

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. **READ, REVIEW AND COMPLY:** It shall be the bidder's responsibility to read this entire document, review all enclosures and attachments, and comply with all requirements specified herein.
  
2. **NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** All bids are subject to the provisions of the Instructions to Bidders, special terms and conditions specific to this Request for Quotation, the specifications, and the North Carolina State University General Contract Terms and Conditions.  
The University objects to and will not evaluate or consider any additional terms and conditions submitted with a bidder response. This applies to any language appearing in or attached to the document as part of the bidder's response. **DO NOT ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**  
By execution and delivery of this document, the bidder agrees that any additional terms and conditions, whether submitted purposely or inadvertently, shall have no force or effect.
  
3. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - **BIDDER:** Company, firm, corporation, partnership, individual, etc., submitting a response to an Invitation for Bids.
  - **TERM CONTRACT:** A contract generally intended to cover all normal requirements for a commodity for a specified period of time based on estimated quantities only.
  - **STATEWIDE TERM CONTRACT:** A Term Contract for all agencies, unless exempted by statute, rule, or special term and condition specific to this bid.
  - **AGENCY SPECIFIC TERM CONTRACT:** A Term Contract for a specific agency.
  - **OPEN MARKET CONTRACT:** A contract for the purchase of a commodity not covered by a term contract.
  
4. **EXECUTION:** Failure to sign under EXECUTION section will render bid invalid.
  
5. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:** In cases of conflict between specific provisions in this bid, the order of precedence shall be (1) special terms and conditions specific to this bid, (2) specifications, (3) North Carolina State University General Contract Terms and Conditions, and (4) Instructions to Bidders.
  
6. **TIME FOR CONSIDERATION:** Unless otherwise indicated on the first page of this document, bidder's offer shall be valid for 45 days from the date of bid opening. Preference may be given to bids allowing not less than 45 days for consideration and acceptance.
  
7. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS:** Bidders are urged to compute all discounts into the price offered. If a prompt payment discount is offered, it will not be considered in the award of the contract except as a factor to aid in resolving cases of identical prices.
  
8. **SPECIFICATIONS:** Any deviation from specifications indicated herein must be clearly pointed out; otherwise, it will be considered that items offered are in strict compliance with these specifications, and bidder will be held responsible therefore. Deviations shall be explained in detail. **The bidder shall not construe this paragraph as inviting deviation or implying that any deviation will be acceptable.**
  
9. **INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE:** Bidder is to furnish all information requested and in the spaces provided in this document. Further, if required elsewhere in this bid, each bidder must submit with their bid sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications covering the products offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. Bids which do not comply with these requirements will be subject to rejection.
  
10. **RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION:** It is the policy of this State to encourage and promote the purchase of products with recycled content to the extent economically practicable, and to purchase items which are reusable, refillable, repairable, more durable, and less toxic to the extent that the purchase or use is practicable and cost-effective. We also encourage and promote using minimal packaging and the use of recycled/recyclable products in the packaging of commodities purchased. However, no sacrifice in quality of packaging will be acceptable. The company remains responsible for providing packaging that will protect the commodity and contain it for its intended use. Companies are strongly urged to bring to the attention of purchasers those products or packaging they offer which have recycled content and that are recyclable.
  
11. **CLARIFICATIONS/INTERPRETATIONS:** Any and all questions regarding this document must be addressed to the purchaser named on the cover sheet of this document. Do not contact the user directly. Any and all revisions to this document shall be made only by written addendum. The bidder is cautioned that the requirements of this bid can be altered only by written addendum and that verbal communications from whatever source are of no effect.

