

STATE OF NEBRASKA CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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CONTRACT NUMBER
15334 OC

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BUSINESS UNIT 25470616	BUYER JOY FISCHER (AS)
VENDOR NUMBER: 1007230	
VENDOR ADDRESS: FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY 874 TRADITIONS WAY 3RD FLOOR TALLAHASSEE FL 32306-4166	

THE CONTRACT PERIOD IS:

DECEMBER 01, 2020 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2022

THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN AMENDED PER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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Phone: 850-644-5602
E-Mail: raugustyniak@admin.fsu.edu

(11/30/20)

Amendment one as attached. (8/23/21 ml)

Line	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price
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4	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL	1.0000	EA	12,407.0000

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AMENDMENT ONE
Contract 15334 OC
Tobacco Resource and Information Network for the State of Nebraska
Between
The State of Nebraska and Florida State University

This Amendment (the "Amendment") is made by the State of Nebraska and Florida State University parties to Contract 15334 OC and upon mutual agreement and other valuable consideration, the parties agree to and hereby amend the Contract as follows:

1. Payment schedule will be deleted in its entirety.
2. Line 2 will be deleted.
3. Lines 3-10 are hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

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4. Section III.J. Insurance Requirements 3. Evidence of Coverage will be deleted and replaced with the following:

The Contractor should furnish the State, prior to beginning work and upon, a certificate of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements to the attention of:

State of Nebraska
Agency: State Purchasing Bureau
Attention: Joy Fischer
RFP# 6209 OF/15334 OC
Joy.fischer@nebraska.gov

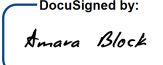
These certificates or the cover sheet shall reference the ITB number, and the certificates shall include the name of the company, policy numbers, effective dates, dates of expiration, and amounts and types of coverage afforded. If the State is damaged by the failure of the Contractor to maintain such insurance, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto.

Reasonable notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to contract manager when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

This Amendment and any attachments hereto will become part of the Contract. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Contract is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this Amendment and the Contract or any earlier amendment, the terms of this Amendment will prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment as of the date of execution by both parties below.

State of Nebraska


By: 
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Name: Amara Block

Title: Acting Materiel Administrator

Date: 8/26/2021

Contractor: Florida State University

By: 
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Name: Julie wammack for Laurel Fulkerson

Title: Interim Vice President for Research

Date: 8/19/2021

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AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE TO THE CONTRACTOR NAMED ABOVE FOR THE FURNISHING OF MATERIALS AND/OR SERVICES AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE PERIOD:

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BUYER INITIALS

ADDENDUM ONE to Contract Award
Terms and Conditions
Contract 15334 OC
Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) Web-Based Technology
Between
The State of Nebraska and Florida State University

The following clauses, Addendum One of Contract 15334 OC have been reviewed and agreed upon between Florida State University "Contractor" and the State of Nebraska "State". This addendum will become part of the contract for Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) Web-Based Technology. The clauses of this Addendum shall supersede, prevail and govern in the case of any inconsistencies with "Invitation to Bid Number 6209" and the clauses indicated in Sections I - VI of the Request for Proposal.

By signing this Addendum, the Contractor represents compliance with the provisions stated herein, agrees to the clauses and certifies Contractor maintains a drug free work place environment.

A. GENERAL

The contract resulting from this solicitation shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Invitation to Bid and Addenda;
2. Amendments to the solicitation;
3. Questions and Answers;
4. Contractor's proposal response;
5. The executed Contract and any Addenda, if applicable, and properly submitted documents; and,
6. Amendments to the Contract

These documents constitute the entirety of the contract.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in a future contract amendment, in case of any conflict between the incorporated documents, the documents shall govern in the following order of preference with number one (1) receiving preference over all other documents and with each lower numbered document having preference over any higher numbered document: 1) Amendment to the executed Contract with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority, 2) executed Contract and any attached Addenda, 3) Amendments to solicitation and any Questions and Answers, 4) the original solicitation document and any Addenda, and 5) the Contractor's submitted Proposal.

Any ambiguity or conflict in the contract discovered after its execution, not otherwise addressed herein, shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of contract interpretation as established in accordance with applicable state law.

B. NOTIFICATION

Contractor and State shall identify the contract manager who shall serve as the point of contact for the executed contract.

Communications regarding the executed contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or mailed, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may be specified in writing by either of the parties. All notices, requests, or communications shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or five (5) calendar days following deposit in the mail.

Either party may change its address for notification purposes by giving notice of the change, and setting forth the new address and an effective date.

C. NOTICE (POC)

The State reserves the right to appoint a Buyer's Representative to manage [or assist the Buyer in managing] the contract on behalf of the State. The Buyer's Representative will be appointed in writing, and the appointment document will specify the extent of the Buyer's Representative authority and responsibilities. If a Buyer's Representative is appointed, the Contractor will be provided a copy of the appointment document, and is expected to cooperate accordingly with the Buyer's Representative. The Buyer's Representative has no authority to bind the State to a contract, amendment, addendum, or other change or addition to the contract.

D. GOVERNING LAW

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, or any amendment or addendum(s) entered into contemporaneously or at a later time, the parties understand and agree that, (1) the State of Nebraska is a sovereign state and its authority to contract is therefore subject to limitation by the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, and regulation; (2) the person signing this contract on behalf of the State of Nebraska does not have the authority to waive the State's sovereign immunity, statutes, common law, or regulations; and, (3) all terms and conditions of the final contract will be governed by applicable state law.

The Parties must comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations.

E. BEGINNING OF WORK

The Contractor shall not commence any billable work until a valid contract has been fully executed by the State and the successful Contractor. The Contractor will be notified in writing when work may begin.

F. AMENDMENT

This Contract may be amended in writing, within scope, upon the agreement of both parties.

G. CHANGE ORDERS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

The State and the Contractor, upon the written agreement, may make changes to the contract within the general scope of the solicitation. Changes may involve specifications, the quantity of work, or such other items as the State may find necessary or desirable. Corrections of any deliverable, service, or work required pursuant to the contract shall not be deemed a change. The Contractor may not claim forfeiture of the contract by reasons of such changes.

The Contractor shall prepare a written description of the work required due to the change and an itemized cost sheet for the change. Changes in work and the amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor shall be determined in accordance with applicable unit prices if any, a pro-rated value, or through negotiations. The State shall not incur a price increase for changes that should have been included in the Contractor's proposal, were foreseeable, or result from difficulties with or failure of the Contractor's proposal or performance.

No change shall be implemented by the Contractor until approved by the State, and the Contract is amended to reflect the change and associated costs, if any. If there is a dispute regarding the cost, but both parties agree that immediate implementation is necessary, the change may be implemented, and cost negotiations may continue with both Parties retaining all remedies under the contract and law.

In the event any product is discontinued or replaced upon mutual consent during the contract period or prior to delivery, the State reserves the right to amend the contract or purchase order to include the alternate product at the same price.

*****Contractor will not substitute any item that has been awarded without prior written approval of SPB*****

H. VENDOR PERFORMANCE REPORT(S)

The State may document any instance(s) of products or services delivered or performed which exceed or fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or solicitation specifications. The State Purchasing Bureau may contact the Vendor regarding any such report. Vendor performance report(s) will become a part of the permanent record of the Vendor.

I. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BREACH

If Contractor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract, the Contractor shall immediately give written notice to the State. The notice shall explain the breach or potential breach, a proposed cure, and may include a request for a waiver of the breach if so desired. The State may, in its discretion, temporarily or permanently waive the breach. By granting a waiver, the State does not forfeit any rights or remedies to which the State is entitled by law or equity, or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give immediate notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for a waiver of a breach.

J. BREACH

Either Party may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the other Party breaches its duty to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. Termination requires written notice of default and a thirty (30) calendar day (or longer at the non-breaching Party's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default) cure period. Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or in person with proof of

delivery. Allowing time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive the right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time.

The State's failure to make payment shall not be a breach, and the Contractor shall retain all available statutory remedies. (See Indemnity - Self-Insurance and Payment)

K. NON-WAIVER OF BREACH

The acceptance of late performance with or without objection or reservation by a Party shall not waive any rights of the Party nor constitute a waiver of the requirement of timely performance of any obligations remaining to be performed.

L. SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of the contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the provision held to be invalid or illegal.

M. INDEMNIFICATION

Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the wrongful acts of its employees, contractors and agents. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of either party's sovereign immunity.

N. ATTORNEY'S FEES

In the event of any litigation, appeal, or other legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, the Parties agree to pay all expenses of such action, as permitted by law and if ordered by the court, including attorney's fees and costs, if the other party prevails.

O. ASSIGNMENT, SALE, OR MERGER

Either party may assign the contract upon mutual written agreement of the other party. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor retains the right to enter into a sale, merger, acquisition, internal reorganization, or similar transaction involving Contractor's business. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the State in executing amendments to the contract to allow for the transaction. If a third party or entity is involved in the transaction, the Contractor will remain responsible for performance of the contract until such time as the person or entity involved in the transaction agrees in writing to be contractually bound by this contract and perform all obligations of the contract.

P. CONTRACTING WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS OF THE STATE OR ANOTHER STATE

The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow agencies, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-145, to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of the contract may not be amended. The State shall not be contractually obligated or liable for any contract entered into pursuant to this clause.

The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow other states, agencies or divisions of other states, or political subdivisions of other states to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of this contract shall apply to any such contract, but may be amended upon mutual consent of the Parties. The State of Nebraska shall not be contractually or otherwise obligated or liable under any contract entered into pursuant to this clause. The State shall be notified if a contract is executed based upon this contract.

Q. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages, or for default resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural or man-made event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). The Party so affected shall immediately make a written request for relief to the other party, and shall have the burden of proof to justify the request. The other Party may granted the relief requested; relief may not be unreasonably withheld. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event.

R. CONFIDENTIALITY

All materials and information provided by the Parties or acquired by a Party on behalf of the other Party shall be regarded as confidential information. All materials and information provided or acquired shall be handled in accordance with federal and state law, and ethical standards. Should said confidentiality be breached by a Party, the Party shall notify the other Party immediately of said breach and take immediate corrective action.

It is incumbent upon the Parties to inform their officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a (i)(1), which is made applicable by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m)(1), provides that any officer or employee, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

S. OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (Statutory) (DHHS Only)

If it provides, under the terms of this contract and on behalf of the State, health and human services to individuals; service delivery; service coordination; or case management, Contractor shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,240 et seq. This section shall survive the termination of this contract.

T. LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN (Statutory) (DHHS Only)

Contractor must comply with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act, per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2237 et seq. This section shall survive the termination of this contract.

U. EARLY TERMINATION

The contract may be terminated as follows:

1. The State and the Contractor, by mutual written agreement, may terminate the contract at any time.

2. The State, at its sole discretion, may terminate the contract for any reason upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to the Contractor. Such termination shall not relieve the Contractor of warranty or other service obligations incurred under the terms of the contract. In the event of termination the Contractor shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for products or services satisfactorily performed or provided, and non-cancellable obligations.
3. The State may terminate the contract immediately for the following reasons:
 - a. if directed to do so by statute;
 - b. Contractor has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, has admitted in writing its inability to pay debts as they mature, or has ceased operating in the normal course of business;
 - c. a trustee or receiver of the Contractor or of any substantial part of the Contractor's assets has been appointed by a court;
 - d. fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, malfeasance, misfeasance, or illegal conduct pertaining to performance under the contract by its Contractor, its employees, officers, directors, or shareholders;
 - e. an involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the Contractor under any one of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code and (i) the proceeding has been pending for at least sixty (60) calendar days; or (ii) the Contractor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the Contractor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor;
 - f. a voluntary petition has been filed by the Contractor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code;
 - g. Contractor intentionally discloses confidential information;
 - h. Contractor has or announces it will discontinue support of the deliverable; and,
 - i. In the event funding is no longer available.

v. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT

Upon termination of the contract for any reason the Contractor shall within thirty (30) days, unless stated otherwise herein:

1. Transfer all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
2. Transfer ownership and title to all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
3. Return to the State all information and data, unless the Contractor is permitted to keep the information or data by contract or rule of law. Contractor may retain one copy of any information or data as required to comply with applicable work product documentation standards or as are automatically retained in the course of Contractor's routine back up procedures;
4. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity in the assumption of any or all of the obligations of this contract;
5. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity with the transfer of information or data related to this contract;
6. Return or vacate any state owned real or personal property; and,
7. Return all data in a mutually acceptable format and manner.

Nothing in this Section should be construed to require the Contractor to surrender intellectual property, real or person property, or information or data owned by the Contractor for which the State has no legal claim.

II. CONTRACTOR DUTIES

A. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR / OBLIGATIONS

It is agreed that the Contractor is an independent contractor and that nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed as creating or establishing a relationship of employment, agency, or a partnership.

The Contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract. The Contractor or the Contractor's representative shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

The Contractor shall secure, at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under the contract. The personnel the Contractor uses to fulfill the contract shall have no contractual or other legal relationship with the State; they shall not be considered employees of the State and shall not be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits from the State, including but not limited to, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, severance pay, or retirement benefits.

