Customer's complete billing address, the calculations supporting each administrative fee owed DIR under the Contract, Historically Underutilized Businesses Subcontracting reports, and such other documentation as DIR may request.

3) Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers and/or Resellers shall grant access to all paper and electronic records, books, documents, accounting procedures, practices, customer records including but not limited to contracts, agreements, purchase orders and statements of work, and any other items relevant to the performance of the Contract to the DIR Internal Audit department or DIR Contract Management staff, including the compliance checks designated by the DIR Internal Audit department, DIR Contract Management staff, the State Auditor's Office, and of the United States, and such other persons or entities designated by DIR for the purposes of inspecting, Compliance Checking and/or copying such books and records. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Resellers shall provide copies and printouts requested by DIR without charge. DIR shall provide Vendor and/or Order Fulfillers and/or Resellers ten (10) business days' notice prior to inspecting, Compliance Checking, and/or copying Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's records. Vendor's and/or Order Fulfillers records, whether paper or

electronic, shall be made available during regular office hours. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller personnel familiar with the Vendor's and/or Order Fulfiller's and/or Reseller's books and records shall be available to the DIR Internal Audit department, or DIR Contract Management staff and designees as needed. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller shall provide adequate office space to DIR staff during the performance of Compliance Check. DIR may invoice for the reasonable costs of the audit, which Vendor must pay within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

4) For procuring State Agencies whose payments are processed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the volume of payments made to Order Fulfillers or Resellers through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the administrative fee based thereon shall be presumed correct unless Vendor can demonstrate to DIR's satisfaction that Vendor's calculation of DIR's administrative fee is correct.

D. Contract Administration Notification

1) Prior to execution of the Contract, Vendor shall provide DIR with written notification of the following: i) Vendor Contract Administrator name and contact information, ii) Vendor sales representative name and contact information, and iii) name and contact information of Vendor personnel responsible for submitting reports and payment of administrative fees specified herein.

2) Upon execution of the Contract, DIR shall provide Vendor with written notification of the following: i) DIR Contract Administrator name and contact information, and ii) DIR Cooperative Contracts Director contact information.

10. Vendor Responsibilities

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN C-M, O-S, V-W

A. Indemnification

1) INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, IT IS FURNISHING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE CAPACITY OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND THAT VENDOR IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CUSTOMER OR THE STATE OF TEXAS.

2) ACTS OR OMISSIONS

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of the Vendor or its agents, employees, subcontractors, Order Fulfillers or Resellers, or suppliers of subcontractors in the execution or performance of the Contract and any Purchase Orders issued under the Contract. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

3) INFRINGEMENTS

a) Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Texas and Customers, AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES from any and all third party claims involving infringement of United States patents, copyrights, trade and service marks, and any other intellectual or intangible property rights in connection with the PERFORMANCES OR ACTIONS OF VENDOR PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

b) Vendor shall have no liability under this section if the alleged infringement is caused in whole or in part by: (i) use of the product or service for a purpose or in a manner for which the product or service was not designed, (ii) any modification made to the product without Vendor's written approval, (iii) any modifications made to the product by the Vendor pursuant to Customer's specific instructions, (iv) any intellectual property right owned by or licensed to Customer, or (v) any use of the product or service by Customer that is not in conformity with the terms of any applicable license agreement.

c) If Vendor becomes aware of an actual or potential claim, or Customer provides Vendor with notice of an actual or potential claim, Vendor may (or in the case of an injunction against Customer, shall), at Vendor's sole option and expense: (i) procure for the Customer the right to continue to use the affected portion of the product or service, or (ii) modify or replace the affected portion of the product or service with functionally equivalent or superior product or service so that Customer's use is non-infringing.

4) PROPERTY DAMAGE

IN THE EVENT OF LOSS, DAMAGE, OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY PROPERTY OF CUSTOMER OR THE STATE DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE, MISCONDUCT, WRONGFUL ACT OR OMISSION ON THE PART OF THE VENDOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR SUBCONTRACTORS, THE VENDOR SHALL PAY THE FULL COST OF EITHER REPAIR, RECONSTRUCTION, OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PROPERTY, AT THE CUSTOMER'S SOLE ELECTION. SUCH COST SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE CUSTOMER AND SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE BY THE VENDOR NINETY (90) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE VENDORS RECEIPT FROM THE CUSTOMER OF A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE AMOUNT DUE.