12. **ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION:** The University reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and, unless otherwise specified by the bidder, to accept any item in the bid. If either a unit price or extended price is obviously in error and the other is obviously correct, the incorrect price will be disregarded.
13. **REFERENCES:** The University reserves the right to require a list of users of the exact item offered. The quote evaluators may contact these users to determine acceptability of the bid. Such information may be considered in the evaluation of the bid.
14. **TAXES:**
- **FEDERAL:** All agencies participating in this contract are exempt from Federal Taxes, such as excise and transportation. Exemption is claimed under Registry No. 56-70-0047K as provide by Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - **OTHER:** Prices offered are not to include any personal property taxes, nor any sales or use tax (or fees) unless required by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.
15. **AWARD OF CONTRACT:** As directed by statute, qualified bids will be evaluated and acceptance may be made of the lowest and best bid most advantageous to the University as determined upon consideration of such factors as: prices offered; the quality of the articles offered; the general reputation and performance capabilities of the bidders; the substantial conformity with the specifications and other conditions set forth in the bid; the suitability of the articles for the intended use; the related services needed; the date or dates of delivery and performance; and such other factors deemed by the University to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question. Unless otherwise specified by the University or the bidder, the University reserves the right to accept any item or group of items on a multi-item bid. The University reserves the right to make partial, progressive or multiple awards: where it is advantageous to award separately by items; or where more than one supplier is needed to provide the contemplated requirements as to quantity, quality, delivery, service, geographical areas; other factors deemed by the University to be pertinent or peculiar to the purchase in question.
16. **HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES:** Pursuant to General Statute 143-48 and Executive Order #150, the University invites and encourages participation in this procurement process by businesses owned by minorities, women, disabled, disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.
17. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Contractors should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be trade secrets and provide any justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed. However, if the information you deem confidential is NOT a trade secret then the information will be released. The University may only keep information confidential to the extent permitted by NCAC T01:05B.1501 and G.S. 132-1.3.
- Contractors shall clearly identify each and every section that is deemed to be confidential, proprietary or a trade secret (it is **NOT** sufficient to preface your proposal with a proprietary statement, or to use a page header or footer that arbitrarily marks **all** pages as confidential). Any individual section of the proposal that is not labeled as confidential with an accompanying statement concerning the rationale for its claimed confidentiality shall be considered public information.
18. **SAMPLES:** Sample of items, when required, must be furnished as stipulated herein, free of expense, and if not destroyed will, upon request be returned at the bidder's expense. Request for the return of samples must be made within 10 days following date of bid opening. Otherwise the samples will become the University's property. Each individual sample must be labeled with the bidder's name, bid number, and item number. A sample on which an award is made, will be retained until the contract is completed, and then returned, if requested, as specified above.
19. **PROTEST PROCEDURES:** A party wanting to protest a contract award pursuant to this solicitation must submit a written request to the Director of Purchasing, North Carolina State University, Purchasing Department, Campus Box 7212, Raleigh, NC 27695-7212. This request must be received in the University Purchasing Department within thirty (30) consecutive calendar days from the date of the contract award, and must contain specific sound reasons and any supporting documentation for the protest. NOTE: Contract award notices are sent **only** to those actually awarded contracts, and not to every person or firm responding to this solicitation. Offerors may call the purchaser listed on the first page of this document to obtain a verbal status of contract award. All protests will be handled pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 1, Department of Administration, Chapter 5, Purchase and Contract, Section 5B.1519.
20. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Masculine pronouns shall be read to include feminine pronouns, and the singular of any word or phrase shall be read to include the plural and vice versa.

21. **RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE:** G.S. 143-59 establishes a reciprocal preference law to discourage other states from applying in-state preferences against North Carolina’s resident bidders. The “Principal Place of Business” is defined as the principal place from which the trade or business of the bidder is directed or managed.
22. **ENTERPRISE-LEVEL IT SYSTEMS OR TECHNOLOGIES:** The University is committed to promote and integrate universal IT accessibility in the delivery of its resources and to develop innovative solutions to accessibility challenges for students, faculty and staff. Vendors must:
- a. Assure all features, components and sub-systems of the software or IT System contained on this RFQ **fully comply** with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794d), (<http://www.section508.gov>);
- OR
- Detail why any feature, component or sub-system contained in this RFQ does not **fully comply** with Section 508, and the way in which the proposed product is out of compliance;
- b. If the Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPAT) (<http://www.access-star.org/ITI-VPAT-v1.2.html>) are used, they must include compliance checklists for:
    - 1. Technical Standards,
    - 2. Function and Performance Criteria
    - 3. Documentation and Support
  - c. The product offered in response to this RFQ is subject to an accessibility evaluation by the University.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1) DEFINITIONS

a) "Agency" means the Agency purchasing the goods or services.

b) "Software" is "Packaged Copyrighted Software Products" (unless otherwise identified) as used in 9 NCAC 06B.1101(a) and means Computer Software that is used regularly for other than governmental purposes and is sold, licensed, or leased in significant quantities to the general public at established market or catalog prices, that is considered "shrink-wrap" or "clickwrap", that is or may be generally licensed by "shrink-wrap" or "clickwrap" licenses, or Computer Software that does not constitute Custom or Modified Software and is regularly sold, licensed or leased by the Vendor to governmental entities to meet governmental requirements.

c) "Computer" means a data processing device capable of accepting data, performing prescribed operations on the data, and supplying the results of these operations; for example, a device that operates on discrete data by performing arithmetic and logic processes on the data, or a device that operates on analog data by performing physical processes on the Data.

d) "Computer Data Base" means a collection of data in a form capable of being processed and operated on a Computer.

e) "Computer Program" means a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a Computer, processor or controller that is designed to cause the Computer, processor or controller to execute an operation or operations. Computer programs include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort-merge programs and maintenance/diagnostics programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control and engineering analysis programs. Computer Programs may be either machine dependent or machine-independent, and

may be general purpose in nature or be designed to satisfy the requirements of a particular user.

f) "Computer Software" or "Software" means Computer Programs and Data Bases.

g) "Computer Software Documentation" means technical data and information comprising Computer listings and printouts, in human readable form that:

i) Documents the design or details the Computer Software

ii) Explains the capabilities of the Software, or

iii) Provides operating instructions for using the Software to obtain desired results from a Computer.

h) "Custom or Modified Software" means Software that may be modified by the State, or by Vendor at the State's request or direction to perform in accordance with specifications.

i) "Data" means recorded information, regardless of form or method of recording.

j) "Hardware" includes Computers, printers, attached equipment or peripherals or other equipment utilized for the State's intended purposes as expressed in the solicitation documents.

k) "Products" includes Software, Hardware, equipment, options, documentation, accessories, supplies, spare parts.

l) "State" shall mean the State of North Carolina, the Office of Information Technology Services as an Agency or in its capacity as the Award Authority.

m) "Support" includes Hardware maintenance and repair (outside any required by any applicable warranty). Software updates maintenance and support services, consulting,

training and other support services provided by or through Vendor.

n) "Use", in the context of Computer Software execution and operation in Section 2 hereinbelow, means storing, loading, installing, executing or displaying Software on a Computer, processor or controller, or making a copy of Software for archival or backup purposes only.