By-name personnel commitments made in the Contractor's proposal shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the State. Replacement of these personnel, if approved by the State, shall be with personnel of equal or greater ability and qualifications.

The Contractor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the Contractor or a Subcontractor, and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required herein. Personnel employed by the Contractor or a subcontractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the Contractor or the subcontractor respectively.

With respect to its employees, to the sovereign immunity limits set forth by applicable state law, the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for the following:

1. Any and all pay, benefits, and employment taxes and/or other payroll withholding;
2. Any and all vehicles used by the Contractor's employees, including all insurance required by state law;
3. Damages incurred by Contractor's employees within the scope of their duties under the contract;
4. Maintaining Workers' Compensation and health insurance that complies with state and federal law and submitting any reports on such insurance to the extent required by governing law;
5. Determining the hours to be worked and the duties to be performed by the Contractor's employees; and,
6. All claims on behalf of any person arising out of employment or alleged employment (including without limit claims of discrimination alleged against the Contractor, its officers, agents, or subcontractors or subcontractor's employees).

If the Contractor intends to utilize any subcontractor, the Subcontractor's level of effort, tasks, and time allocation must be clearly defined in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor shall agree that it will not utilize any Subcontractors not specifically included in its proposal in the performance of the contract without the prior written authorization of the State.

Contractor shall insure that the terms and conditions contained in any contract with a subcontractor does not conflict with the terms and conditions of this contract.

The Contractor shall include a similar provision, for the protection of the State, in the contract with any Subcontractor engaged to perform work on this contract.

B. EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees physically performing work within the State. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of an employee.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the DAS website at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the solicitation response.

2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-108.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT / NONDISCRIMINATION (Statutory)

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights laws and equal opportunity employment. Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of such contract, with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

D. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Contractor may be required to work with or in close proximity to other contractors or individuals that may be working on the same or different projects. The Contractor shall agree to cooperate with such other contractors or individuals, and shall not commit or permit any act which may interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or individual. Contractor is not required to compromise Contractor's intellectual property or proprietary information unless expressly required to do so by this contract.

E. DISCOUNTS

Prices quoted shall be inclusive of ALL trade discounts. Cash discount terms of less than thirty (30) days will not be considered as part of the proposal. Cash discount periods will be

computed from the date of receipt of a properly executed claim voucher or the date of completion of delivery of all items in a satisfactory condition, whichever is later.

F. PRICES

Prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the contractor, F.O.B. destination named in the solicitation. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, packages, or partial delivery costs. When an arithmetic error has been made in the extended total, the unit price will govern.

The State reserves the right to deny any requested price increase. No price increases are to be billed to any State Agencies prior to written amendment of the contract by the parties.

The State will be given full proportionate benefit of any decreases for the term of the contract.

G. COST CLARIFICATION

The State reserves the right to review all aspects of cost for reasonableness and to request clarification of any proposal where the cost component shows significant and unsupported deviation from industry standards or in areas where detailed pricing is required.

H. PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS

The contract price shall include the cost of all royalties, licenses, permits, and approvals, whether arising from patents, trademarks, copyrights or otherwise, that are in any way involved in the contract. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all royalties, licenses, and permits, and approvals necessary for the performance of the contract. The Contractor must guarantee that it has the full legal right to the materials, supplies, equipment, software, and other items used to execute this contract.

I. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Contractor agrees to maintain,, during the term of this agreement, comprehensive general liability insurance with limits for bodily injury and property damage combined in the amount of \$200,000 per person, \$300,000 per occurrence, for the protection of Contractor against any and all claims arising out of this agreement. A certificate of insurance will be provided as evidence of compliance upon request.

J. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BREACH

If Contractor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract the Contractor shall immediately give written notice to the State. The notice shall explain the breach or potential breach, and may include a request for a waiver of the breach if so desired. The State may, at its discretion, temporarily or permanently waive the breach. By granting a temporary waiver, the State does not forfeit any rights or remedies to which the State is entitled by law or equity, or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give immediate notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for a waiver of a breach.

K. ANTITRUST

The Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations which arise under antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State.

L. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By submitting a proposal, bidder certifies that no relationship exists between the bidder and any person or entity which either is, or gives the appearance of, a conflict of interest related to this Request for Proposal or project.

Bidder further certifies that bidder will not employ any individual known by bidder to have a conflict of interest nor shall bidder take any action or acquire any interest, either directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its contractual obligations hereunder or which creates an actual or appearance of conflict of interest.

If there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest, bidder shall provide with its proposal a full disclosure of the facts describing such actual or perceived conflict of interest and a proposed mitigation plan for consideration. The State will then consider such disclosure and proposed mitigation plan and either approve or reject as part of the overall bid evaluation.

M. ADVERTISING

The Contractor agrees not to refer to the purchase order award in advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the company or its services are endorsed or preferred by the State. News releases pertaining to the project shall be subject to a seven (7) day review period by the State prior to publication to prevent inadvertent disclosure of confidential or proprietary information provided to the Contractor.

N. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS (Statutory)

Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-201.html> and ensure that products and/or goods provided under the contract are in compliance or will comply with the applicable standards to the greatest degree possible. In the event such standards change during the Contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the contract to request the contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

O. DISASTER RECOVERY/BACK UP PLAN

The Contractor shall have a disaster recovery and back-up plan, of which a copy should be provided upon request to the State, which includes, but is not limited to equipment, personnel, facilities, and transportation, in order to continue delivery of goods and services as specified under the specifications in the contract in the event of a disaster.

P. DRUG POLICY

Contractor certifies it maintains a drug free work place environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

III. PAYMENT

A. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT (Statutory)

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§81-2403 states, “[n]o goods or services shall be deemed to be received by an agency until all such goods or services are completely delivered and finally accepted by the agency.”

B. TAXES (Statutory)

The State is not required to pay taxes and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. The Contractor may request a copy of the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, Form 13 for their records. Any property tax payable on the Contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the Contractor.

C. INVOICES

Invoices for payments must be submitted by the Contractor to the agency requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment. Invoices must provide detail about contract deliverables being charge and the dates deliverables were provided. Invoices must be sent electronically to dhhs.tfn@nebraska.gov. The terms and conditions included in the Contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties. No terms or conditions of any such invoice shall be binding upon the State, and no action by the State, including without limitation the payment of any such invoice in whole or in part, shall be construed as binding or estopping the State with respect to any such term or condition, unless the invoice term or condition has been previously agreed to by the State as an amendment to the contract.

D. INSPECTION AND APPROVAL

Final inspection and approval of all work required under the contract shall be performed by the designated State officials.

E. PAYMENT (Statutory)

Payment will be made by the responsible agency in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2403). The State may require the Contractor to accept payment by electronic means such as ACH deposit. In no event shall the State be responsible or liable to pay for any goods and services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date of the contract, and the Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such services.

F. LATE PAYMENT (Statutory)

The Contractor may charge the responsible agency interest for late payment in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-2401 through 81-2408).

G. SUBJECT TO FUNDING / FUNDING OUT CLAUSE FOR LOSS OF APPROPRIATIONS (Statutory)

The State's obligation to pay amounts due on the Contract for a fiscal years following the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation of funds. Should said funds not be appropriated, the State may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal year(s) for which such funds are not appropriated. The State will give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination. All obligations of the State to make payments after the termination date will cease. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any authorized work which has been satisfactorily completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the Contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

H. RIGHT TO AUDIT (First Paragraph is Statutory)

The State shall have the right to audit the Contractor's performance of this contract upon a thirty (30) day written notice. Contractor shall utilize generally accepted accounting principles, and shall maintain the accounting records, and other records and information relevant to the contract (Information) to enable the State to audit the contract. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304 et seq.) The State may audit and the Contractor shall maintain the information during the term of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after the completion of this contract or until all issues or litigation are resolved, whichever is later. The Contractor shall make the Information available to the State at Contractor's place of business or a location acceptable to both Parties during normal business hours. If this is not practical or the Contractor so elects, the Contractor may provide electronic or paper copies of the Information. The State reserves the right to examine, make copies of, and take notes on any Information relevant to this contract, regardless of the form or the Information, how it is stored, or who possesses the Information. In no circumstances will contractor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of contractor's business operations, nor will contractor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which is confidential or proprietary to contractor.

The Parties shall pay their own costs of the audit unless the audit finds a previously undisclosed overpayment by the State. If a previously undisclosed overpayment exceeds one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total contract billings, or if fraud, material misrepresentations, or non-performance is discovered on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall reimburse the State for the total costs of the audit. Overpayments and audit costs owed to the State shall be paid within ninety (90) days of written notice of the claim. The Contractor agrees to correct any material weaknesses or condition found as a result of the audit.

Page i, paragraph 8, of Invitation to Bid 6209 OF will be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

To facilitate such public postings, with the exception of proprietary information, the State of Nebraska reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to copy, reproduce, publish, post to a website, or otherwise use any contract, proposal, or response to this solicitation for any governmental purpose, and to authorize others to use the documents in the same limited manner.

Page 4, first paragraph, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

By signing the Invitation to bid, the contractor agrees to comply with the provisions stated in this ITB.

Section VI.A Bidders Instructions:

Delete in its entirety the following:

"YES" response means the Bidder guarantees they can meet this condition.

And replace with the following:

"YES" response means the Bidder has the ability to meet this condition.

This Addendum and any attachments hereto will become part of the Contract. Except as set forth in this Addendum, the Contract is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this Addendum and the Contract or any earlier Addendum, the terms of this Addendum will prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

State of Nebraska

DocuSigned by:

By: 

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Doug Carlson

Name: _____

Title: Material Administrator

Date: 12/7/2020

Contractor: Florida State University

DocuSigned by:

By: 

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Name: Russell D. Lentz for GKO / VPR

Title: Gary K. Ostrander, Vice President for Research

Date: 12/4/2020

State of Nebraska

Department of Health and Human Services

DocuSigned by:

By: 

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Name: Gary Anthone

Title: CMO/Director of Public Health

Date: 12/4/2020

State of Nebraska - INVITATION TO BID CONTRACT

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1526 K Street, Suite 130
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Buyer	NANCY STORANT (AS)		

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HHSS DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES
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LINCOLN NE 68509-5044

Per Nebraska's Transparency in Government Procurement Act, DAS is required to collect statistical information regarding the number of contracts awarded to Nebraska contractors. This information is for statistical purposes only and will not be considered for contract award purposes.

____ NEBRASKA CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT: Bidder hereby attests that bidder is a Nebraska Contractor. "Nebraska Contractor" shall mean any bidder who has maintained a bona fide place of business and at least one employee within this state for at least the six (6) months immediately preceding the posting date of this ITB.

____ I hereby certify that I am a Resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 and wish to have preference, if applicable, considered in the award of this contract.

Contract to supply and deliver Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) Web-Based Technology to the State of Nebraska as per the attached specifications for a two (2) year period from date of award. The contract may be renewed for three (3) additional one (1) year periods when mutually agreeable to the vendor and the State of Nebraska.

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INVITATION

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD - YEAR ONE	1 Lot	\$	\$24,814.00	\$24,814.00
2	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT INITIAL CONTRACT PERIOD - YEAR TWO	1 Lot	\$	\$24,814.00	\$24,814.00
3	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING,	1 Lot	\$	\$25,558.00	\$25,558.00

BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNT PAYMENT TERMS: 0 % 0 DAYS

By signing this Invitation to Bid form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Invitation to Bid, agrees to the terms and conditions unless otherwise agreed to (see Section III) and certifies that bidder maintains a drug free work place environment. Vendor will furnish the items requested within ____ days after receipt of order. Failure to enter Delivery Date may cause quotation to be REJECTED.

Sign Here Gary K. Ostrander / R/O 1/14/2020
(Authorized Signature MANDATORY - MUST BE SIGNED IN INK)

Enter Contact Information Below

VENDOR#

VENDOR: Florida State University

Address: 874 Traditions Way, Third Floor

Tallahassee, FL 32306-4166

Contact Gary K. Ostrander, VP of Research

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INVITATION

Line	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Extended Price
	AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT FIRST OPTIONAL RENEWAL PERIOD				
4	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT SECOND OPTIONAL RENEWAL PERIOD	1 Lot	\$	<u>\$26,325.00</u>	<u>\$26,325.00</u>
5	TRAIN - WEB HOSTING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT THIRD OPTIONAL RENEWAL PERIOD	1 Lot	\$	<u>\$27,115.00</u>	<u>\$27,115.00</u>

INVITATION TO BID

Number 6209 OF

The State of Nebraska (State), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Materiel Division, State Purchasing Bureau (SPB), is issuing this solicitation for a commodity contract, ITB Number 6209 OF for the purpose of selecting a qualified Contractor to provide Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) web-based technology. Specifications can be found in Section IV. The resulting contract may not be an exclusive contract as the State reserves the right to contract for the same or similar goods from other sources now or in the future.

The term of the contract will be two (2) years commencing upon execution of the contract by the State and the Contractor (Parties). The Contract includes the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the Parties. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the termination date when mutually agreeable to the Parties.

INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS SOLICITATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET AT:

<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-602.02, State contracts in effect as of January 1, 2014, and contracts entered into thereafter, must be posted to a public website. The resulting contract, the solicitation, and the successful Contractor's proposal or response will be posted to a public website managed by DAS, which can be found at:

<https://statecontracts.nebraska.gov>

In addition and in furtherance of the State's public records statute (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 et seq.) all proposals or responses received regarding this solicitation will be posted to the SPB website.

These postings will include the entire proposal or response. Contractor must request that proprietary information be excluded from the posting. The Contractor must identify the proprietary information, mark the proprietary information according to state law, and submit the proprietary information in a separate container or envelope marked conspicuously using an indelible method with the words "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION". The Contractor must submit a **detailed written document showing** that the release of the proprietary information would give a business advantage to named business competitor(s) and explain how the named business competitor(s) will gain an actual business advantage by disclosure of information. The mere assertion that information is proprietary or that a speculative business advantage might be gained is not sufficient. (See Attorney General Opinion No. 92068, April 27, 1992) **THE CONTRACTOR MAY NOT ASSERT THAT THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL OR RESPONSE IS PROPRIETARY. COST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED PROPRIETARY AND IS A PUBLIC RECORD IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.** The State will determine, in its sole discretion, if the disclosure of the information designated by the Bidder as proprietary would 1) give advantage to business competitors and 2) serve no public purpose. The Bidder will be notified of the State's decision. Absent a determination by the State that the information may be withheld pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05, the State will consider all information a public record subject to disclosure.

If the agency determines it is required to release proprietary information, the Contractor will be informed. It will be the Contractor's responsibility to defend the Contractor's asserted interest in non-disclosure.

To facilitate such public postings, with the exception of proprietary information, the State of Nebraska reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to copy, reproduce, publish, post to a website, or otherwise use any contract, proposal, or response to this solicitation for any purpose, and to authorize others to use the documents. Any individual or entity awarded a contract, or who submits a proposal or response to this solicitation, specifically waives any copyright or other protection the contract, proposal, or response to the solicitation may have; and, acknowledges that they have the ability and authority to enter into such waiver. This reservation and waiver is a prerequisite for submitting a proposal or response to this solicitation, and award of a contract. Failure to agree to the reservation and waiver will result in the proposal or response to the solicitation being found non-responsive and rejected.

Any entity awarded a contract or submitting a proposal or response to the solicitation agrees not to sue, file a claim, or make a demand of any kind, and will indemnify and hold harmless the State and its employees, volunteers, agents, and its elected and appointed officials from and against any and all claims, liens, demands, damages, liability, actions, causes of action, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses of every nature, including investigation costs and expenses, settlement costs, and attorney fees and expenses, sustained or asserted against the State, arising out of, resulting from, or attributable to the posting of the contract or the proposals and responses to the solicitation, awards, and other documents.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acceptance Test Procedure: Benchmarks and other performance criteria, developed by the State or other sources of testing standards, for measuring the effectiveness of products or goods and the means used for testing such performance

Addendum: Something to be added or deleted to an existing document; a supplement

After Receipt of Order (ARO): After Receipt of Order

Agency: Using agencies shall mean and include all officers of the state, departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, councils, and institutions receiving legislative appropriations

Agent/Representative: A person authorized to act on behalf of another

Amend: To alter or change by adding, subtracting, or substituting

Amendment: A written correction or alteration to a document

Appropriation: Legislative authorization to expend public funds for a specific purpose. Money set apart for a specific use

Automated Clearing House (ACH): Electronic network for financial transactions in the United States

Award: All purchases, leases, or contracts which are based on competitive proposals will be awarded according to the provisions in the solicitation

Best and Final Offer (BAFO): In a competitive proposal, the final offer submitted which contains contractor's most favorable terms for price

Bidder: A contractor who submits an offer proposal in response to a written solicitation

Breach: Violation of a contractual obligation by failing to perform or repudiation of one's own promise.

Business: Any corporation, partnership, individual, sole proprietorship, joint-stock company, joint venture, or any other private legal entity

Business Day: Any weekday, except State-recognized holidays

Calendar Day: Every day shown on the calendar including Saturdays, Sundays, and State/Federal holidays

Cancellation: To call off or revoke a proposal, purchase order or contract without expectation of conducting or performing at a later time

Central Processing Unit (CPU): Any computer or computer system that is used by the State to store, process, or retrieve data or perform other functions using Operating Systems and applications software

Change Order: Document that provides amendments to an executed purchase order

Collusion: An agreement or cooperation between two or more persons or entities to accomplish a fraudulent, deceitful, or unlawful purpose

Commodities: Any equipment, material, supply or goods; anything moveable or tangible that is provided or sold

Commodities Description: Detailed descriptions of the items to be purchased; may include information necessary to obtain the desired quality, type, color, size, shape, or special characteristics necessary to perform the work intended to produce the desired results

Competition: The effort or action of two or more commercial interests to obtain the same business from third parties

Confidential Information: Unless otherwise defined below, "Confidential Information" shall also mean proprietary trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Nebraska Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific, named competitor(s) who would be advantaged by release of the information and the specific advantage the competitor(s) would receive

Contract: An agreement between two or more parties creating obligations that are enforceable or otherwise recognizable at law; the writing that sets forth such an agreement

Contract Administration: The management of the contract which includes and is not limited to contract signing, contract amendments and any necessary legal actions

Contract Management: The management of day to day activities at the agency which includes and is not limited to ensuring deliverables are received, specifications are met, handling meetings and making payments to the Contractor

Contract Period: The duration of the contract

Contractor: An individual or entity lawfully conducting business in the State, who seeks or agrees to provide goods or services under the terms of a written contract.

Copyright: A property right in an original work of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, giving the holder the exclusive right to reproduce, adapt and distribute the work

Critical Program Error: Any Program Error, whether or not known to the State, which prohibits or significantly impairs use of the Licensed Software as set forth in the documentation and intended in the contract

Customer Service: The process of ensuring customer satisfaction by providing assistance and advice on those products or goods provided by a Contractor

Default: The omission or failure to perform a contractual duty

Deviation: Any proposed change(s) or alteration(s) to either the terms and conditions or deliverables within the scope of the written solicitation or contract

Evaluation: The process of examining an offer after opening to determine the contractor's responsibility, responsiveness to requirements, and to ascertain other characteristics of the offer that relate to determination of the successful award

Evaluation Committee: Committee(s) appointed by the requesting agency that advises and assists the procuring office in the evaluation of proposal/s (offers made in response to written solicitations)

Extension: Continuance of a contract for a specified duration upon the agreement of the parties beyond the original Contract Period. Not to be confused with "Renewal Period"

Foreign Corporation: A foreign corporation that was organized and chartered under the laws of another state, government, or country.

Installation Date: The date when the procedures described in "Installation by Contractor", and "Installation by State", as found in the solicitation, or contract are completed.

Interested Party: A person, acting in their personal capacity, or an entity entering into a contract or other agreement creating a legal interest therein

Invalid Proposal: A proposal that does not meet the requirements of the solicitation or cannot be evaluated against the other proposals.

Invitation to Bid (ITB): A written solicitation utilized for obtaining competitive offers for Services or Goods

Late Proposal: An offer received after the Opening Date and Time

Licensed Software Documentation: The user manuals and any other materials in any form or medium customarily provided by the Contractor to the users of the Licensed Software which will provide the State with sufficient information to operate, diagnose, and maintain the Licensed Software properly, safely, and efficiently

Mandatory/Must: Required, compulsory, or obligatory

May: Discretionary, permitted; used to express possibility

Module (see System): A collection of routines and data structures that perform a specific function of software

Must: See Mandatory/Must and Shall/Will/Must

National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP): National Institute of Governmental Purchasing – Source used for assignment of universal commodity codes to goods and services

Open Market Purchase: Authorization may be given to an agency to purchase items above direct purchase authority due to the unique nature, price, quantity, location of the using agency, or time limitations by the AS Material Division, State Purchasing Bureau

Opening Date and Time: Specified date and time for the public opening of received, labeled, and sealed formal proposals

Operating System: The control program in a computer that provides the interface to the computer hardware and peripheral devices, and the usage and allocation of memory resources, processor resources, input/output resources, and security resources

Outsourcing: The contracting out of a business process which an organization may have previously performed internally or has a new need for, to an independent organization from which the process is purchased back

Payroll & Financial Center (PFC): Electronic procurement system of record

Platform: A specific hardware and Operating System combination that is different from other hardware and Operating System combinations to the extent that a different version of the Licensed Software product is required to execute properly in the environment established by such hardware and Operating System combination

Point of Contact (POC): The person designated to receive communications and to communicate

Program Error: Code in Licensed Software which produces unintended results or actions, or which produces results or actions other than those described in the specifications. A program error includes, without limitation, any Critical Program Error

Program Set: The group of programs and products, including the Licensed Software specified in the solicitation, plus any additional programs and products licensed by the State under the contract for use by the State

Project: The total scheme, program, or method worked out for the accomplishment of an objective, including all documentation, commodities, and goods to be provided under the contract

Proposal: An offer, bid, or quote submitted by a contractor/vendor in a response to a written solicitation

Proprietary Information: Proprietary information is defined as trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and service no public purpose (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3)). In accordance with Attorney General Opinions 92068 and 97033, proof that information is proprietary requires identification of specific named competitor(s) advantaged by release of the information and the demonstrated advantage the named competitor(s) would gain by the release of information

Protest/Grievance: A complaint about a governmental action or decision related to the solicitation or resultant contract, brought by a contractor who has timely submitted a proposal response in connection with the award in question, to AS Materiel Division or another designated agency with the intention of achieving a remedial result

Public Proposal Opening: The process of opening correctly submitted offers at the time and place specified in the written solicitation and in the presence of anyone who wished to attend

Quote: See Proposal

Recommended Hardware Configuration: The data processing hardware (including all terminals, auxiliary storage, communication, and other peripheral devices) to the extent utilized by the State as recommended by the Contractor.

Release Date: The date of public release of the written solicitation to seek offers

Renewal Period: Optional contract periods subsequent to the original Contract Period for a specified duration with previously agreed to terms and conditions. Not to be confused with Extension

Responsible Contractor: A Contractor who has the capability in all respects to perform fully and lawfully all requirements with integrity and reliability to assure good faith performance

Responsive Contractor: A Contractor who has submitted a proposal which conforms to all requirements of the solicitation document

Shall: See Must

Should: Expected; suggested, but not necessarily mandatory

Software License: Legal instrument with or without printed material that governs the use or redistribution of licensed software

Sole Source – Commodity: When an item is available from only one source due to the unique nature of the requirement, its contractor, or market conditions

Specifications: The detailed statement, especially of the measurements, quality, materials, and functional characteristics, or other items to be provided under a contract

Statutory: These clauses are controlled by state law and are not subject to negotiation

Subcontractor: Individual or entity with whom the contractor enters a contract to perform a portion of the work awarded to the contractor

System (see Module): Any collection or aggregation of two (2) or more Modules that is designed to function, or is represented by the Contractor as functioning or being capable of functioning, as an entity

Termination: Occurs when the contract expires or either party, pursuant to a power created by agreement or law puts an end to the contract prior to the stated expiration date. All obligations which are still executory on both sides are discharged but any right based on prior breach or performance survives

Third-Party: Any person or entity, including but not limited to fiduciaries, shareholders, owners, officers, managers, employees, legally disinterested persons, and sub-contractors or agents, and their employees. It shall not include any entity or person who is an interested Party to the contract or agreement

Trade Secret: Information, including, but not limited to, a drawing, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, code, or process that (a) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy (see Neb. Rev. Stat. § 87-502(4))

Trademark: A word, phrase, logo, or other graphic symbol used by a manufacturer or contractor to distinguish its product from those of others, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Upgrade: Any change that improves or alters the basic function of a product or service

Vendor Performance Report: A report completed by the using agency and submitted to State Purchasing Bureau documenting products or services delivered or performed which exceed or fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or solicitation specifications.

Vendor: Inclusive term for any Bidder or Contractor.

Will: See Mandatory/Must/Shall

Work Day: See Business Day

ACRONYM LIST

ARO – After Receipt of Order

ACH – Automated Clearing House

BAFO – Best and Final Offer

COI – Certificate of Insurance

CPU – Central Processing Unit

DAS – Department of Administrative Services

DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services

F.O.B. – Free on Board

ITB – Invitation to Bid

NIGP – National Institute for Governmental Purchasing

PA – Participating Addendum

SPB – State Purchasing Bureau

TRAIN - Tobacco Resource and Information Network

I. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

The solicitation is designed to solicit proposals from qualified Contractors who will be responsible for providing Tobacco Resource and Information Network web-based technology at a competitive and reasonable cost. Terms and Conditions, Project Description and Scope of Work, Proposal instructions, and Cost Proposal Requirements may be found in Sections II through VI.

Proposals shall conform to all instructions, conditions, and requirements included in the solicitation. Prospective Contractors are expected to carefully examine all documents, schedules, and requirements in this solicitation, and respond to each requirement in the format prescribed. Proposals may be found non-responsive if they do not conform to the solicitation.