B. Taxes/Worker's Compensation/UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

1) VENDOR AGREES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CONTRACT, VENDOR SHALL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LIABILITY AND PAYMENT OF VENDOR'S AND VENDOR'S EMPLOYEES' TAXES OF WHATEVER KIND, ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCES IN THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLICABLE TO ANY SUCH PERSONS, INCLUDING LAWS REGARDING WAGES, TAXES, INSURANCE, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION. THE CUSTOMER AND/OR THE STATE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO THE VENDOR, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR OTHERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OR THE PROVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR

WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO A STATE EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY CUSTOMER.

2) VENDOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CUSTOMERS, THE STATE OF TEXAS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, AND/OR ASSIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES, RELATING TO TAX LIABILITY, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND/OR WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS CONTRACT. VENDOR SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY VENDOR WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND VENDOR MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

C. Vendor Certifications

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor certifies on behalf of Vendor and its designated Order Fulfillers or Resellers that they:

- (i) have not given, offered to give, and do not intend 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 Contract;
- (ii) are not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise tax owed the State and are not ineligible to receive payment under §231.006 of the Texas Family Code and acknowledge the Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;
- (iii) neither they, nor anyone acting for them, have violated the antitrust laws of the United States or the State, nor communicated directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business for the purpose of obtaining an unfair price advantage;
- (iv) have not received payment from DIR or any of its employees for participating in the preparation of the Contract;
- (v) under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this bid 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;
- (vi) to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no suits or proceedings pending or threatened against or affecting them, which if determined adversely to them will have a material adverse effect on the ability to fulfill their obligations under the Contract;
- (vii) Vendor and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration;

- (viii) as of the effective date of the Contract, are not listed in any of the Divestment Statute Lists published on the Texas State Comptroller's website (<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/publications/divestment.php>);
- (ix) Vendor represents and warrants that, for its performance of this contract, it shall purchase products and materials produced in the State of Texas when available at the price and time comparable to products and materials produced outside the state, to the extent that such is required under Texas Government Code, Section 2155.4441;
- (x) agrees that all equipment and materials used in fulfilling the requirements of this contract are of high-quality and consistent with or better than applicable industry standards, if any. All Works and Services performed pursuant to this Contract shall be of high professional quality and workmanship and according consistent with or better than applicable industry standards, if any;
- (xi) to the extent applicable to this scope of this Contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361, Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and its rules, 30 TAC Chapter 328;
- (xii) agree 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;
- (xiii) are in compliance Section 669.003, Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with executive head of a state agency;
- (xiv) represent and warrant that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the Contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest and certify that they will not reasonably create the appearance of impropriety, and, if these facts change during the course of the Contract, certify they shall disclose the actual or potential conflict of interest and any circumstances that create the appearance of impropriety;
- (xv) under Section 2155.006, and Section 2261.053, Texas Government Code, are not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledge that this contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate;
- (xvi) have complied with the Section 556.0055, Texas Government Code, restriction on lobbying expenditures. In addition, they acknowledge the applicability of §2155.444 and §2155.4441, Texas Government Code, in fulfilling the terms of the Contract; and
- (xvii) represent and warrant that the Customer's payment and their receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Agreement are not prohibited by Sections 556.005 or Section 556.008, Texas Government Code; and
- (xviii) to the extent applicable to this scope of this contract, Vendor hereby certifies that it is authorized to sell and provide warranty support for all products and services listed in Appendix C of this contract; and

- (xix) represent and warrant that in accordance with Section 2270.002 of the Texas Government Code, by signature hereon, Vendor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Contract.
- (xx) represent and warrant with Section 2155.0061, Government Code, the vendor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this 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

During the term of the Contract, Vendor shall, for itself and on behalf of its Order Fulfillers and Resellers, promptly disclose to DIR all changes that occur to the foregoing certifications, representations and warranties. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate in the development and execution of resulting documentation necessary to maintain an accurate record of the certifications, representations and warranties.