## 2) SOFTWARE LICENSE

a) Vendor grants the State a personal non-transferable and non-exclusive right to use, in object code form only, all Software and related documentation furnished to the Agency under this Agreement. This license grant shall be limited to use with the Hardware (if any) or Products (if any) for which the Software was obtained, or on a temporary basis, on back-up equipment when the original Hardware or Product is inoperable. Use of Software on multiple processors is prohibited unless otherwise agreed in writing. If the License Grant and License Fees are based upon the number of Users, the number of Users may be increased at any time, subject to the restrictions on the maximum number of Users specified in the Vendor's standard agreement.

b) The State agrees to use its best efforts to see that its employees and users of all Software licensed hereunder comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and any Exhibits or Amendments hereto. The State also agrees to refrain from taking any steps, such as reverse engineering, reverse assembly or reverse compilation to derive a source code equivalent to the Software; or portion thereof.

c) The State shall have the right to copy the Software, in whole or in part, for use in conducting benchmark or acceptance tests, for business recovery and disaster recovery testing or operations, and consistent with the security, records retainage or other policy of the Agency for archival or emergency purposes, or to replace a worn copy; but not for use in preparing derivative works unless expressly allowed by the Agreement or subsequent Statements of Work. Any copy of the Software or documentation must

contain the same copyright notice and proprietary markings that are on the original Software.

d) Use of Software on any Products other than that for which it was obtained, removal of Software from the United States, or any other material breach shall automatically terminate this license.

e) The State's license includes the right to upgrades, updates, maintenance releases or other enhancements or modifications made generally available to Vendor's licensees without a separate maintenance or support agreement. Vendor's right to a new license for new version releases of the Software shall not be abridged by the foregoing.

f) Software bundled with any other Product may be used only with the Product and with the configuration in which the Product is sold by Vendor or subsequently upgraded by Vendor.

g) The State's license neither transfers, vests nor infers any title or other ownership right in any intellectual property right of Vendor, or any third party. The State's license neither transfers, vests nor infers any title or other ownership right in any source code associated with the Software unless otherwise agreed by the parties, and will not be construed as a sale of any ownership rights in the Software, unless Custom or Modified Software is being developed as a Work For Hire in response to the State's solicitation documents.

h) The State may use the Software with the Computer for which or with which it was acquired, including use at any government installation to which the Computer may be transferred by the State. The State may use the Software with the backup Computer if the Computer for which or with which it was acquired is inoperative.

## 3) USE OF SOFTWARE AND INFORMATION

a) The State agrees that any Software or technical and business information owned by Vendor ("Information") or its suppliers or licensors and furnished to the State under this

Agreement shall be and remain the property of the Vendor, or other party, respectively.

b) All Software and information furnished to the State under this Agreement

i) Shall be used by the State only to install, operate or maintain the Product for which they were originally furnished;

ii) Shall not be reproduced or copied, in whole or in part, except as necessary for use as authorized under this agreement; and

iii) Shall, together with any copies except copies for the Agency's and State's archival purposes containing the State's business records, be returned or destroyed when no longer needed or permitted for use with the Product for which they were initially furnished; and

c) All Software and information designated as "confidential" or "proprietary" shall be kept in confidence except as may be required by the North Carolina Public Records Act: NCGS § 132-1, et. seq.

d) Transfer of Software or program license:

i) Software may be transferred within the United States to any location for the State's normal operations upon written notice to the Vendor without additional cost(s). Transfers for temporary uses arising as a result of a disaster or disaster recovery test may be effected without notice to the Vendor; provided, however, that the State will employ its best efforts to advise the Vendor of any disaster related transfer requiring more than 10 business days. All other transfers may be permitted only with Vendor's prior written consent, and such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Transfers requiring Vendor's consent may be subject to an additional license fee.

ii) The rights granted herein are restricted for use solely by the State. The

State may not authorize or allow the use or marketing of the Software/Products by or to a third party, and may not assign or transfer the Software or Products to a third party without the prior written consent of Vendor. Any assignee or transferee must execute a separate agreement with Vendor. Any such assignment or transfer shall terminate the obligations of the State under this Agreement

e) Custom or Modified Software, if solicited by the State, is being developed or modified exclusively for the State, and such Custom or Modified Software, all related data, all copyrights in the Custom or Modified Software and derivative works belong exclusively to the State and shall be transferred to the State upon creation.