B. PROCURING OFFICE AND COMMUNICATION WITH STATE STAFF AND EVALUATORS

Procurement responsibilities related to this solicitation reside with SPB. The point of contact (POC) for the procurement is as follows:

Solicitation Number: 6209 OF
Name: Nancy Storant
Agency: State Purchasing Bureau
Address: 1526 K Street, Suite 130
Lincoln, NE 68508

Telephone: 402-471-6500

E-Mail: as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov

From the date the solicitation is issued until the Intent to Award is issued, communication from the Contractor is limited to the POC listed above. After the Intent to Award is issued, the Contractor may communicate with individuals the State has designated as responsible for negotiating the contract on behalf of the State. No member of the State Government, employee of the State, or member of the Evaluation Committee is empowered to make binding statements regarding this solicitation. The POC will issue any answers, clarifications or amendments regarding this solicitation in writing. Only the SPB or awarding agency can award a contract. Contractors shall not have any communication with, or attempt to communicate or influence any evaluator involved in this solicitation.

The following exceptions to these restrictions are permitted:

1. Contact made pursuant to pre-existing contracts or obligations;
2. Contact required by the schedule of events or an event scheduled later by POC; and
3. Contact required for negotiation and execution of the final contract.

The State reserves the right to reject a contractor's proposal, withdraw an Intent to Award, or terminate a contract if the State determines there has been a violation of these procurement procedures.

C. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The State expects to adhere to the procurement schedule shown below, but all dates are approximate and subject to change.

ACTIVITY		DATE/TIME
1.	Release solicitation	December 19, 2019
2.	Proposal Opening: Location: State Purchasing Bureau 1526 K Street, Suite 130 Lincoln, NE 68508	December 30, 2019 2:00 PM Central Time
3.	Review for conformance with proposal requirements	December 30, 2019
4.	Evaluation period	December 30, 2019 Through January 2 2020
5.	Contract finalization period	January 2, 2020 Through January 10, 2020
6.	Contract award	January 10, 2020
7.	Contractor start date	January 10, 2020

D. SECRETARY OF STATE/TAX COMMISSIONER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS (Statutory)

All Contractors must be authorized to transact business in the State and comply with all Nebraska Secretary of State Registration requirements. The Contractor who is the recipient of an Intent to Award will be required to certify that it has complied and produce a true and correct copy of its current (within ninety (90) calendar days of the intent to award) Certificate or Letter of Good Standing, or in the case of a sole proprietorship, provide written documentation of sole proprietorship and the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the DAS website at: <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>. This must be accomplished prior to execution of the contract.

E. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

The State reserves the right to reject proposals, withdraw an intent to award or award, or terminate a contract if a Contractor commits or has committed ethical violations, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Offering or giving, directly or indirectly, a bribe, fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or anything of value to any person or entity in an attempt to influence the bidding process;
2. Utilize the services of lobbyists, attorneys, political activists, or consultants to influence or subvert the bidding process;
3. Being considered for, presently being, or becoming debarred, suspended, ineligible, or excluded from contracting with any state or federal entity;
4. Submitting a proposal on behalf of another party or entity;
5. Collude with any person or entity to influence the bidding process, submit sham proposals, preclude bidding, fix pricing or costs, create an unfair advantage, subvert the proposal, or prejudice the State.

The Contractor shall include this clause in any subcontract entered into for the exclusive purpose of performing this contract.

Contractor shall have an affirmative duty to report any violations of this clause by the Contractor throughout the bidding process, and throughout the term of this contract for the successful Contractor and their subcontractors.

F. DEVIATIONS FROM THE INVITATION TO BID

The requirements contained in the solicitation (Sections II through VI) become a part of the terms and conditions of the contract resulting from this solicitation. Any deviations from the solicitation in Sections II through VI must be clearly defined by the Contractor in its proposal and, if accepted by the State, will become part of the contract. Any specifically defined deviations must not be in conflict with the basic nature of the solicitation, solicitation requirements, or applicable state or federal laws or statutes. "Deviation", for the purposes of this solicitation, means any proposed changes or alterations to either the contractual language or deliverables within the scope of this solicitation. The State discourages deviations and reserves the right to reject proposed deviations.

G. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

*****ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE OR CONTAINER!*****

Contractors should submit one proposal marked on the first page: "ORIGINAL". If multiple proposals are submitted, the State will retain one copy marked "ORIGINAL" and destroy the other copies. The Contractor is solely responsible for any variance between the copies submitted. Proposal responses should include the completed Form A, "Contractor Proposal Point of Contact". Proposals must reference the ITB number and be sent to the specified address. Please note that the address label should appear as specified in Section I B. on the face of each container or contractor's proposal response packet. If a recipient phone number is required for delivery purposes, 402-471-6500 should be used. The ITB number should be included in all correspondence. The State will not furnish packaging and sealing materials. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure the ITB is received in a sealed envelope or container and submitted by the date and time indicated in the Schedule of Events. Sealed proposals must be received in the State Purchasing Bureau by the date and time of the proposal opening per the Schedule of Events. No late proposals will be accepted.

The Invitation to Bid form must be manually signed in an indelible manner and returned by the proposal opening date and time along with the contractor's Invitation to Bid along with any other requirements as stated in the Invitation to Bid document in order for the contractor's Invitation to Bid response to be evaluated.

It is the responsibility of the contractor to check the website for all information relevant to this Invitation to Bid to include addenda and/or amendments issued prior to the opening date. Website address is as follows: <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

Emphasis should be concentrated on conformance to the ITB instructions, responsiveness to requirements, completeness, and clarity of content. If the contractor's proposal is presented in such a fashion that makes evaluation difficult or overly time consuming the State reserves the right to reject the proposal as non-conforming.

By signing the Invitation to Bid, the contractor guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this ITB.

The State shall not incur any liability for any costs incurred by contractors in replying to this ITB, in the demonstrations and/or oral presentations, or in any other activity related to bidding on this ITB.

H. PROPOSAL PREPARATION COSTS

The State shall not incur any liability for any costs incurred by Contractors in replying to this solicitation, including any activity related to bidding on this solicitation.

I. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH INVITATION TO BID

Violation of the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation or any resultant contract, at any time before or after the award, shall be grounds for action by the State which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Rejection of a Contractor's proposal;
2. Withdrawal of the Intent to Award;
3. Withdrawal of the Award;
4. Negative Vendor Performance Report(s)
5. Termination of the resulting contract;
6. Legal action; or,
7. Suspension of the Contractor from further bidding with the State for the period of time relative to the seriousness of the violation, such period to be within the sole discretion of the State.

J. PROPOSAL CORRECTIONS

A contractor may correct a mistake in a proposal prior to the time of opening by giving written notice to the State of intent to withdraw the proposal for modification or to withdraw the proposal completely. Changing a proposal after opening may be permitted if the change is made to correct a minor error that does not affect price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions. In case of a mathematical error in extension of price, unit price shall govern.

K. LATE PROPOSALS

Proposals received after the time and date of the proposal opening will be considered late proposals. Late proposals will be returned unopened, if requested by the Contractor and at Contractor's expense. The State is not responsible for proposals that are late or lost regardless of cause or fault.

L. PROPOSAL OPENING

Anyone may attend the opening. It is considered a public opening. The Buyer will read the names of the respondents. Depending upon the complexity of the proposal for goods, the buyer may read the proposals aloud or allow proposals be available for viewing by the public during the proposal opening. Once the proposal opening has concluded, the proposals will not be available for viewing until the Intent to Award has been posted. An initial proposal tabulation will be posted to the website as soon as feasible. Information identified as proprietary by the submitting contractor, in accordance with the solicitation and state statute, will not be posted. If the state determines submitted information should not be withheld, in accordance with the Public Records Act, or if ordered to release any withheld information, said information may then be released. The submitting contractor will be notified of the release and it shall be the obligation of the submitting contractor to take further action, if it believes the information should not be released.

M. INVITATION TO BID/PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposals will first be examined to determine if all requirements listed below have been addressed and whether further evaluation is warranted. Proposals not meeting the requirements may be rejected as non-responsive. The requirements are:

1. Original Commodity ITB form signed using an indelible method (electronic signatures are acceptable);
2. Clarity and responsiveness of the proposal;
3. Completed Sections II through VI;
4. Completed ITB Form or State's Cost Sheet.

N. EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Proposals are evaluated by members of an Evaluation Committee(s). The Evaluation Committee(s) will consist of individuals selected at the discretion of the State. Names of the members of the Evaluation Committee(s) will not be published prior to the intent to award.

Any contact, attempted contact, or attempt to influence an evaluator that is involved with this solicitation may result in the rejection of this proposal and further administrative actions.

O. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

All proposals that are responsive to the solicitation will be evaluated based on the following:

1. Cost Proposal

Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-161 allows the quality of performance of previous contracts to be considered when evaluating responses to competitively bid solicitations in determining the lowest responsible bidder. Information obtained from any Vendor Performance Report (See Terms & Conditions, Section H) may be used in evaluating responses to solicitations for goods and services to determine the best value for the State.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 allows for a preference for a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone. When a state contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible contractor, a resident disabled veteran or a business located in a designated enterprise zone under the Enterprise Zone Act shall be allowed a preference over any other resident or nonresident contractor, if all other factors are equal.

Resident disabled veterans means any person (a) who resides in the State of Nebraska, who served in the United States Armed Forces, including any reserve component or the National Guard, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who possesses a disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense and (b)(i) who owns and controls a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection and (ii) the management and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one or more persons described in subdivision(a) of this subsection. Any contract entered into without compliance with this section shall be null and void.

Therefore, if a resident disabled veteran or business located in a designated enterprise zone submits a proposal in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §73-107 and has so indicated on the ITB cover page under "Contractor must complete the following" requesting priority/preference to be considered in the award of this contract, the following will need to be submitted by the contractor within ten (10) business days of request:

1. Documentation from the United States Armed Forces confirming service;
2. Documentation of discharge or otherwise separated characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions);
3. Disability rating letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs establishing a service-connected disability or a disability determination from the United States Department of Defense; and
4. Documentation which shows ownership and control of a business or, in the case of a publicly owned business, more than fifty percent of the stock is owned by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection; and the management and daily business operations of the business are controlled by one or more persons described in subdivision (a) of this subsection.

Failure to submit the requested documentation within ten (10) business days of notice will disqualify the contractor from consideration of the preference.

P. BEST AND FINAL OFFER

If best and final offers (BAFO) are requested by the State and submitted by the contractor, they will be evaluated (using the stated BAFO criteria) and ranked by the Evaluation Committee. The State reserves the right to conduct more than one BAFO. The award will then be granted to the lowest responsible contractor. However, a contractor should provide its best offer in its original proposal. Contractors should not expect that the State will request a BAFO.

Q. REFERENCE AND CREDIT CHECKS

The State reserves the right to conduct and consider reference and credit checks. The State reserves the right to use third parties to conduct reference and credit checks. By submitting a proposal in response to this solicitation, the contractor grants to the State the right to contact or arrange a visit in person with any or all of the contractor's clients. Reference and credit checks may be grounds to reject a proposal, withdraw an intent to award, or rescind the award of a contract.

R. AWARD

The State reserves the right to evaluate proposals and award contracts in a manner utilizing criteria selected at the State's discretion and in the State's best interest. After evaluation of the proposals, or at any point in the solicitation process, the State of Nebraska may take one or more of the following actions:

1. Amend the solicitation;
2. Extend the time of or establish a new proposal opening time;

3. Waive deviations or errors in the State's solicitation process and in contractor proposals that are not material, do not compromise the solicitation process or a contractor's proposal, and do not improve a contractor's competitive position;
4. Accept or reject a portion of or all of a proposal;
5. Accept or reject all proposals;
6. Withdraw the solicitation;
7. Elect to rebid the solicitation;
8. Award single lines or multiple lines to one or more contractors; or,
9. Award one or more all-inclusive contracts.

The State of Nebraska may consider, but is not limited to considering, one or more of the following award criteria:

1. Price;
2. Location;
3. Quality; Delivery time;
4. Contractor qualifications and capabilities; and,
5. State contract management requirements and/or costs.

The solicitation does not commit the State to award a contract. Once intent to award decision has been determined, it will be posted to the Internet at:

<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

Any protests must be filed by a contractor within ten (10) business days after the intent to award decision is posted to the Internet. Grievance and protest procedure is available on the Internet at:

<http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.html>

S. SPECIFICATIONS

Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for reference and not intended to limit competition, but will be used as the standard by which equivalent material offered will be judged. The Materiel Administrator will be the sole judge of equivalency. The Contractor may offer any brands which meets or exceeds the specification. When a specific product is required, the solicitation will so state. Any item proposal is to be the latest current model under standard production at the time of order. No used or refurbished equipment will be accepted, unless otherwise stated.

T. ALTERNATE/EQUIVALENT PROPOSALS

Contractor may offer proposals which are at variance from the express specifications of the solicitation. The State reserves the right to consider and accept such proposals if, in the judgment of the Materiel Administrator, the proposal will result in goods and/or services equivalent to or better than those which would be supplied in the original proposal specifications. Contractor must indicate on the solicitation the manufacturer's name, number and shall submit with their proposal, sketches, descriptive literature and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous proposal will not satisfy this provision. Proposals which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. In the absence of any stated deviation or exception, the proposal will be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions and specification, and the Contractor shall be held liable therefore.

