

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM
LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE



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I. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

In accordance with Section 3-123g of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State of Connecticut, Office of the State Comptroller's (OSC) Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC), will be considering submissions from vendors interested in providing long term care insurance coverage to State employees and retirees under the Supplemental Benefits Program (Program). The cost of such benefits will be remitted to selected vendors through voluntary payroll deductions. Based upon the Committee's recommendations, the Comptroller intends to authorize the selected applicants to market approved products and services to State employees under stipulated terms and conditions for a period of three years commencing January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2018. The contract will include a clause that reserves the right to the Comptroller to renew the contract for up to two additional one- year periods at the conclusion of the contract term. The State reserves the right to award or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, to waive technical defects, irregularities and omissions if, in its judgment, the best interest of the State will be served.

Proposals will only be accepted from vendors that submitted a proposal for these products in response to the Request for Information (RFI) issued May 22, 2015, and will be kept sealed until the deadline for submission has passed.

II. BACKGROUND

Under the current Program, TransAmerica markets a group long term care insurance policy to State employees and retirees. General information regarding TransAmerica's policy may be obtained from the Connecticut State Insurance Department, Life and Health Division, where it is approved and filed.

MetLife and UNUM were previous providers of the long term care coverage for State employees and retirees, and participants currently such policies continue to make premium payments via payroll or pension deductions.

For Connecticut residents the policy to be offered must be an approved Connecticut Partnership for Long Term Care policy in compliance with Section 38a-475-4 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Policies not yet approved under the Partnership must demonstrate that they would be approvable under the Partnership. The description of the policy features and premiums should reflect a Partnership or Partnership-approvable plan that includes both 3 ½ % and 5% compound inflation protection options. The policy must be a comprehensive policy covering home and community-based services, assisted living and nursing home benefits.

For non-Connecticut residents the policy to be offered must be identical to coverage offered to Connecticut residents except that it will not be a Partnership policy. The carrier chosen for this offering shall agree to allow any non-Connecticut resident who purchased under this offering to switch to a Partnership policy, without medical underwriting, if the non-Connecticut resident at some future date becomes a Connecticut resident. Further

information regarding the Connecticut Partnership for Long Term Care is available at the following web site:

http://www.ct.gov/OPM/cwp/view.asp?a=2995&q=383452&opmNav_GID=1814

III. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

The State of Connecticut currently employs approximately 55,000 State employees of which approximately 50,000 would be eligible for the long term care insurance program. As of June 1, 2015 there were 784 active State employees participating through payroll deduction under long term care insurance policy remitting \$\$2.2M annually.

IV. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Contractors must adhere to all requirements outlined in this RFP. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the RFP response.
- B. The Contractor shall submit an original plus eight (8) copies of its proposal in loose-leaf binders. Hard copies must also be accompanied by electronic copy on a CD or DVD. Proposals shall be submitted to:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of the State Comptroller
Attention: Sarah Ormerod
Administrative Services Division
55 Elm Street, Third Floor
Hartford, CT 06106

Vendors with questions regarding the proposal must submit them in writing addressed to the VAC at: osc.rfp@ct.gov by 2:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2015. It is expected that the VAC will provide responses to those questions submitted by the deadline date by October 15, 2015.

- D. Except as called for in this RFP, vendors may not communicate with the OSC or the HealthCare Policy & Benefit Services Division of the OSC about the RFP until a vendor has been selected.
- E. Final responses must be in writing and received by 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2015.
- F. Freedom of Information Act and Confidential Information. All proposals submitted in response to this RFP are to be the sole property of the State and subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and its corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the bidder believes are proprietary or confidential in nature, and therefore exempt from disclosure under the FOIA, must be specifically identified as such. If the

bidder indicates that certain documentation is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as CONFIDENTIAL, the Division will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. The Division however, has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The bidder shall have the burden of establishing the FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the Division or the State have any liability for the disclosure of any documents in its possession which the State or the Division believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law. Note that the OSC will reject any proposals marked in their entirety as confidential or proprietary.

Copies on a CD ROM (Redacted): Any vendor that claims its proposal contains confidential information that is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act shall submit two (2) copies of a CD-ROM of its entire proposal (including all attachments) in a form compatible with Microsoft WORD, current version, with: (1) all confidential and propriety information redacted; (2) a description of those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the bidder believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA; and (3) an explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption. Should the Division receive a FOIA request for the proposal, the Division will provide a copy of the CD containing the redacted proposal. Failure to provide a redacted CD will signify the bidder's agreement that all submitted information may be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA.