#### 4) WARRANTY

a) Minimum warranties for Products shall include:

i) On the delivery date the Products and the associated Computer operating system Software will be in good working order (operating in conformance with Vendor's standard specifications and functions). Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, the warranty for other suppliers' Software is included in the suppliers' Software package and is provided directly from the supplier.

ii) The warranty shall be as provided or specified in the state's solicitation documents and shall begin on the day of successful installation. If no warranty period is specified, the warranty period shall be Vendor's standard warranty period for the Products, commencing the day of successful installation.

iii) The state shall notify Vendor if any Product is not in good working order during the warranty period. Vendor shall, at its option, either repair or replace any Product reported as not in good working order during the warranty period without charge

to the State. The repair or replacement Products must be new or equivalent to new in performance and fully warranted the same as new. All returned Products will become property of Vendor at the time the Product is either placed in shipment to Vendor, or picked up by Vendor.

iv) The service provided during the warranty period is dependent upon the acceptable warranty option selected by the State and indicated in the State's solicitation document. If no warranty option is indicated, Vendor will provide their standard warranty service for the Product, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

v) If the State requires warranty service other than under this Agreement, it shall be agreed to in writing by the parties at rates and terms set forth in such writing.

b) Software warranties shall include the following:

i) Vendor warrants the media (comprising diskettes, tapes or other media) to be free of defects in materials or workmanship under normal use for ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance unless otherwise agreed. Vendor shall replace any media reported as not in good working order during the warranty period without charge to the State. If Vendor is unable to replace the Software, Vendor shall refund the full amount of the Software purchase paid by the State.

ii) In addition to the warranty exclusions stated in Section 5, Vendor does not warrant that the operation of the Software will be uninterrupted or error free, or that the Software functions will meet the State's requirements unless developed as Customized or Modified Software. The State assumes the risk of any damage or loss from its misuse or inability to use the Software.

iii) For any Customized or Modified Software provided pursuant to this Agreement, Vendor warrants that for a period of one (1) year after the State accepts said Software, it will operate and perform in accordance with the functions and specifications set forth in the solicitation, and error free as the solution for the Agency. This express warranty applies only if the State specifically identifies the Hardware environment in which the Customized or Modified Software will be installed or operated, or if it is used in connection with Hardware acquired under this Agreement.

c) Unless otherwise required by the State: Vendor warrants that its support and customer service and assistance will be performed in accordance with generally accepted industry standards. This warranty shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the date support is provided or performance of the service. For a period of ninety (90) days after delivery or ninety (90) days after successful installation, Vendor or its suppliers shall provide telephone assistance to the State during the State's normal business hours.

d) Vendor warrants to the best of its knowledge that:

i) The licensed Software and associated materials do not infringe any intellectual property rights of any third party;

ii) There are no actual or threatened actions arising from, or alleged under, any intellectual property rights of any third party;

iii) The licensed Software and associated materials do not contain any surreptitious programming codes, viruses, Trojan Horses, "back doors" or other means to facilitate or allow unauthorized access to the State's information systems.

iv) The Software does not contain any timer, counter, lock or similar device (other

than security features specifically approved by Customer in the Specifications) that inhibits or in any way limits the State's ability to use the Software for the term of this Agreement.

#### 5) WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

a) Except as stated in Section 4, Vendor and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, subcontractors and suppliers make no warranties, express or implied, and specifically disclaim warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose as provided by N.C.G.S. §§25-2-316, 25-2-313 and 25-2-315; and as may be amended.

b) The warranty provided in Section 4 does not cover repair for damages, malfunctions or service failures caused by:

- i) Actions of non-Vendor personnel;
- ii) Failure to follow Vendor's installation, operation or maintenance instructions and/or services provided to the State;
- iii) Attachment to the Products of non-Vendor products or failure of Products not maintained by Vendor unless such installation or use is approved in writing by the Vendor; or
- iv) Force Majeure conditions set forth hereinbelow.

#### 6) INDEMNITY

a) Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State/Agency from any and all liability, claims, damages, costs, expenses, and actions, including reasonable attorney's fees, that are caused by or arise from, the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of the Vendor under this Agreement and that cause death or injury or damage to property or that arise out of a failure to comply with any State or federal statute, law, regulation or act.

b) The Vendor, at its own expense, shall defend any action brought against the State to the extent that such action is based upon a claim that the Software or Products supplied by the Vendor, their use or operation infringes a United States patent, copyright, trademark or violates a trade secret. The Vendor shall pay those costs and damages finally awarded or agreed in settlement against the State in any such action. Such defense and payment shall be conditioned on the following:

- i) That the Vendor shall be notified within a reasonable time in writing by the State of any such claim; and,
- ii) That the Vendor shall have the sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise, provided, however, that the State shall have the option to participate in such action at its own expense.