U. LUMP SUM OR "ALL OR NONE" PROPOSALS

The State reserves the right to purchase item-by-item, by groups or as a total when the State may benefit by so doing. Contractors may submit a proposal on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a proposal on an item-by-item basis. The term "all or none" means a conditional proposal which requires the purchase of all items on which proposals are offered and Contractor declines to accept award on individual items; a "lump sum" proposal is one in which the Contractor offers a lower price than the sum of the individual proposals if all items are purchased, but agrees to deliver individual items at the prices quoted.

V. EMAIL SUBMISSIONS

SPB will not accept proposals by email, electronic, voice, or telephone proposals **except** for one-time purchases under \$50,000.00.

W. PROPOSAL TABULATIONS

Proposal tabulations are available on the website at: <http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/bidtabs.htm>.

X. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, in the best interest of the State.

Y. RESIDENT BIDDER

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-101.01 through 73-101.02, a Resident Bidder shall be allowed a preference against a Non-resident Bidder from a state which gives or requires a preference to Bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the Nonresident Bidders. Where the lowest responsible bid from a resident Bidder is equal in all respects to one from a nonresident Bidder from a state which has no preference law, the resident Bidder shall be awarded the contract. The provision of this preference shall not apply to any contract for any project upon which federal funds would be withheld because of the provisions of this preference.

II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Contractors should complete Section II through VI as part of their proposal. Contractor is expected to read the Terms and Conditions and must initial either accept, reject, or reject and provide alternative language for each clause. The Contractor should also provide an explanation of why the Contractor rejected the clause or rejected the clause and provided alternate language using "Track Changes". Upon request an electronic copy of the proposal with "Track Changes" must be submitted in an editable Word format. By signing the solicitation, Contractor is agreeing to be legally bound by all the accepted terms and conditions, and any proposed alternative terms and conditions submitted with the proposal. The State reserves the right to negotiate rejected or proposed alternative language. If the State and Contractor fail to agree on the final Terms and Conditions, the State reserves the right to reject the proposal. The State is soliciting proposals in response to the solicitation. The State reserves the right to reject proposals that attempt to substitute the Contractor's commercial contracts and/or documents for this solicitation.

The Contractor should submit with their proposal any license, user agreement, service level agreement, or similar documents that the Contractor wants incorporated in the Contract. Upon notice of Intent to Award, the Contractor must submit a copy of these documents in an editable Word format. The State will not consider incorporation of any document not submitted with the Contractor's proposal. These documents shall be subject to negotiation and will be incorporated as addendums if agreed to by the Parties.

If a conflict or ambiguity arises after the addendums have been negotiated and agreed to, the addendums shall be interpreted as follows:

1. If only one (1) Party's document has a particular clause then that clause shall control;
2. If both Party's documents have a similar clause, but the clauses do not conflict, the clauses shall be read together;
3. If both Party's documents have a similar clause, but the clauses conflict, the State's clause shall control.

A. GENERAL

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within Solicitation Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
		GKO	See Service Contract Between Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services & FSU executed on November 4, 2016

The contract resulting from this solicitation shall incorporate the following documents:

1. Invitation to Bid and Addenda;
2. Amendments to the solicitation;
3. Questions and Answers;
4. Contractor's proposal response;
5. The executed Contract and any Addenda, if applicable, and properly submitted documents; and,
6. Amendments to the Contract

These documents constitute the entirety of the contract.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in a future contract amendment, in case of any conflict between the incorporated documents, the documents shall govern in the following order of preference with number one (1) receiving preference over all other documents and with each lower numbered document having preference over any higher numbered document: 1) Amendment to the executed Contract with the most recent dated amendment having the highest priority, 2) executed Contract and any attached Addenda, 3) Amendments to solicitation and any Questions and Answers, 4) the original solicitation document and any Addenda, and 5) the Contractor's submitted Proposal.

Any ambiguity or conflict in the contract discovered after its execution, not otherwise addressed herein, shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of contract interpretation as established in the State.

B. NOTIFICATION

Accept (Initial)	Reject (Initial)	Reject & Provide Alternative within Solicitation Response (Initial)	NOTES/COMMENTS:
		GKO	See Service Contract Between Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services & FSU executed on November 4, 2016

Contractor and State shall identify the contract manager who shall serve as the point of contact for the executed contract.

Communications regarding the executed contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if delivered personally or mailed, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as may be specified in writing by either of the parties. All notices, requests, or communications shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or five (5) calendar days following deposit in the mail.

Either party may change its address for notification purposes by giving notice of the change, and setting forth the new address and an effective date.

C. NOTICE (POC)

The State reserves the right to appoint a Buyer's Representative to manage [or assist the Buyer in managing] the contract on behalf of the State. The Buyer's Representative will be appointed in writing, and the appointment document will specify the extent of the Buyer's Representative authority and responsibilities. If a Buyer's Representative is appointed, the Contractor will be provided a copy of the appointment document, and is expected to cooperate accordingly with the Buyer's Representative. The Buyer's Representative has no authority to bind the State to a contract, amendment, addendum, or other change or addition to the contract.

D. GOVERNING LAW (Statutory)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, or any amendment or addendum(s) entered into contemporaneously or at a later time, the parties understand and agree that, (1) the State of Nebraska is a sovereign state and its authority to contract is therefore subject to limitation by the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, and regulation; (2) this contract will be interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of Nebraska; (3) any action to enforce the provisions of this contract must be brought in the State of Nebraska per state law; (4) the person signing this contract on behalf of the State of Nebraska does not have the authority to waive the State's sovereign immunity, statutes, common law, or regulations; (5) the indemnity, limitation of liability, remedy, and other similar provisions of the final contract, if any, are entered into subject to the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, regulations, and sovereign immunity; and, (6) all terms and conditions of the final contract, including but not limited to the clauses concerning third-party use, licenses, warranties, limitations of liability, governing law and venue, usage verification, indemnity, liability, remedy or other similar provisions of the final contract are entered into specifically subject to the State's Constitution, statutes, common law, regulations, and sovereign immunity.

The Parties must comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders, and regulations.

E. BEGINNING OF WORK

The Contractor shall not commence any billable work until a valid contract has been fully executed by the State and the successful Contractor. The Contractor will be notified in writing when work may begin.

F. AMENDMENT

This Contract may be amended in writing, within scope, upon the agreement of both parties.

G. CHANGE ORDERS OR SUBSTITUTIONS

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The State and the Contractor, upon the written agreement, may make changes to the contract within the general scope of the solicitation. Changes may involve specifications, the quantity of work, or such other items as the State may find necessary or desirable. Corrections of any deliverable, service, or work required pursuant to the contract shall not be deemed a change. The Contractor may not claim forfeiture of the contract by reasons of such changes.

The Contractor shall prepare a written description of the work required due to the change and an itemized cost sheet for the change. Changes in work and the amount of compensation to be paid to the Contractor shall be determined in accordance with applicable unit prices if any, a pro-rated value, or through negotiations. The State shall not incur a price increase for changes that should have been included in the Contractor's proposal, were foreseeable, or result from difficulties with or failure of the Contractor's proposal or performance.

No change shall be implemented by the Contractor until approved by the State, and the Contract is amended to reflect the change and associated costs, if any. If there is a dispute regarding the cost, but both parties agree that immediate implementation is necessary, the change may be implemented, and cost negotiations may continue with both Parties retaining all remedies under the contract and law.

In the event any product is discontinued or replaced upon mutual consent during the contract period or prior to delivery, the State reserves the right to amend the contract or purchase order to include the alternate product at the same price.

*****Contractor will not substitute any item that has been awarded without prior written approval of SPB*****

H. VENDOR PERFORMANCE REPORT(S)

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The State may document any instance(s) of products or services delivered or performed which exceed or fail to meet the terms of the purchase order, contract, and/or solicitation specifications. The State Purchasing Bureau may contact the Vendor regarding any such report. Vendor performance report(s) will become a part of the permanent record of the Vendor.

I. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BREACH

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If Contractor breaches the contract or anticipates breaching the contract, the Contractor shall immediately give written notice to the State. The notice shall explain the breach or potential breach, a proposed cure, and may include a request for a waiver of the breach if so desired. The State may, in its discretion, temporarily or permanently waive the breach. By granting a waiver, the State does not forfeit any rights or remedies to which the State is entitled by law or equity, or pursuant to the provisions of the contract. Failure to give immediate notice, however, may be grounds for denial of any request for a waiver of a breach.

J. BREACH

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Either Party may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the other Party breaches its duty to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner. Termination requires written notice of default and a thirty (30) calendar day (or longer at the non-breaching Party's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default) cure period. Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive the right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time.

The State's failure to make payment shall not be a breach, and the Contractor shall retain all available statutory remedies. (See Indemnity - Self-Insurance and Payment)

K. NON-WAIVER OF BREACH

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The acceptance of late performance with or without objection or reservation by a Party shall not waive any rights of the Party nor constitute a waiver of the requirement of timely performance of any obligations remaining to be performed.

L. SEVERABILITY

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If any term or condition of the contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the provision held to be invalid or illegal.

M. INDEMNIFICATION

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Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the wrongful acts of its employees, contractors and agents. Nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of either party's sovereign immunity.

N. ATTORNEY'S FEES

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In the event of any litigation, appeal, or other legal action to enforce any provision of the contract, the Parties agree to pay all expenses of such action, as permitted by law and if ordered by the court, including attorney's fees and costs, if the other party prevails.

O. ASSIGNMENT, SALE, OR MERGER

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Either party may assign the contract upon mutual written agreement of the other party. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Contractor retains the right to enter into a sale, merger, acquisition, internal reorganization, or similar transaction involving Contractor's business. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the State in executing amendments to the contract to allow for the transaction. If a third party or entity is involved in the transaction, the Contractor will remain responsible for performance of the contract until such time as the person or entity involved in the transaction agrees in writing to be contractually bound by this contract and perform all obligations of the contract.

P. CONTRACTING WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS OF THE STATE OR ANOTHER STATE

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The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow agencies, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-145, to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of the contract may not be amended. The State shall not be contractually obligated or liable for any contract entered into pursuant to this clause.

The Contractor may, but shall not be required to, allow other states, agencies or divisions of other states, or political subdivisions of other states to use this contract. The terms and conditions, including price, of this contract shall apply to any such contract, but may be amended upon mutual consent of the Parties. The State of Nebraska shall not be

contractually or otherwise obligated or liable under any contract entered into pursuant to this clause. The State shall be notified if a contract is executed based upon this contract.

Q. FORCE MAJEURE

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Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages, or for default resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under the contract due to a natural or man-made event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). The Party so affected shall immediately make a written request for relief to the other party, and shall have the burden of proof to justify the request. The other Party may granted the relief requested; relief may not be unreasonably withheld. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event.

R. CONFIDENTIALITY

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All materials and information provided by the Parties or acquired by a Party on behalf of the other Party shall be regarded as confidential information. All materials and information provided or acquired shall be handled in accordance with federal and state law, and ethical standards. Should said confidentiality be breached by a Party, the Party shall notify the other Party immediately of said breach and take immediate corrective action.

It is incumbent upon the Parties to inform their officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a (i)(1), which is made applicable by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m)(1), provides that any officer or employee, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

S. OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL (Statutory) (DHHS Only)

If it provides, under the terms of this contract and on behalf of the State, health and human services to individuals; service delivery; service coordination; or case management, Contractor shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,240 et seq. This section shall survive the termination of this contract.

T. LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN (Statutory) (DHHS Only)

Contractor must comply with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act, per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-2237 et seq. This section shall survive the termination of this contract.

U. EARLY TERMINATION

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The contract may be terminated as follows:

1. The State and the Contractor, by mutual written agreement, may terminate the contract at any time.
2. The State, at its sole discretion, may terminate the contract for any reason upon thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to the Contractor. Such termination shall not relieve the Contractor of warranty or other service obligations incurred under the terms of the contract. In the event of termination the Contractor shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for products or services satisfactorily performed or provided.
3. The State may terminate the contract immediately for the following reasons:
 - a. if directed to do so by statute;
 - b. Contractor has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, has admitted in writing its inability to pay debts as they mature, or has ceased operating in the normal course of business;
 - c. a trustee or receiver of the Contractor or of any substantial part of the Contractor's assets has been appointed by a court;
 - d. fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, malfeasance, misfeasance, or illegal conduct pertaining to performance under the contract by its Contractor, its employees, officers, directors, or shareholders;
 - e. an involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the Contractor under any one of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code and (i) the proceeding has been pending for at least sixty (60) calendar days; or (ii) the Contractor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the Contractor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor;
 - f. a voluntary petition has been filed by the Contractor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code;
 - g. Contractor intentionally discloses confidential information;
 - h. Contractor has or announces it will discontinue support of the deliverable; and,
 - i. In the event funding is no longer available.

V. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT

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Upon termination of the contract for any reason the Contractor shall within thirty (30) days, unless stated otherwise herein:

1. Transfer all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
2. Transfer ownership and title to all completed or partially completed deliverables to the State;
3. Return to the State all information and data, unless the Contractor is permitted to keep the information or data by contract or rule of law. Contractor may retain one copy of any information or data as required to comply with applicable work product documentation standards or as are automatically retained in the course of Contractor's routine back up procedures;
4. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity in the assumption of any or all of the obligations of this contract;

5. Cooperate with any successor contractor, person or entity with the transfer of information or data related to this contract;
6. Return or vacate any state owned real or personal property; and,
7. Return all data in a mutually acceptable format and manner.

Nothing in this Section should be construed to require the Contractor to surrender intellectual property, real or personal property, or information or data owned by the Contractor for which the State has no legal claim.

III. CONTRACTOR DUTIES

A. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR / OBLIGATIONS

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It is agreed that the Contractor is an independent contractor and that nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed as creating or establishing a relationship of employment, agency, or a partnership.

The Contractor is solely responsible for fulfilling the contract. The Contractor or the Contractor's representative shall be the sole point of contact regarding all contractual matters.

The Contractor shall secure, at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services under the contract. The personnel the Contractor uses to fulfill the contract shall have no contractual or other legal relationship with the State; they shall not be considered employees of the State and shall not be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits from the State, including but not limited to, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, severance pay, or retirement benefits.

By-name personnel commitments made in the Contractor's proposal shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the State. Replacement of these personnel, if approved by the State, shall be with personnel of equal or greater ability and qualifications.

The Contractor warrants that all persons assigned to the project shall be employees of the Contractor or a Subcontractor, and shall be fully qualified to perform the work required herein. Personnel employed by the Contractor or a subcontractor to fulfill the terms of the contract shall remain under the sole direction and control of the Contractor or the subcontractor respectively.

With respect to its employees, to the sovereign immunity limits set forth by applicable state law, the Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for the following:

1. Any and all pay, benefits, and employment taxes and/or other payroll withholding;
2. Any and all vehicles used by the Contractor's employees, including all insurance required by state law;
3. Damages incurred by Contractor's employees within the scope of their duties under the contract;
4. Maintaining Workers' Compensation and health insurance that complies with state and federal law and submitting any reports on such insurance to the extent required by governing law;
5. Determining the hours to be worked and the duties to be performed by the Contractor's employees; and,
6. All claims on behalf of any person arising out of employment or alleged employment (including without limit claims of discrimination alleged against the Contractor, its officers, agents, or subcontractors or subcontractor's employees).

If the Contractor intends to utilize any subcontractor, the Subcontractor's level of effort, tasks, and time allocation must be clearly defined in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor shall agree that it will not utilize any Subcontractors not specifically included in its proposal in the performance of the contract without the prior written authorization of the State.

The State reserves the right to require the Contractor to reassign or remove from the project any Contractor or Subcontractor employee.

Contractor shall insure that the terms and conditions contained in any contract with a sub-contractor does not conflict with the terms and conditions of this contract.

The Contractor shall include a similar provision, for the protection of the State, in the contract with any Subcontractor engaged to perform work on this contract.

B. EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS

The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of employees physically performing work within the State. A federal immigration verification system

means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of an employee.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the DAS website at <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/purchasing.htm>

The completed United States Attestation Form should be submitted with the solicitation response.

2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 4-108.

C. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT / NONDISCRIMINATION (Statutory)

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights laws and equal opportunity employment. Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of such contract, with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

D. COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

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Contractor may be required to work with or in close proximity to other contractors or individuals that may be working on the same or different projects. The Contractor shall agree to cooperate with such other contractors or individuals, and shall not commit or permit any act which may interfere with the performance of work by any other contractor or individual. Contractor is not required to compromise Contractor's intellectual property or proprietary information unless expressly required to do so by this contract.

E. DISCOUNTS

Prices quoted shall be inclusive of ALL trade discounts. Cash discount terms of less than thirty (30) days will not be considered as part of the proposal. Cash discount periods will be computed from the date of receipt of a properly executed claim voucher or the date of completion of delivery of all items in a satisfactory condition, whichever is later.

F. PRICES

Prices quoted shall be net, including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the contractor, F.O.B. destination named in the solicitation. No additional charges will be allowed for packing, packages, or partial delivery costs. When an arithmetic error has been made in the extended total, the unit price will govern.

The State reserves the right to deny any requested price increase. No price increases are to be billed to any State Agencies prior to written amendment of the contract by the parties.

The State will be given full proportionate benefit of any decreases for the term of the contract.

G. COST CLARIFICATION

The State reserves the right to review all aspects of cost for reasonableness and to request clarification of any proposal where the cost component shows significant and unsupported deviation from industry standards or in areas where detailed pricing is required.

H. PERMITS, REGULATIONS, LAWS

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The contract price shall include the cost of all royalties, licenses, permits, and approvals, whether arising from patents, trademarks, copyrights or otherwise, that are in any way involved in the contract. The Contractor shall obtain and pay for all royalties, licenses, and permits, and approvals necessary for the performance of the contract. The Contractor must guarantee that it has the full legal right to the materials, supplies, equipment, software, and other items used to execute this contract.

I. OWNERSHIP OF INFORMATION AND DATA / DELIVERABLES

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The State shall have the unlimited right to publish, duplicate, use, and disclose all information and data developed or obtained by the Contractor on behalf of the State pursuant to this contract.

The State shall own and hold exclusive title to any deliverable developed as a result of this contract. Contractor shall have no ownership interest or title, and shall not patent, license, or copyright, duplicate, transfer, sell, or exchange, the design, specifications, concept, or deliverable.

J. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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The Contractor shall throughout the term of the contract maintain insurance as specified herein and provide the State a current Certificate of Insurance/Accord Form (COI) verifying the coverage. The Contractor shall not commence work on the contract until the insurance is in place. If Contractor subcontracts any portion of the Contract the Contractor must, throughout the term of the contract, either:

1. Provide equivalent insurance for each subcontractor and provide a COI verifying the coverage for the subcontractor;
2. Require each subcontractor to have equivalent insurance and provide written notice to the State that the Contractor has verified that each subcontractor has the required coverage; or,
3. Provide the State with copies of each subcontractor's Certificate of Insurance evidencing the required coverage.

The Contractor shall not allow any Subcontractor to commence work until the Subcontractor has equivalent insurance. The failure of the State to require a COI, or the failure of the Contractor to provide a COI or require subcontractor insurance shall not limit, relieve, or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder.

In the event that any policy written on a claims-made basis terminates or is canceled during the term of the contract or with in one (1) year of termination or expiration of the contract, the contractor shall obtain an extended discovery or reporting period, or a new insurance policy, providing coverage required by this contract for the term of the contract and one (1) year following termination or expiration of the contract.

If by the terms of any insurance a mandatory deductible is required, or if the Contractor elects to increase the mandatory deductible amount, the Contractor shall be responsible for payment of the amount of the deductible in the event of a paid claim.

Notwithstanding any other clause in this Contract, the State may recover up to the liability limits of the insurance policies required herein.

1. WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract the statutory Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the contractors' employees to be engaged in work on the project under this contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the Subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for all of the Subcontractor's employees to be engaged in such work. This policy shall be written to meet the statutory requirements for the state in which the work is to be performed, including Occupational Disease. **The policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State. The COI shall contain the mandatory COI subrogation waiver language found hereinafter.** The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than the limits stated hereinafter. For employees working in the State, the policy must be written by an entity authorized by the State of Nebraska Department of Insurance to write Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance for Nebraska employees.

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AND COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract such Commercial General Liability Insurance and Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance as shall protect Contractor and any Subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for bodily injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operation be by the Contractor or by any Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, and the amounts of such insurance shall not be less than limits stated hereinafter.

The Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be written on an **occurrence basis**, and provide Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operations, Independent Contractors, Personal Injury, and Contractual Liability coverage. **The policy shall include the State, and others as required by the contract documents, as Additional Insured(s). This policy shall be primary, and any insurance or self-insurance carried by the State shall be considered secondary and non-contributory. The COI shall contain the mandatory COI liability waiver language found hereinafter.** The Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance shall be written to cover all Owned, Non-owned, and Hired vehicles.

REQUIRED INSURANCE COVERAGE		
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY		
General Aggregate		\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate		\$2,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury		\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Bodily Injury/Property Damage		\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Fire Damage		\$50,000 any one fire
Medical Payments		\$10,000 any one person
Damage to Rented Premises		\$300,000 each occurrence
Contractual		Included
Independent Contractors		Included
If higher limits are required, the Umbrella/Excess Liability limits are allowed to satisfy the higher limit.		
WORKER'S COMPENSATION		
Employers Liability Limits		\$500K/\$500K/\$500K
Statutory Limits- All States		Statutory - State of Nebraska
Voluntary Compensation		Statutory
COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY		
Bodily Injury/Property Damage		\$1,000,000 combined single limit

Include All Owned, Hired & Non-Owned Automobile liability	Included
Motor Carrier Act Endorsement	Where Applicable
UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY	
Over Primary Insurance	\$5,000,000 per occurrence
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY	
Professional liability (Medical Malpractice)	Limits consistent with Nebraska Medical Malpractice Cap
Qualification Under Nebraska Excess Fund	
All Other Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)	\$1,000,000 Per Claim / Aggregate
CYBER LIABILITY	
Breach of Privacy, Security Breach, Denial of Service, Remediation, Fines and Penalties	\$3,000,000
MANDATORY COI SUBROGATION WAIVER LANGUAGE	
"Workers' Compensation policy shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the State of Nebraska."	
MANDATORY COI LIABILITY WAIVER LANGUAGE	
"Commercial General Liability & Commercial Automobile Liability policies shall be primary and any insurance or self-insurance carried by the State shall be considered secondary and non-contributory. State of Nebraska shall be included as additionally insured."	

3. EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

The Contractor should furnish the State, prior to beginning work and upon, a certificate of insurance coverage complying with the above requirements to the attention of:

State of Nebraska
Agency: State Purchasing Bureau
Attention: Nancy Storant
1526 K Street Suite 130
Lincoln NE 68508

These certificates or the cover sheet shall reference the ITB number, and the certificates shall include the name of the company, policy numbers, effective dates, dates of expiration, and amounts and types of coverage afforded. If the State is damaged by the failure of the Contractor to maintain such insurance, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs properly attributable thereto.

Reasonable notice of cancellation of any required insurance policy must be submitted to contract manager when issued and a new coverage binder shall be submitted immediately to ensure no break in coverage.

4. DEVIATIONS

The insurance requirements are subject to limited negotiation. Negotiation typically includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the correct type of coverage, necessity for Workers' Compensation, and the type of automobile coverage carried by the Contractor.

K. NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR BREACH

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L. ANTITRUST

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The Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all claims for overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations which arise under antitrust laws of the United States and the antitrust laws of the State.

M. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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By submitting a proposal, bidder certifies that no relationship exists between the bidder and any person or entity which either is, or gives the appearance of, a conflict of interest related to this Request for Proposal or project.

Bidder further certifies that bidder will not employ any individual known by bidder to have a conflict of interest nor shall bidder take any action or acquire any interest, either directly or indirectly, which will conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its contractual obligations hereunder or which creates an actual or appearance of conflict of interest.

If there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest, bidder shall provide with its proposal a full disclosure of the facts describing such actual or perceived conflict of interest and a proposed mitigation plan for consideration. The State will then consider such disclosure and proposed mitigation plan and either approve or reject as part of the overall bid evaluation.

N. ADVERTISING

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The Contractor agrees not to refer to the purchase order award in advertising in such a manner as to state or imply that the company or its services are endorsed or preferred by the State. News releases pertaining to the project shall be subject to a seven (7) day review period by the State prior to publication to prevent inadvertent disclosure of confidential or proprietary information provided to the Contractor.

O. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS (Statutory)

Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-201.htm> and ensure that products and/or goods provided under the contract are in compliance or will comply with the applicable standards to the greatest degree possible. In the event such standards change during the Contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the contract to request the contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

P. DISASTER RECOVERY/BACK UP PLAN

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The Contractor shall have a disaster recovery and back-up plan, of which a copy should be provided upon request to the State, which includes, but is not limited to equipment, personnel, facilities, and transportation, in order to continue delivery of goods and services as specified under the specifications in the contract in the event of a disaster.

Q. DRUG POLICY

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Contractor certifies it maintains a drug free work place environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of its drug free workplace policy at any time upon request by the State.

R. WARRANTY

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Despite any clause to the contrary, the Contractor represents and warrants that its services hereunder shall be performed by competent personnel and shall be of professional quality consistent with generally accepted industry standards for the performance of such services and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this Contract. For any breach of this warranty, the Contractor shall, for a period of ninety (90) days from performance of the service, perform the services again, at no cost to Customer, or if Contractor is unable to perform the services as warranted, Contractor shall reimburse Customer the fees paid to Contractor for the unsatisfactory services. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

IV. PAYMENT

A. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVANCE PAYMENT (Statutory)

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§81-2403 states, "[n]o goods or services shall be deemed to be received by an agency until all such goods or services are completely delivered and finally accepted by the agency."