In addition, Vendor understands and agrees that if Vendor responds to certain Customer pricing requests or Statements of Work, then, in order to contract with the Customer, Vendor may be required to comply with additional terms and conditions or certifications that an individual customer may require due to state and federal law (e.g., privacy and security requirements).

D. Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)

The Education Department of General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) are the federal regulations that govern all federal grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Education on or after December 26, 2014. EDGAR encourages the use of cooperative agreements for procurement or use of common or share goods and services in order to foster greater economy and efficiency. DIR uses an open market competitive procurement process to award contracts as required by Texas Government Code 2054 and 2157. If Vendor provides evidence of its EDGAR compliance that DIR to the best of information and belief, finds to be satisfactory, then DIR may identify Vendor as certifying that all or a portion of Vendor's listings are EDGAR eligible, and DIR may then permit Vendor to so identify all or part of its offerings on Vendor's DIR website. In such cases, upon request from eligible DIR customer, Vendor must complete EDGAR certification affirmation forms to satisfy customer requirement.

E. Ability to Conduct Business in Texas

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor and its Order Fulfiller and Reseller shall be authorized and validly existing under the laws of its state of organization, and shall be authorized to do business in the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Business Organizations Code, Title 1, Chapter 9.

F. Equal Opportunity Compliance

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor agrees to abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and executive orders pertaining to equal employment opportunity, including federal laws and the laws of the State in which its primary place of business is located. In accordance with such laws, regulations, and executive orders, the Vendor agrees that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, veteran status or handicap, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed by Vendor under the Contract. If Vendor is found to be not in

compliance with these requirements during the term of the Contract, Vendor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies. Upon request, Vendor will furnish information regarding its nondiscriminatory hiring and promotion policies, as well as specific information on the composition of its principals and staff, including the identification of minorities and women in management or other positions with discretionary or decision-making authority.

G. Use of Subcontractors

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

If Vendor uses any subcontractors in the performance of this Contract, Vendor must make a good faith effort in the submission of its Subcontracting Plan in accordance with the State's Policy on Utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB). A revised Subcontracting Plan approved by DIR's HUB Office shall be required before Vendor can engage additional subcontractors in the performance of this Contract. A revised Subcontracting Plan approved by DIR's HUB Office shall be required before Vendor can remove subcontractors currently engaged in the performance of this Contract. Vendor shall remain solely responsible for the performance of its obligations under the Contract.

H. Responsibility for Actions

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

- 1) Vendor is solely responsible for its actions and those of its agents, employees, or subcontractors, and agrees that neither Vendor nor any of the foregoing has any authority to act or speak on behalf of DIR or the State.
- 2) Vendor, for itself and on behalf of its subcontractors, shall report to DIR promptly when the disclosures under Certification Statement of Exhibit A to the RFO and/or Section 10.C. (xiii), Vendor Certifications of this Appendix A to the Contract change. Vendor covenants to fully cooperate with DIR to update and amend the Contract to accurately disclose the status of conflicts of interest.

I. Confidentiality

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

- 1) Vendor acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are governmental bodies as defined by Texas Government Code, Section 552.003 are subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Vendor also acknowledges that DIR and Customers that are governmental bodies will comply with the Public Information Act, and with all opinions of the Texas Attorney General's office concerning this Act.
- 2) Under the terms of the Contract, DIR may provide Vendor with information related to Customers. Vendor shall not re-sell or otherwise distribute or release Customer information to any party in any manner.

J. Security of Premises, Equipment, Data and Personnel

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller may, from time to time during the performance of the Contract, have access to the personnel, premises, equipment, and other property, including data, files and /or materials (collectively referred to as "Data") belonging to the Customer. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller shall use their best efforts to preserve the safety, security, and the integrity of the personnel, premises, equipment, Data and other property of the Customer, in accordance with the instruction of the Customer. Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller shall be responsible for damage to Customer's equipment,

workplace, and its contents when such damage is caused by its employees or subcontractors. If a Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller fails to comply with Customer's security requirements, then Customer may immediately terminate its Purchase Order and related Service Agreement.