#### 7) EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

a) For purposes of the exclusive remedies and limitations of liability set forth in this Section 7, Vendor shall be deemed to include the Vendor and its employees, agents, representatives, subcontractors, and suppliers and damages shall be deemed to refer collectively to all injuries, damages, losses, liabilities, expenses or costs incurred.

b) Vendor's entire liability and the State's exclusive remedies against Vendor for any damages caused by any Product defect or failure or arising from the performance or non-performance of any work, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, tort, including negligence, strict liability, or otherwise, shall be:

- i) For infringement, the remedies set forth in Section 6(b) above;
- ii) For warranty claims based upon failure of purchased or leased Products or Software, the remedies stated in Section 4 herein. If Vendor is unable, despite reasonable efforts, to repair or replace the



Product(s), the State shall have the right during the warranty period to return the Products for a refund of the purchase price; and

iii) For delays in the delivery or successful Product or Software installation, whichever is applicable, Vendor shall have no liability unless the delivery or successful installation date is delayed by more than thirty (30) days by causes not attributable either to the State or to Force Majeure conditions, in which case the State shall have the right, as its remedies:

(1) To recover direct costs including replacement Products, if any, attributable to Vendor's delay; but specifically excluding incidental or consequential damages, and

(2) To cancel the order without incurring cancellation charges: and

iv) For proven damages to real or tangible personal property, excluding the State's other Software, data and data files, or for bodily injury or death to any person negligently caused by Vendor, and

v) For claims other than set forth in Section 7.b(i-iv), Vendor's liability shall be limited to direct damages, and such sums shall not exceed two (2) times the Agreement value.

c) Should any Product or Software supplied by Vendor become the subject of a claim of infringement of a United States patent, copyright, Trademark or a trade secret, the Vendor, shall at its option and expense, either to procure for the State the right to continue using the Product or software, or to replace or modify the same to become noninfringing. If neither of these options can reasonably be taken in Vendor's judgment, or if further use shall be prevented by injunction, the Vendor agrees to take back any affected Products or Software, and refund any sums the State has

paid Vendor less any reasonable amount for use or damage and make every reasonable effort to assist the State in procuring substitute Products. If, in the sole opinion of the State, the return of such Products or Software makes the retention of other items acquired from the Vendor under this Agreement impractical, the State shall then have the option of terminating the Agreement, or applicable portions thereof, without penalty or termination charge; and Vendor agrees to refund any sums the State paid.

d) Vendor will not be required to defend or indemnify the State if any claim by a third party against the State for infringement or misappropriation (i) results from the State's alteration of any Vendor-branded product or Product or Software, or (ii) results from the continued use of the good(s) or Services and Products after receiving notice they infringe a trade secret of a third party.

e) Except to the extent provided in subsection 7.b(v) above, and with the further exceptions of intellectual property rights infringement actions, the state's constitutional rights as a sovereign, and penalties imposed upon the state by any federal entity or expenditures of public funds required or resulting from an operational failure of the Products or Software provided hereunder, but notwithstanding any other term to the contrary contained in the Agreement, neither party shall, under any circumstances, be liable to the other party or its affiliates

i) for any claim based upon any third party claim,

ii) for any consequential, incidental or indirect damages of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, lost profits, lost savings or other consequential damages, whether resulting from delays, loss of data, interruption of service or otherwise, even if a party or its affiliates have been advised of the possibility of such damages, or

iii) for any punitive or exemplary damages of any nature whatsoever.

## 8) SUPPORT

a) Unless otherwise provided by Vendor's standard agreement for support, or except as specifically provided, an order for support will constitute the State's acceptance of the terms of the standard agreement for Support in effect on the date of the order; subject to the order of precedence set forth in the Solicitation.

b) To be eligible for support, Products or Software must be in good operating condition and at then current specified revision levels, having all enhancements, modifications, updates or upgrades supplied by Vendor. Vendor may charge its standard rates in effect on the date support service is provided in addition to any other charges if the Product(s) or Software do not conform to the specified revision levels.

9) PROGRAM RETIREMENT Unless otherwise provided in the Vendor's standard agreement, Vendor retains the right to retire a version of the Program and stop providing Maintenance, Updates or Services, upon providing 180 day written notice to the State of its intent to do so. The decision to stop maintaining a version of the Program is the sole business discretion of Vendor and shall not be deemed a breach of contract. If Vendor retires the version of the Program provided to the State and if the State has paid all applicable annual Maintenance Fees subsequent to executing this Agreement, the State shall be entitled to receive, at no additional charge, a newer version of the Program that supports substantially the same functionality as the licensed version of the Program. Newer versions of the Program containing substantially increased functionality will be made available to the State for an additional fee.

a) Vendor may, at no additional charge, modify Products to improve operation and reliability or to meet legal requirements.

b) Relocation of Products is the State's responsibility and may result in additional support charges and modified service response times. Products moved to another State facility or Agency may continue to be serviced subject to

availability of a Vendor authorized support provider.

c) Vendor is not required to provide support for non-qualified Products, nor Products not supplied under this Agreement. "Non-Qualified Products" are Hardware and Software not supplied or approved by Vendor, and Products for which the State does not allow Vendor to incorporate modifications. The State is responsible for removing non-qualified Products to allow Vendor to perform Support services.

d) Support does not cover any damage or failure cause by:

i) Media and supplies or use of items not designed or designated for use with Products; or

ii) Site conditions that do not conform to Vendor's previously established site specifications; or

iii) Neglect, improper use, fire or water damage, electrical disturbance, transportation by the State, work or modification by persons other than Vendor personnel, or other authorized parties.