B. TAXES (Statutory)

The State is not required to pay taxes and assumes no such liability as a result of this solicitation. The Contractor may request a copy of the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate for Sales Tax Exemption, Form 13 for their records. Any property tax payable on the Contractor's equipment which may be installed in a state-owned facility is the responsibility of the Contractor.

C. INVOICES

Invoices for payments must be submitted by the Contractor to the agency requesting the services with sufficient detail to support payment. Invoices must provide detail about contract deliverables being charge and the dates deliverables were provided. Invoices must be sent electronically to dhhs.tfn@nebraska.gov. The terms and conditions included in the Contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties. No terms or conditions of any such invoice shall be binding upon the State, and no action by the State, including without limitation the payment of any such invoice in whole or in part, shall be construed as binding or estopping the State with respect to any such term or condition, unless the invoice term or condition has been previously agreed to by the State as an amendment to the contract.

D. INSPECTION AND APPROVAL

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Final inspection and approval of all work required under the contract shall be performed by the designated State officials.

E. PAYMENT (Statutory)

Payment will be made by the responsible agency in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-2403). The State may require the Contractor to accept payment by electronic means such as ACH deposit. In no event shall the State be responsible or liable to pay for any goods and services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date of the contract, and the Contractor hereby waives any claim or cause of action for any such services.

F. LATE PAYMENT (Statutory)

The Contractor may charge the responsible agency interest for late payment in compliance with the State of Nebraska Prompt Payment Act (See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-2401 through 81-2408).

G. SUBJECT TO FUNDING / FUNDING OUT CLAUSE FOR LOSS OF APPROPRIATIONS (Statutory)

The State's obligation to pay amounts due on the Contract for a fiscal years following the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation of funds. Should said funds not be appropriated, the State may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal year(s) for which such funds are not appropriated. The State will give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination. All obligations of the State to make payments after the termination date will cease. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any authorized work which has been satisfactorily completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the Contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.

H. RIGHT TO AUDIT (First Paragraph is Statutory)

The State shall have the right to audit the Contractor's performance of this contract upon a thirty (30) day written notice. Contractor shall utilize generally accepted accounting principles, and shall maintain the accounting records, and other records and information relevant to the contract (Information) to enable the State to audit the contract. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304 et seq.) The State may audit and the Contractor shall maintain the information during the term of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after the completion of this contract or until all issues or litigation are resolved, whichever is later. The Contractor shall make the Information available to the State at Contractor's place of business or a location acceptable to both Parties during normal business hours. If this is not practical or the

Contractor so elects, the Contractor may provide electronic or paper copies of the Information. The State reserves the right to examine, make copies of, and take notes on any Information relevant to this contract, regardless of the form or the Information, how it is stored, or who possesses the Information. In no circumstances will contractor be required to create or maintain documents not kept in the ordinary course of contractor's business operations, nor will contractor be required to disclose any information, including but not limited to product cost data, which is confidential or proprietary to contractor.

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The Parties shall pay their own costs of the audit unless the audit finds a previously undisclosed overpayment by the State. If a previously disclosed overpayment exceeds one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total contract billings, or if fraud, material misrepresentations, or non-performance is discovered on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall reimburse the State for the total costs of the audit. Overpayments and audit costs owed to the State shall be paid within ninety (90) days of written notice of the claim. The Contractor agrees to correct any material weaknesses or condition found as a result of the audit.

V. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor must provide the following information in response to this solicitation.

A. SCOPE

It is the intent of this proposal invitation to establish a contract to supply Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) web-based technology per the attached specifications from date of award for a period of two (2) years with the option to renew for an additional, three (3) one-year periods when mutually agreeable to the contractor and the State. The State reserves the right to extend the period of this contract beyond the end date when mutually agreeable to the contractor and the State.

B. REVISIONS

In the event any product is discontinued or replaced upon mutual consent during the contract period, the State reserves the right to amend this contract to include the alternate product at the same price.

VI. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

A. BIDDER INSTRUCTIONS

Bidder must respond to each of the following statements. Specifications listed are minimum conditions that must be met in order for a Bidder to qualify for the award.

"YES" response means the Bidder guarantees they can meet this condition.

"NO" response means the Bidder cannot meet this condition and will not be considered.

"NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE" responses should be used only with a narrative response in the NOTES/COMMENTS section explaining in detail any deviation from the Bidder's ability to meet the condition, and an explanation of how this would be determined to be an acceptable alternative to meeting the condition. Alternatives must be detailed in such a way that allows such deviations to be fully evaluated. The State shall determine at its sole discretion whether or not the Bidder's alternative is an acceptable alternative.

B. NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
X			1. Read these specifications carefully. Any and all exceptions to these specifications must be written on or attached to solicitation response. Any noncompliance may void your proposal. Non-compliance to any single specification can void your proposal.
X			2. It is the responsibility of Contractors to obtain information and clarifications as provided below. The State is not responsible for any erroneous or incomplete understandings or wrongful interpretations of this solicitation by any Contractor.
X			3. No interpretation related to the meaning of solicitation specifications or other pre-proposal documents will be made orally to any Contractor by the State. Any solicitation interpretation must be put in writing by the Contractor to: the State Purchasing Bureau, E-mail questions to SPB. as.materielpurchasing@nebraska.gov by the last day to submit written questions per the Schedule of Events. (Inquiries received after the last day to submit written questions may not be addressed).
NOTES/COMMENTS: See comments in Sections G., H. and I.			

C. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: TRAIN Web Hosting

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
X			1. Use of the network system to include a firewall, virus detection software, development software, server space, software usage, backup hardware and software, and a high speed Internet connection.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

D. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: TRAIN Maintenance/Troubleshooting

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
X			1. Network administration and staff effort for doing the daily, weekly, and monthly backups, data recovery, and installing and upgrading software/hardware and patches.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

E. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: TRAIN Technical Assistance and Training

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
X			1. Help desk support (minimum of two (2) hours per month).
X			2. Programming or training (minimum of seventy (70) hours per year) to included but not be limited to reports and web-based training.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

F. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION: TRAIN Administration/Management

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
X			1. Time spent by both parties in developing plans, deciding on revisions, problem solving, supervision and coordination of inside/outside teams, and negotiating deliverables/services.
X			2. Web-based meeting at least two (2) times per year between the parties to review TRAIN and determine needs.
NOTES/COMMENTS:			

G. DELIVERY ARO

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
	X		1. Delivery no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of order(s).
NOTES/COMMENTS: Not Applicable to the scope of the project			

H. ORDERS

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
	X		1. Orders will be placed either by, phone, e-mail or Internet (if available and not to the exclusion of the other methods).
	X		2. All orders must reference a purchase order number and the purchase order number must be referenced on the packing slip, and invoice. Invoices are to be sent to the "Invoice to" address on the purchase order.
NOTES/COMMENTS: Not Applicable to the scope of the project			

I. QUALITY

YES	NO	NO & PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE	
		X	1. Product quality must meet specifications and be consistent for the term of the contract. All materials must be of first quality, under standard production by the manufacturer and be of standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and be of proven performance.
		X	2. A guarantee of satisfactory performance by the contractor and meeting delivery dates are considered to be an integral part of the purchase contract resulting from this proposal invitation.
		X	3. Products are to be fully guaranteed and may be returned for full credit or replacement (at the State's option) for any reason during the initial warranty period with no additional charges for shipping or restocking.
NOTES/COMMENTS: Work shall be performed by FSU on a reasonable best effort basis.			

Form A
Contractor Contact Sheet
Invitation To Bid Number 6209 OF

Form A should be completed and submitted with each response to this solicitation. This is intended to provide the State with information on the Contractor's name and address, and the specific person(s) who are responsible for preparation of the Contractor's response.

Preparation of Solicitation Contact Information	
Contractor Name:	Florida State University
Contractor Address:	874 Traditions Way, Third Floor Tallahassee, FL 32306-4166
Contact Person & Title:	Gary K. Ostrander, Vice President for Research
E-mail Address:	SRA-Pre@fsu.edu
Telephone Number (Office):	(850) 644-5260
Telephone Number (Cellular):	
Fax Number:	(850) 644-1464

Each Contractor shall also designate a specific contact person who will be responsible for responding to the State if any clarifications of the Contractor's response should become necessary.

Communication with the State Contact Information	
Contractor Name:	Florida State University
Contractor Address:	874 Traditions Way, Third Floor Tallahassee, FL 32306-4166
Contact Person & Title:	Rebecca Augustyniak, Principal Investigator
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***TOBACCO RESOURCE AND INFORMATION
NETWORK (TRAIN) – WEB SUPPORT
SERVICES – Solicitation 6209 OF***

*Nebraska Health and Human Services, Division of Health
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January 14, 2020

The Center for Information Management and Educational Services (CIMES), Florida State University, under contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Promotion and Tobacco, Tobacco Free Nebraska, developed a fully-interactive Web-based system (Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN)) to support the management of local grantees via a Web-based TFNP Local Monitoring System.

The TRAIN system includes the following components:

- TFN Virtual Clearinghouse
- Coalition Public Web site
- Coalition Site Administration
- Coalition Work Plan
- TFN TRAIN Site Administration

CIMES is proposing to renew its agreement with TFN and continue providing Web support services to include the following products/services:

Product/Service Deliverables

- Web hosting
 - This includes use of the network system to include a firewall, virus detection software, development software, server space, software usage, backup hardware and software, and a high speed Internet connection.
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting
 - This involves mainly network administration and his/her time spent doing the daily, weekly, and monthly backups, data recovery, and installing and upgrading software/hardware and patches.
- Technical Assistance and Training
 - Help desk support (up to 2 hours per month) *
 - Programming or Training (up to 140 hours) *
 - Reports, web-based training etc. (to be determined by TFN)
- Administration/Management
 - The administration and management is the time spent by both sides in developing plans, deciding on revisions, problem solving, supervision and coordination of inside/outside teams, and negotiating deliverables/services.
 - The CIMES team will meet via a Web Meeting twice during the contract period to review TRAIN and determine needs.

*= All personnel associated with this project are salaried individuals and do not maintain time sheets for sponsored project activities.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services shall clearly mark all confidential data, files, and records as "confidential."

Timelines

The project contract will begin upon approval for a period of 2 years (2020-2022) with an option to renew for an additional 3 years.

Total - \$ 49,628 (for initial 2 year period).

Payment Schedule

	Deliverables	Date	Amount
1.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	5/1/20	\$ 12,407.
2.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	11/1/20	\$ 12,407.
3.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	5/1/21	\$ 12,407.
4.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	10/1/21	\$ 12,407.
TOTAL			\$ 49,628.

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**SERVICE
CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

This contract is entered into by and between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, **DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOBACCO FREE NEBRASKA** (hereinafter "DHHS"), and **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** (hereinafter "Contractor").

DHHS CONTRACT MANAGER:

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PURPOSE. The purpose of this contract is to provide Web support services to Nebraska's Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) system. The TRAIN system includes the following components: Virtual Clearinghouse, Coalition Public Web site, Coalition site administration, coalition work plan/reporting and TFN TRAIN Administration.

I. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. **TERM.** This contract is in effect from February 1, 2017 until November 1, 2018.
- B. **TERMINATION.** This contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent or by either party for any reason upon submission of written notice to the other party at least Thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. DHHS may also terminate this contract in accord with the provisions designated "BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING OR TRUSTEESHIP," "FUNDING AVAILABILITY," and "BREACH OF CONTRACT." In the event either party terminates this contract, the Contractor shall provide to DHHS all work in progress, work completed, and materials provided to it by DHHS in connection with this contract immediately.

II. CONSIDERATION

- A. **TOTAL PAYMENT.** DHHS shall pay the Contractor a total amount not to exceed the fixed price of \$40,318 (forty thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars) for the services specified herein.
- B. **PAYMENT STRUCTURE.** Payment shall be structured as follows: Invoices must be received before payment processes will be initiated. The following schedule will be used for submitting invoices by the Contractor:
- 1st quarter (February/March/April) the invoice is due on or before 5/31/2017.
 - 2nd quarter (May/June/July) the invoice is due on or before 8/31/2017.

- 3rd quarter (August/September/October) the invoice is due on or before 11/30/2017.
- 4th quarter (November/December/January) the invoice is due on or before 2/29/2018.
- 5th quarter (February/March/April) the invoice is due on or before 5/31/2018.
- 6th quarter (May/June/July) the invoice is due on or before 8/31/2018.
- 7th quarter (August/September/October) the invoice is due on or before 11/30/2018.

C. PROMPT PAYMENT.

1. Payment shall be made in compliance with the Nebraska Prompt Payment Act, NEB. REV. STAT. §81-2401 through 81-2408. Unless otherwise provided herein, payment shall be made by electronic means.

D. Automated Clearing House (ACH) Enrollment Form Requirements for Payment.

The vendor shall complete and sign the State of Nebraska ACH Enrollment Form and obtain the necessary information and signatures from their financial institution. The completed form must be submitted before payments to the vendor can be made. Download ACH Form: http://www.das.state.ne.us/accounting/nis/address_book_info.htm

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. The Contractor shall do the following:

1. Services outlined in Attachment 1 "Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN) – Web Support Services 2017-2018" proposal.