K. Background and/or Criminal History Investigation

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Prior to commencement of any services, background and/or criminal history investigation of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller's and/or Reseller's employees and subcontractors who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract may be performed by the Customer.. Should any employee or subcontractor of the Vendor and/or Order Fulfiller and/or Reseller who will be providing services to the Customer under the Contract not be acceptable to the Customer as a result of the background and/or criminal history check, then Customer may immediately terminate its Purchase Order and related Service Agreement or request replacement of the employee or subcontractor in question.

L. Limitation of Liability

For any claims or cause of action arising under or related to the Contract: i) to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State, none of the parties shall be liable to the other for punitive, special, or consequential damages, even if it is advised of the possibility of such damages; and ii) Vendor's liability for damages of any kind to the Customer shall be limited to the total amount paid to Vendor under the Contract during the twelve months immediately preceding the accrual of the claim or cause of action. However, this limitation of Vendor's liability shall not apply to claims of bodily injury; violation of intellectual property rights including but not limited to patent, trademark, or copyright infringement; indemnification requirements under this Contract; and violation of State or Federal law including but not limited to disclosures of confidential information and any penalty of any kind lawfully assessed as a result of such violation.

M. Overcharges

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor hereby assigns to DIR any and all of its claims for overcharges associated with this contract which arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 U.S.C.A. Section 1, et seq., and which arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Texas, Tex. Bus. and Comm. Code Section 15.01, et seq.

N. Prohibited Conduct

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor represents and warrants that, to the best of its knowledge as of the date of this certification, neither Vendor nor any Order Fulfiller nor Reseller, subcontractor, firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by Vendor, nor anyone acting for such Order Fulfiller, Reseller, subcontractor, firm, corporation or institution has: (1) violated the antitrust laws of the State of Texas under Texas Business & Commerce Code, Chapter 15, or the federal antitrust laws; or (2) communicated its response to the Request for Offer directly or indirectly to any competitor or any other person engaged in such line of business during the procurement for the Contract.

O. Required Insurance Coverage

As a condition of this Contract with DIR, Vendor shall provide the listed insurance coverage within 5 business days of execution of the Contract if the Vendor is awarded services which require that Vendor's employees perform work at any Customer premises and/or use employer vehicles to conduct work on behalf of Customers. In addition, when engaged by a Customer to provide services on Customer premises, the Vendor shall, at its own expense, secure and maintain the insurance coverage specified herein, and shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to the related Customer within five (5) business days following the execution of the Purchase Order. Vendor may not begin performance under the Contract and/or a Purchase Order until such proof of insurance coverage is provided to, and approved by, DIR and the Customer.

If Vendor's services contracted under this Contract will not require Vendor to perform work on Customer's premises, or to use employer vehicles (whether owned or otherwise) to conduct work on behalf of Customers, Vendor may certify to the foregoing facts, and agree to provide notice and the required insurance if the foregoing facts change. The certification and agreement must be provided by executing a *Certification of Off-Premise Customer Services*, which shall serve to meet the insurance requirements.

All required insurance must be issued by companies that have an A rating and a Financial Size Category Class of VII from A.M. Best and are licensed in the State of Texas and authorized to provide the corresponding coverage. The Customer and DIR will be named as Additional Insureds on all required coverage. Required coverage must remain in effect through the term of the Contract and each Purchase Order issued to Vendor there under. The minimum acceptable insurance provisions are as follows:

1) Commercial General Liability

Commercial General Liability must include \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, with a separate aggregate limit of \$2,000,000; Medical Expense per person of \$5,000; Personal Injury and Advertising Liability of \$1,000,000; Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit of \$2,000,000; and Damage to Premises Rented: \$50,000. Agencies may require additional Umbrella/Excess Liability insurance. The policy shall contain the following provisions:

- a) Blanket contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract;
- b) Independent Contractor coverage;
- c) State of Texas, DIR and Customer listed as an additional insured; and
- d) Waiver of Subrogation

2) Workers' Compensation Insurance

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY COVERAGE MUST INCLUDE LIMITS CONSISTENT WITH STATUTORY BENEFITS OUTLINED IN THE TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT (ART. 8308-1.01 ET SEQ. TEX. REV. CIV. STAT) AND MINIMUM POLICY LIMITS FOR EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY OF \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY PER ACCIDENT, \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY DISEASE PER EMPLOYEE AND \$1,000,000 PER DISEASE POLICY LIMIT.

3) Business Automobile Liability Insurance

Business Automobile Liability Insurance must cover all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. The policy shall contain the following endorsements in favor of DIR and/or Customer:

- a) Waiver of Subrogation; and
- b) Additional Insured.

P. Use of State Property

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor is prohibited from using the Customer's equipment, the customer's location, or any other resources of the Customer or the State for any purpose other than performing services under this Agreement. For this purpose, equipment includes, but is not limited to, copy machines, computers and telephones using State long distance services. Any charges incurred by Vendor using the Customer's equipment for any purpose other than performing services under this Agreement must be fully reimbursed by Vendor to the Customer immediately upon demand by the Customer. Such use shall constitute breach of contract and may result in termination of the contract and other remedies available to DIR and Customer under the contract and applicable law.

Q. Immigration

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

The Vendor shall comply with all requirements related to federal immigration laws and regulations, to include but not be limited to, the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 ("IIRIRA") and the Immigration Act of 1990 (8 U.S.C.1101, et seq.) regarding employment verification and retention of verification forms for any individual(s) who will perform any labor or services under this Contract.

Pursuant to Chapter 673 of Texas Government Code, Vendor shall, as a condition of this Contract, also comply with the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- all persons 1) to whom the E-Verify system applies, and 2) who are hired by the Vendor during the term of this Contract to perform duties within Texas; and
- all subcontractors' employees 1) to whom the E-Verify system applies, and 2) who are hired by the subcontractor during the term of this Contract and assigned by the subcontractor to perform work pursuant to this Contract.

The Vendor shall require its subcontractors to comply with the requirements of this Section and the Vendor is responsible for the compliance of its subcontractors. Nothing herein is intended to exclude compliance by Vendor and its subcontractors with all other relevant federal immigration statutes and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

R. Public Disclosure

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

No public disclosures or news releases pertaining to this contract shall be made by Vendor without prior written approval of DIR.

S. Product and/or Services Substitutions

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Substitutions are not permitted without the written permission of DIR or Customer.

T. Secure Erasure of Hard Disk Products and/or Services

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor agrees that all products and/or services equipped with hard disk drives (i.e. computers, telephones, printers, fax machines, scanners, multifunction devices, etc.) shall have the capability to securely erase data written to the hard drive prior to final disposition of such products and/or services, either at the end of the Customer's Managed Services product's useful life or the end of the related Customer Managed Services Agreement for such products and/ services, in accordance with 1 TAC 202.

U. Deceptive Trade Practices; Unfair Business Practices

1) Vendor represents and warrants that neither Vendor nor any of its Subcontractors has been (i) found liable in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding of Deceptive Trade Practices violations as defined under Chapter 17, Texas Business & Commerce Code, or (ii) has outstanding allegations of any Deceptive Trade Practice pending in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding.

2) Vendor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who (i) have been found liable in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or (ii) have outstanding allegations of any Deceptive Trade Practice pending in any administrative hearing, litigation or other proceeding.

V. Drug Free Workplace Policy

Vendor shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. §§8101-8106) and maintain a drug-free work environment; and the final rule, government-wide requirements for drug-free work place (Financial Assistance), issued by the Office of Management and Budget (2 C.F.R. Part 182) 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.

W. Accessibility of Public Information

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

1) Pursuant to S.B. 1368 of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 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.