10) The State is responsible for the security of its proprietary or confidential information, for its data, and for maintaining a procedure and process to reconstruct lost or altered files, data or programs.

11) TRANSPORTATION Transportation of software shall be FOB Destination unless delivered by internet or file transfer as agreed by the State, or otherwise specified in the solicitation document or purchase order.

12) TRAVEL EXPENSES Vendor may be reimbursed for travel expenses arising under the performance of this Agreement at the out-of-state rates set forth in GS §138-6; as amended from time to time. Vendor agrees to use the lowest available airfare not requiring a weekend stay and to use the lowest available rate for rental vehicles. All Vendor incurred travel expenses shall be billed on a monthly basis, shall be supported by

receipt and shall be paid by the State within thirty (30) days after invoice approval. Travel expenses exceeding the foregoing rates shall not be paid by the State. The State will reimburse travel allowances only for days on which the Vendor is required to be in North Carolina performing services under this Agreement.

13) PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES AND GRATUITIES Vendor warrants that it has not paid, and agrees not to pay, any bonus, commission, fee, or gratuity to any employee or official of the State for the purpose of obtaining any contract or award issued by the State. Subsequent discovery by the State of non-compliance with these provisions shall constitute sufficient cause for immediate termination of all outstanding Agreements. Violations of this provision may result in debarment of the vendor(s) or Vendor(s) as permitted by 9 NCAC 06B.1009(f), 06B.1030, or other provision of law.

14) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS Any and all payments by the State are expressly contingent upon and subject to the appropriation, allocation and availability of funds to the Agency for the purposes set forth in this Agreement. If this Agreement or any Purchase Order issued hereunder is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the Agency's performance and payment shall be subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of said federal funds for the purposes of the Agreement or Purchase Order. If the term of this Agreement extends into fiscal years subsequent to that in which it is approved, such continuation of the Agreement *is expressly contingent upon* the appropriation, allocation and availability of funds by the N.C. Legislature for the purposes set forth in the Agreement. If funds to effect payment are not available, the Agency will provide written notification to Vendor. If the Agreement is terminated under this paragraph, Vendor agrees to take back any affected Products and software not yet delivered under this Agreement, terminate any services supplied to the Agency under this Agreement, and relieve the Agency of any further obligation thereof. The State shall remit payment for Products and services accepted prior to the date of the aforesaid notice in conformance with the payment terms.

15) PAYMENT TERMS Payment terms are Net 30 days after receipt of correct invoice or acceptance of the Products, whichever is later; unless a period of more than 30 days is required by the Agency.

16) ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA In the event acceptance of Products is not described in additional Agreement documents, the State shall have the obligation to notify Vendor, in writing ten calendar days following installation of any Product or Software described in the Agreement if it is not acceptable. The notice shall specify in reasonable detail the reason(s) a Product or Software is unacceptable. Acceptance by the State shall not be unreasonably withheld; but may be conditioned or delayed as required for installation and/or testing of Products.

17) CONFIDENTIALITY The State may maintain the confidentiality of certain types of information described in N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-1 et. seq. Such information may include trade secrets defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §66-152 and other information exempted from the Public Records Act pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-1.2. Vendor may designate information, Products, software or appropriate portions of its response as confidential, consistent with and to the extent permitted under the Statutes and Rules set forth above, by marking the top and bottom of pages containing confidential information with a legend in boldface type "**CONFIDENTIAL**". By so marking any page, the Vendor warrants that it has formed a good faith opinion, having received such necessary or proper review by counsel and other knowledgeable advisors, that the portions marked confidential meet the requirements of the Rules and Statutes set forth above. ***However, under no circumstances shall price information be designated as confidential.*** The State agrees to promptly notify the Vendor in writing of any action seeking to compel the disclosure of Vendor's confidential information. If an action is brought pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-9 to compel the State to disclose information marked confidential, the Vendor agrees that it will intervene in the action through its counsel and participate in defending the State, including any public official(s) or public employee(s). The

Vendor agrees that it shall hold the State and any official(s) and individual(s) harmless from any and all damages, costs, and attorneys' fees awarded against the State in the action. The State shall have the right, at its option and expense, to participate in the defense of the action through its counsel. The State shall have no liability to Vendor with respect to the disclosure of Vendor's confidential information ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-9 or other applicable law.

18) ACCESS TO PERSONS AND RECORDS Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 147-64.7, the Agency, the State Auditor, appropriate federal officials, and their respective authorized employees or agents are authorized to examine all books, records, and accounts of the Vendor insofar as they relate to transactions with any department, board, officer, commission, institution, or other agency of the State of North Carolina pursuant to the performance of this Agreement or to costs charged to this Agreement. The Vendor shall retain any such books, records, and accounts for a minimum of three (3) years after the completion of this Agreement. Additional audit or reporting requirements may be required by any Agency, if in the Agency's opinion, such requirement is imposed by federal or state law or regulation.