B. DHHS shall do the following:

1. Provide feedback to the Contractor on any issues or concerns with the web-based reporting system.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. ACCESS TO RECORDS AND AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. All Contractor books, records, and documents regardless of physical form, including data maintained in computer files or on magnetic, optical or other media, relating to work performed or monies received under this contract shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time upon the provision of reasonable notice by DHHS. Contractor shall maintain all records for five (5) years from the date of final payment, except that records that fall under the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) shall be maintained for six (6) full years from the date of final payment. In addition to the foregoing retention periods, all records shall be maintained until all issues related to an audit, litigation or other action are resolved to the satisfaction of DHHS. All records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted business practices.
2. The Contractor shall provide DHHS any and all written communications received by the Contractor from an auditor related to Contractor's internal control over financial reporting requirements and communication with those charged with governance including those in compliance with or related to Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) 122. The Contractor agrees to provide DHHS with a copy of all such written communications immediately upon receipt or instruct any auditor it employs to deliver copies of such written communications

to DHHS at the same time copies are delivered to the Contractor, in which case the Contractor agrees to verify that DHHS has received a copy.

3. The Contractor shall immediately correct any material weakness or condition reported to DHHS in the course of an audit and notify DHHS that the corrections have been made.
 4. In addition to, and in no way in limitation of any obligation in this contract, the Contractor shall be liable for audit exceptions, and shall return to DHHS all payments made under this contract for which an exception has been taken or which has been disallowed because of such an exception, upon demand from DHHS.
 5. The above provisions shall survive termination of the contract.
- B. AMENDMENT. This contract may be modified only by written amendment, executed by both parties. No alteration or variation of the terms and conditions of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties.
- C. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal statutes and regulations regarding civil rights and equal opportunity employment, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 794 et seq.; the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.; and the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 48-1101 to 48-1125. The Contractor shall insert a similar provision in all subcontracts.
- D. ASSIGNMENT. The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest, rights, or duties under this contract to any person, firm, or corporation without prior written consent of DHHS. In the absence of such written consent, any assignment or attempt to assign shall constitute a breach of this contract.
- E. ASSURANCE. If DHHS, in good faith, has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, is unable to, or has refused to perform or continue to perform all material obligations under this contract, DHHS may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of days specified in the demand may, at DHHS's option, be the basis for terminating this contract.
- F. BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING OR TRUSTEESHIP. DHHS may immediately terminate this contract if:
1. An involuntary proceeding has been commenced by any party against the Contractor under any one of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code and (i) the proceeding has been pending for at least sixty (60) calendar days; or (ii) the Contractor has consented, either expressly or by operation of law, to the entry of an order for relief; or (iii) the Contractor has been decreed or adjudged a debtor; or
 2. A voluntary petition has been filed by the Contractor under any of the chapters of Title 11 of the United States Code; or
 3. A trustee or receiver of the Contractor or of any substantial part of the Contractor's assets has been appointed by a court.
- G. BREACH OF CONTRACT. DHHS may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, if the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely and proper manner.

DHHS may, by providing a written notice of default to the Contractor, allow the Contractor to cure a failure or breach of contract within a period of thirty (30) days or longer at DHHS's discretion considering the gravity and nature of the default. Said notice shall be delivered by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested or in person with proof of delivery. Allowing the Contractor time to cure a failure or breach of contract does not waive DHHS's right to immediately terminate the contract for the same or different contract breach which may occur at a different time. This provision shall not preclude the pursuit of other remedies for breach of contract as allowed by law.

- H. CONFIDENTIALITY. In accordance with law, any and all information gathered in the performance of this contract, either independently or through DHHS, shall be held in the strictest confidence and shall be released to no one other than DHHS without the prior written authorization of DHHS, provided, that contrary contract provisions set forth herein shall be deemed to be authorized exceptions to this general confidentiality provision. This provision shall survive termination of this contract.
- I. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall avoid all conflicts of interest and all appearances of conflicts of interest. The Contractor shall immediately notify DHHS of any such instances encountered so that other arrangements can be made to complete the work.
- J. DATA OWNERSHIP AND COPYRIGHT. All data collected as a result of this project shall be the property of DHHS. The Contractor may copyright any of the copyrightable material produced in conjunction with the performance required under this contract without written consent from DHHS. DHHS hereby reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the copyrightable material for state government purposes. This provision shall survive termination of this contract.
- K. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION OR DECLARED INELIGIBLE. The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- L. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. All references in this contract to laws, rules, regulations, guidelines, directives, and attachments which set forth standards and procedures to be followed by the Contractor in discharging its obligations under this contract shall be deemed incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract with the same force and effect as if set forth in full text, herein.
- M. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE. Contractor certifies that it maintains a drug-free workplace environment to ensure worker safety and workplace integrity. Contractor shall provide a copy of its drug-free workplace policy at any time upon request by DHHS.
- N. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be liable for any costs or damages resulting from its inability to perform any of its obligations under this contract due to a natural disaster, or other similar event outside the control and not the fault of the affected party ("Force Majeure Event"). A Force Majeure Event shall not constitute a breach of this contract. The party so affected shall immediately give notice to the other party of the Force Majeure Event. Upon such notice, all obligations of the affected party under this contract which are reasonably related to the Force Majeure Event shall be suspended, and the affected party shall do everything

reasonably necessary to resume performance as soon as possible. Labor disputes with the impacted party's own employees will not be considered a Force Majeure Event and will not suspend performance requirements under this contract.

- O. **FUNDING AVAILABILITY.** DHHS may terminate the contract, in whole or in part, in the event funding is no longer available. Should funds not be appropriated, DHHS may terminate the contract with respect to those payments for the fiscal years for which such funds are not appropriated. DHHS shall give the Contractor written notice thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any termination. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any authorized work which has been satisfactorily completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the Contractor be paid for a loss of anticipated profit.
- P. **GOVERNING LAW.** The contract shall be governed in all respects by appropriate and applicable state law. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory law.
- Q. **HOLD HARMLESS.**
1. Each party hereto agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the wrongful acts of its employees, contractors and agents. However, nothing contained herein shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity by FSU and the limitations set forth in § 768.28, Florida Statutes.
 2. DHHS's liability is limited to the extent provided by the Nebraska Tort Claims Act, the Nebraska Contract Claims Act, the Nebraska Miscellaneous Claims Act, and any other applicable provisions of law. DHHS does not assume liability for the action of its Contractors.
 3. The above provisions shall survive termination of the contract.
- R. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Contractor is an Independent Contractor and neither it nor any of its employees shall for any purpose be deemed employees of DHHS. The Contractor shall employ and direct such personnel as it requires to perform its obligations under this contract, exercise full authority over its personnel, and comply with all workers' compensation, employer's liability and other federal, state, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations required of an employer providing services as contemplated by this contract.
- S. **INVOICES AND PAYMENT.** Invoices for payments submitted by the Contractor shall contain sufficient detail to support payment. Any terms and conditions included in the Contractor's invoice shall be deemed to be solely for the convenience of the parties. No payment shall be made for any service unless it is specifically authorized in the terms of this contract.
- T. **INTEGRATION.** This written contract represents the entire agreement between the parties, and any prior or contemporaneous representations, promises, or statements by the parties, that are not incorporated herein, shall not serve to vary or contradict the terms set forth in this contract.
- U. **NEBRASKA NONRESIDENT INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING.** Contractor acknowledges that Nebraska law requires DHHS to withhold Nebraska income tax if payments for personal services are made in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600) to any contractor who is not domiciled in Nebraska or has not maintained a permanent place of business or residence in

Nebraska for a period of at least six months. This provision applies to individuals, to a corporation if 80% or more of the voting stock of the corporation is held by the shareholders who are performing personal services, and to a partnership or limited liability company if 80% or more of the capital interest or profits interest of the partnership or limited liability company is held by the partners or members who are performing personal services.

The parties agree, when applicable, to properly complete the Nebraska Department of Revenue Nebraska Withholding Certificate for Nonresident Individuals Form W-4NA or its successor. The form is available at: http://www.revenue.ne.gov/tax/current/fill-in/f_w-4na.pdf

V. NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY ACCESS STANDARDS.

The Contractor shall review the Nebraska Technology Access Standards, found at <http://www.nitc.nebraska.gov/standards/2-201.html> and ensure that products and/or services provided under the Contract comply with the applicable standards. In the event such standards change during the Contractor's performance, the State may create an amendment to the Contract to request that Contract comply with the changed standard at a cost mutually acceptable to the parties.

W. NEW EMPLOYEE WORK ELIGIBILITY STATUS. The Contractor shall use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies:

1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at www.das.state.ne.us.
2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor's lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.
3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by NEB. REV. STAT. § 4-108.

X. PUBLIC COUNSEL. In the event Contractor provides health and human services to individuals on behalf of DHHS under the terms of this contract, Contractor shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Public Counsel under NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 81-8,240 through 81-8,254 with respect to the provision of services under this contract. This provision shall not apply to contracts between DHHS and long-term care facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the state long-term care ombudsman pursuant to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act. This provision shall survive termination of the contract.

Y. RESEARCH. The Contractor shall not engage in research utilizing the information obtained through the performance of this contract without the express written consent of DHHS. The

term "research" shall mean the investigation, analysis, or review of information, other than aggregate statistical information, which is used for purposes unconnected with this contract. This provision shall survive termination of the contract.

- Z. **SEVERABILITY**. If any term or condition of this contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if this contract did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.
- AA. **SUBCONTRACTORS**. The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of this contract without prior written consent of DHHS. The Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors comply with all requirements of this contract and applicable federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- BB. **TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY ACT**. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-602.02, all State contracts in effect as of January 1, 2014 shall be posted on a public website. All non-proprietary and non-confidential information as defined by law will be posted for public viewing. Contractor hereby waves any copyrights for any material posted with this contract, either as an attachment, schedule, or other subpart of this contract, to the public website.
- CC. **NOTICES**. Notices shall be in writing and shall be effective upon mailing. Written notices required by this contract shall be sent to the DHHS Contract Manager identified above, and to the following addresses:

FOR DHHS:

Nebraska Department of Health and
Human Services – Legal Services
Attn: Contracts Attorney
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

FOR CONTRACTOR:

Susanne Stamm, Grants Officer
Sponsored Research Administration
874 Traditions Way, 3rd FL
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2802
850-644-3219

DHHS may change the DHHS Contract Manager to be notified under this section via letter to the Contractor sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or via email.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have duly executed this contract hereto, and each party acknowledges the receipt of a duly executed copy of this contract with original signatures and that the individual signing below has authority to legally bind the party to this contract.

FOR DHHS:

Judy Martin

Judy Martin, M.S.
Deputy Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health

FOR CONTRACTOR:

Julie Warmoth for

Dr. Gary K. Ostrander
Vice President for Research
Florida State University

DATE:

11/4/16

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11/16/16

TOBACCO RESOURCE AND INFORMATION NETWORK (TRAIN) – WEB SUPPORT SERVICES 2019-2021

*Nebraska Health and Human Services, Division of Health
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The Center for Information Management and Educational Services (CIMES), Florida State University, under contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Promotion and Tobacco, Tobacco Free Nebraska, developed a fully-interactive Web-based system (Tobacco Resource and Information Network (TRAIN)) to support the management of local grantees via a Web-based TFNP Local Monitoring System.

The TRAIN system includes the following components:

- TFN Virtual Clearinghouse
- Coalition Public Web site
- Coalition Site Administration
- Coalition Work Plan
- TFN TRAIN Site Administration

CIMES is proposing to renew its agreement with TFN and continue providing Web support services to include the following products/services:

Product/Service Deliverables

- Web hosting
 - This includes use of the network system to include a firewall, virus detection software, development software, server space, software usage, backup hardware and software, and a high speed Internet connection.
- Maintenance/Troubleshooting
 - This involves mainly network administration and his/her time spent doing the daily, weekly, and monthly backups, data recovery, and installing and upgrading software/hardware and patches.
- Technical Assistance and Training
 - Help desk support (up to 2 hours per month) *
 - Programming or Training (up to 140 hours) *
 - Reports, web-based training etc. (to be determined by TFN)
- Administration/Management
 - The administration and management is the time spent by both sides in developing plans, deciding on revisions, problem solving, supervision and coordination of inside/outside teams, and negotiating deliverables/services.
 - The CIMES team will meet via a Web Meeting twice during the contract period to review TRAIN and determine needs.

*= All personnel associated with this project are salaried individuals and do not maintain time sheets for sponsored project activities.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services shall clearly mark all confidential data, files, and records as "confidential."

Timelines

The project renewal will begin 12/1/2019 and end 11/30/2021.

Renewal Total - \$ 49,628.

Payment Schedule

	Deliverables	Date	Amount
1.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	5/1/20	\$ 12,407.
2.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	11/1/20	\$ 12,407.
3.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	5/1/21	\$ 12,407.
4.	1, 2, 3, 4 (25%)	10/1/21	\$ 12,407.
TOTAL			\$ 49,628.