2) Each State government entity should supplement the provision set forth in Subsection 1, above, with the additional terms agreed upon by the parties regarding the specific format by which the Vendor is required to make the information accessible by the public.

X. Vendor Reporting Requirements

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Vendor shall comply with Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, Chapter 109 as added by HB 2539 of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, requiring computer technicians to report images of child pornography.

Y. Cybersecurity Training

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

In accordance with Section 2054.5192, Texas Government Code, for any contract with a state agency or institution of higher education, if Vendor, or a subcontractor, officer, or employee of Vendor, will have access to a state computer system or database, then Vendor shall ensure that such officer, employee, or subcontractor shall complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Section 2054.519, Texas Government Code, as selected by Customer state agency. The cybersecurity training program must be completed by such officer, employee, or subcontractor during the term of the contract and during any renewal period. Vendor shall verify to the Customer state agency or institution of higher education completion of the program by each such officer, employee, or subcontractor.

11. Contract Enforcement

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED TO A, B2, 5-7

A. Enforcement of Contract and Dispute Resolution

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

1) Vendor and DIR agree to the following: (i) a party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of the Contract shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision, (ii) for disputes not resolved in the normal course of business, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, shall be used, and (iii) actions or proceedings arising from the Contract shall be heard in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.

2) Disputes arising between a Customer and the Vendor shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution process of the Customer that is not inconsistent with subparagraph A.1 above. DIR shall not be a party to any such dispute unless DIR, Customer, and Vendor agree in writing.

3) State agencies are required by rule (34 TAC §20.115) to report vendor performance through the Vendor Performance Tracking System (VPTS) on every purchase over \$25,000.

B. Termination

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR 2, 5-7

In all instances of termination or expiration, Vendor shall be required to provide a list of all Purchase Orders, and Purchase Order detail that are open as of the date of termination or expiration. Further, Vendor shall continue to report sales and pay administrative fees for the duration of all such Purchase Orders.

1) Termination for Non-Appropriation

a) Termination for Non-Appropriation by Customer

Customer may terminate Purchase Orders if funds sufficient to pay its obligations under the Contract are not appropriated: i) by the governing body on behalf of local governments; ii) by the Texas legislature on behalf of state agencies; or iii) by budget execution authority provisioned to the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board as provided in Chapter 317, Texas Government Code. In the event of non-appropriation, Vendor and/or Order Fulfiler and/or Reseller will be provided ten (10) calendar days written notice of intent to terminate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Customer issues a Purchase Order and has accepted delivery of the product or services, they are obligated to pay for the product or services or they may return the product and discontinue using services under any return provisions that Vendor offers. In the event of such termination, the Customer will not be considered to be in default or breach under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any further payments ordinarily due under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any damages or any other amounts which are caused by or associated with such termination.

b) Termination for Non-Appropriation by DIR

DIR may terminate Contract if funds sufficient to pay its obligations under the Contract are not appropriated: by the i) Texas legislature or ii) by budget execution authority provisioned to the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board as provided in Chapter 317, Texas Government Code. In the event of non-appropriation, Vendor and/or Order Fulfiler and/or Reseller will be provided thirty (30) calendar days written notice of intent to terminate. In the event of such termination, DIR will not be considered to be in default or breach under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any further payments ordinarily due under this Contract, nor shall it be liable for any damages or any other amounts which are caused by or associated with such termination.

2) Absolute Right

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

DIR shall have the absolute right to terminate the Contract without recourse in the event that: i) Vendor becomes listed on the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order #13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*", published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control; ii) Vendor becomes suspended or debarred from doing business with the federal government as listed in the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration; or (iii) Vendor is found by DIR to be ineligible to hold this Contract under Subsection (b) of Section 2155.006, Texas Government Code. Vendor shall be provided written notice in accordance with Section 12.A, Notices, of intent to terminate.

3) Termination for Convenience

DIR may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar days written notice. A Customer may terminate a Purchase Order or other contractual document or relationship by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar days written notice.