19) ASSIGNMENT Vendor may not assign this Agreement or its obligations hereunder except as permitted by 09 NCAC 06B.1003 and this Paragraph. Vendor shall provide reasonable notice of not less than thirty (30) days prior to any consolidation, acquisition, or merger. Any assignee shall affirm this Agreement attorning to the terms and conditions agreed, and that Vendor shall affirm that the assignee is fully capable of performing all obligations of Vendor under this Agreement. An assignment may be made, if at all, in writing by the Vendor, Assignee and the State setting forth the foregoing obligation of Vendor and Assignee.

20) NOTICES Any notices required under this Agreement should be delivered to the Contract Administrator for each party. Unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation Documents, any

notices shall be delivered in writing by U.S. Mail, Commercial Courier, facsimile or by hand.

21) TITLES AND HEADINGS Titles and Headings in this Agreement are used for convenience only and do not define, limit or proscribe the language of terms identified by such Titles and Headings.

22) AMENDMENT This Agreement may not be amended orally or by performance. Any amendment must be made in written form and signed by duly authorized representatives of the State and Vendor in conformance with Paragraph 31) herein.

23) TAXES The State of North Carolina is exempt from Federal excise taxes and no payment will be made for any personal property taxes levied on the Vendor or for any taxes levied on employee wages. Agencies of the State may have additional exemptions or exclusions for federal or state taxes. Evidence of such additional exemptions or exclusions may be provided to Vendor by Agencies, as applicable, during the term of this Agreement. Applicable State or local sales taxes shall be invoiced as a separate item.

24) GOVERNING LAWS, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

a) This Agreement is made under and shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. The place of this Agreement or purchase order, its situs and forum, shall be Wake County, North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or in tort, relating to its validity, construction, interpretation and enforcement shall be determined. Vendor agrees and submits, solely for matters relating to this Agreement, to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of North Carolina, and stipulates that Wake County shall be the proper venue for all matters.

b) Except to the extent the provisions of the Agreement are clearly inconsistent therewith, the applicable provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code as modified and adopted in North Carolina shall govern this Agreement. To the extent the

Agreement entails both the supply of "goods" and "services," such shall be deemed "goods" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, except when deeming such services as "goods" would result in a clearly unreasonable interpretation.

25) **FORCE MAJEURE** Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations as a result of events beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, fire, power failures, any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes or failures or refusals to perform under subcontracts, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.

26) **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS** The Vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

27) **SEVERABILITY** In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds that a provision or requirement of this Agreement violates any applicable law, each such provision or requirement shall be enforced only to the extent it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions and requirements of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations, guarantees and warranties contained herein shall survive the expiration or termination date unless specifically provided otherwise herein, or unless superseded by applicable federal or State statute, including statutes of repose or limitation.

28) **FEDERAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION ACT** The Parties agree that the Agency shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of the Federal Intellectual Property Bankruptcy Protection Act, Public Law 100-506, codified at 11 U.S.C. 365(n), and any amendments thereto.

29) **Electronic Procurement (Applies to all contracts that include E-Procurement and are identified as such in the body of the solicitation document):** Purchasing shall be conducted through the Statewide E-Procurement Service. The State's third party agent shall serve as the Supplier Manager for this E-Procurement Service. The Vendor shall register for the Statewide E-Procurement Service within two (2) business days of notification of award in order to receive an electronic purchase order resulting from award of this contract.

a) **The successful vendor(s) shall pay a transaction fee of 1.75% (.0175) on the total dollar amount (excluding sales taxes) of each purchase order issued through the Statewide E-Procurement Service.** This applies to all purchase orders, regardless of the quantity or dollar amount of the purchase order. The transaction fee shall neither be charged to nor paid by the State, or by any State approved users of the contract. The transaction fee shall not be stated or included as a separate item in the proposed contract or invoice. There are no additional fees or charges to the Vendor for the services rendered by the Supplier Manager under this contract. Vendor will receive a credit for transaction fees they paid for the purchase of any item(s) if an item(s) is returned through no fault of the Vendor. Transaction fees are non-refundable when an item is rejected and returned, or declined, due to the Vendor's failure to perform or comply with specifications or requirements of the contract.

b) Vendor, or its authorized Reseller, as applicable, will be invoiced monthly for the State's transaction fee by the Supplier Manager. The transaction fee shall be based on purchase orders issued for the prior month. Unless Supplier Manager receives written notice from the Vendor identifying with specificity any errors in an invoice within thirty (30) days of the receipt of invoice, such invoice shall be deemed to be correct and Vendor shall have waived its right to later dispute the accuracy and completeness of the invoice. Payment of the transaction fee by the