4) Termination for Cause

a) Contract

Either DIR or Vendor may issue a written notice of default to the other upon the occurrence of a material breach of any covenant, warranty or provision of the Contract, upon the following preconditions: first, the parties must comply with the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code in an attempt to resolve a dispute; second, after complying with Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the dispute remains unresolved, then the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of notice to cure said default. If the defaulting party fails to cure said default within the timeframe allowed, the non-defaulting party may, at its option and in addition to any other remedies it may have available, cancel and terminate the Contract. Customers purchasing products or services under the Contract have no power to terminate the Contract for default.

b) Purchase Order

Customer or Order Fulfiller or Reseller may terminate a Purchase Order or other contractual document or relationship upon the occurrence of a material breach of any term or condition: (i) of the Contract, or (ii) included in the Purchase Order or other contractual document or relationship in accordance with Section 4.B.2 above, upon the following preconditions: first, the parties must comply with the requirements of Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, in an attempt to resolve a dispute; second, after complying with Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the dispute remains unresolved, then the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party ten (10) calendar days from receipt of notice to cure said default. If the defaulting party fails to cure said default within the timeframe allowed, the non-defaulting party may, at its option and in addition to any other remedies it may have available, cancel and terminate the Purchase Order. Customer may immediately suspend or terminate a Purchase Order without advance notice in the event Vendor fails to comply with confidentiality, privacy, security requirements, environmental or safety laws or regulations, if such non-compliance relates or may relate to vendor provision of goods or services to the Customer.

5) Immediate Termination or Suspension

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

DIR may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract without advance notice if DIR receives notice or knowledge of potentially criminal violations by Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller (whether or not such potential violations directly impact the provision of goods or services under this Contract). In such case, the Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller may be held ineligible to receive further business or payment but may be responsible for winding down or transition expenses incurred by Customer. DIR or Customer will use reasonable efforts to provide notice (to the extent allowed by law) to vendor within five (5) business days after imposing the suspension or termination. Vendor may provide a response and request an opportunity to present its position. DIR or Customer will review vendor presentation, but is under no obligation to provide formal response.

6) Customer Rights Under Termination

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

In the event the Contract expires or is terminated for any reason, a Customer shall retain its rights under the Contract and the Purchase Order issued prior to the termination or expiration of the Contract. The Purchase Order survives the expiration or termination of the Contract for its then effective term.

7) Vendor or Order Fulfiller or Reseller Rights Under Termination

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

In the event a Purchase Order expires or is terminated, a Customer shall pay: 1) all amounts due for products or services ordered prior to the effective termination date and ultimately accepted, and 2) any applicable early termination fees agreed to in such Purchase Order.

C. Force Majeure

DIR, Customer, or Order Fulfiller or Reseller may be excused from performance under the Contract for any period when performance is prevented as the result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party experiencing the event of Force Majeure has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance and to shorten the duration of the event of Force Majeure. The party suffering an event of Force Majeure shall provide notice of the event to the other parties when commercially reasonable. Subject to this provision, such non-performance shall not be deemed a default or a ground for termination. However, a Customer may terminate a Purchase Order if it is determined by the Customer that Order Fulfiller or Reseller will not be able to deliver product or services in a timely manner to meet the business needs of the Customer.

12. Notification

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

A. Notices

All notices, demands, designations, certificates, requests, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing and shall be validly given on: (i) the date of delivery if delivered by email, facsimile transmission, mailed by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered, or (ii) three business days after being mailed via United States Postal Service. All notices under the Contract shall be sent to a party at the respective address indicated in Section 6 of the Contract or to such other address as such party shall have notified the other party in writing.

B. Handling of Written Complaints

In addition to other remedies contained in the Contract, a person contracting with DIR may direct their written complaints to the following office:

Public Information Office
Department of Information Resources
Attn: Public Information Officer
300 W. 15th Street, Suite 1300
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 475-4759, facsimile

13. Captions

Note: NO EXCEPTIONS OR REVISIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

The captions contained in the Contract, Appendices, and its Exhibits are intended for convenience and reference purposes only and shall in no way be deemed to define or limit any provision thereof.