Vendor is due to the account designated by the State within thirty (30) days after receipt of the correct invoice for the transaction fee, which includes payment of all portions of an invoice not in dispute. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of invoice, Vendor may request in writing an extension of the invoice payment due date for that portion of the transaction fee invoice for which payment of the related goods by the governmental purchasing entity has not been received by the Vendor. If payment of the transaction fee invoice is not received by the State within this payment period, it shall be considered a material breach of contract. The Supplier Manager shall provide, whenever reasonably requested by the Vendor in writing (including electronic documents), supporting documentation from the E-Procurement Service that accounts for the amount of the invoice.

c) The Supplier Manager will capture the order from the State approved user, including the shipping and payment information, and submit the order in accordance with the E-Procurement Service. Subsequently, the Supplier Manager will send those orders to the appropriate Vendor on State Contract. The State or State approved user, not the Supplier Manager, shall be responsible for the solicitation, bids received, evaluation of bids received, award of contract, and the payment for goods delivered.

d) Vendor agrees at all times to maintain the confidentiality of its user name and password for the Statewide E-Procurement Services. If a Vendor is a corporation, partnership or other legal entity, then the Vendor may authorize its employees to use its password. Vendor shall be responsible for all activity and all charges for such employees. Vendor agrees not to permit a third party to use the Statewide E-Procurement Services through its account. If there is a breach of security through the Vendor's account, Vendor shall immediately change its password and notify the Supplier Manager of the security breach by e-mail. Vendor shall cooperate with the state and the

Supplier Manager to mitigate and correct any security breach.

**30) Electronic Procurement (Applies only to Statewide Term Contracts):** Within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice, the Vendor shall provide supplier information, contract pricing and other product related information requested by the State or the Supplier Manager. This information shall include such information as Vendor name, SKU, brand/manufacturer, product name and a brief description, unit of measure, price, and other similar information or properly requested by the State of the Supplier Manager to facilitate purchasing from the contract. This information shall be posted by the Vendor in the format provided by the Supplier Manager, or as otherwise provided in a template or format required by the State. No costs or expenses associated with providing this information shall be charged to the State, its agents (including Supplier Manager) or State approved users of the contract. For the purposes of this contract, the Vendor warrants that it is authorized and empowered to and hereby grants the State and the Supplier Manager the right and license to reproduce and display Vendor's trademarks, service marks, logos, trade dress or other branding designation that identifies the goods available under the contract. The Supplier Manager shall create and maintain, with Vendor's timely assistance, web-based placement of contract information, where appropriate, that includes the contract items distributed by the Vendor within the appropriate contract categories. The State shall provide any price adjustment/product modification information that it has approved during the course of the contract, to the Supplier Manager immediately upon such change.

a) If the Vendor is not the manufacturer, then it shall be the Vendor's responsibility to obtain authorization from the manufacturer to comply with the provisions of this contract, including any appropriate intellectual property rights of the manufacturer. If the Vendor is the manufacturer, then the manufacturer shall only authorize dealers, outlets, distributors, value

added resellers, etc. (together, "Authorized Resellers") within their network that can comply with the provisions of this contract.

- b) **Vendor is and shall remain responsible for paying the transaction fee on behalf of its authorized reseller in the event that the authorized reseller defaults.**

31) DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION: Offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it nor any of its principals a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contract by any Federal agency; b) have not within a three year period preceding this award been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to this submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; and c) are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity with, commission of any of these offenses enumerated herein. The offer certifies that they have not, within a three year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal agency.

"Principals" for the purpose of this certification, means officers; directors; owners; partners; and persons having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity (e.g., general manager; plant manager; head of a subsidiary, division, or business segments, and similar positions.)

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution. Certification of this provision is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it

is later determined that the Offeror knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the University, the University may terminate this agreement for default.

Offeror hereby certifies these conditions and does so by signing the execution page of this quote document.

32) PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS: If the University provides the Contractor with personal identifiers as listed in North Carolina General Statute 131-1.10 or any other legally confidential information, Contractor hereby certifies that, pursuant to NCGS 132-1.10, collection of social security number information or other legally confidential information from University is necessary for the performance of Contractor duties and responsibilities on behalf of the University. Contractor further certifies that it shall maintain the confidential and exempt status of any such social security number information, as required by subsection (c)(1) of the statute.

IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT -CERTIFICATION AND ONGOING OBLIGATIONS: The NC General Assembly recently enacted the Iran Divestment Act (S.L. 2015-118). This requirement applies to all units of State government and to all political subdivisions of the State. The Iran Divestment Act List is a list published by the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer pursuant to the requirements of this Act that identifies persons engaged in investment activities in Iran. Currently, the list is available at the following URL: <https://www.nctreasurer.com/inside-the-department/OpenGovernment/Pages/Iran-Divestment-Act-Resources.aspx>.

By accepting an order from the University, the Contractor certifies that, as of the date of acceptance, it is not on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. Contractor agrees to not contract with any person to perform a part of the contractual work, if, at the time the Contractor enters into a subcontract, that person is on the then-current version of the Iran Divestment Act List. Contractor further agrees to notify the Procurement Specialist if, at any time during the contract term, including any renewal terms, it is added to the Iran Divestment Act List.