G. The contractor is expected to respond to each of the following:

1. **Title Page**

A title page indicating the date, subject, name of the Contractor, central office address and the local office address (if a local office will be performing the contracted services) and the mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN), as well as the name, telephone number and title of the Contractor's contact person for the purpose of clarifying any information submitted.

2. **Organizational Structure**

A general description of the Contractor's organization, including the legal structure (corporation, partnership, franchise, etc.), the number of professional and support staff employed and the primary business functions (benefits consulting, actuarial consulting, asset management, insurance provider, etc.).

3. **Contractor Experience/Description**

A description of the Contractor that will underwrite the long term care insurance coverage including the Contractor's experience specific to the services requested in this RFP, along with the relevant experience of the staff/principal(s) who would be assigned to this project. List all comparable governmental agencies, corporations, and

organizations that the staff members designated for the engagement of services sought by this RFP have provided these services to within the past two (2) years, specifying those with a unionized workforce. In addition, the listing should include the number of years that the Contractor has been retained by comparable governmental agencies, corporations, and organizations to provide such services. Contractors are encouraged to identify other experience, factors, or strengths that they possess which may assist the State in its selection process.

4. **Financials:**

Each carrier must provide detailed information on the financial standing of the insurer proposing to offer the plan, including its most recent financial ratings from the independent rating agencies, such as A.M. Best Company, Standard & Poors and Moody's. If the insurer offers multiple lines of insurance, please describe the overall financial status of the insurer and specific financial information regarding the insurer's long term care insurance portfolio. Each carrier must also provide a listing of all requests they have made in the past for rate increases for their long term care insurance policies, both in Connecticut and nationwide. The listing should note the state the request was made in, the amount of the request, whether the request was granted and, if so, the amount of increase granted.

5. **Policy Description:**

Each submission must contain a complete description of the features of the long term care insurance policy, whether group or individual, being offered for review by the VAC. This description must specifically address the policy's:

- a) Underwriting criteria. Specifically, will there be a guaranteed issue feature and who would be eligible? Will there be any sort of simplified or modified underwriting criteria utilized and who would be eligible? What length open enrollment period for any guaranteed issue or simplified/modified underwriting will be available, and for whom (i.e. all employees or just certain employees)? Who will be subject to normal underwriting?
- b) Treatment of pre-existing conditions (if any)
- c) Waiting period (if any)
- d) Availability of policy to employee's family members (if any)
- e) Portability (if any)
- f) Riders (if any)

Where the Connecticut State Insurance Department has approved a policy, a copy must be submitted. Where the policy has yet to receive Insurance Department approval (for instance, because the policy is being written for the specific purpose of this RFP or otherwise awaiting administrative action) a draft copy must be submitted. Each submission must clearly state the program discount associated with such offering.

6. **Premiums:**

Each submission must contain a full schedule of premiums along with the representation that such premiums will be guaranteed for the contract term proposed.

Premium schedules must be provided in bi-weekly or monthly amounts. Provide sample quotes for each category quoted.

The State is not responsible for any costs incurred by any party in responding to this RFP.

7. **References**

Provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of past and present customers who can serve as references. References should include managers and union officials who have worked directly with the Contractor in engagements similar to the scope of the work proposed in the RFP.

8. **Computer Systems**

Each submission must provide a description of on-site computer system Contractor will be using.

9. **Backup Equipment**

Describe the alternative backup for all equipment which may be used by Contractor.

10. **Data Security**

Contractor must describe its data security protocols to protect confidential information and prevent data breaches, inclusive of procedures reflecting compliance with Public Act 15-142.

11. **Subcontracts**

Identify the subcontractor(s), if any, to be utilized in meeting the service requirements of the RFP and a listing of the specific tasks to be assigned to the subcontractor(s).

12. **Recommended Work Plan**

Provide a statement of the Contractor's capacity to provide each of the deliverables specified in this RFP within the expressed time frame.

13. **Remittance File Layout/ Submission Requirements**

The selected Contractor must conform to the file layout requirements of the State of Connecticut Core-CT system outlined in Exhibit 1.

In addition, all respondents must confirm that they can access the Core-CT portal address from the Production Supplier Portal URL <https://coreps.ct.gov/PSPRD/signon.html> and the Test Supplier Portal URL <https://corepstpr.ct.gov/PSTPR/signon.html>

14. **Audit Work Plan**

Provide a detailed written explanation of the procedures in place of how the vendor ensures employee identification data is verified prior to submission of a payroll deduction or any changes thereof. Additionally, a detailed description of audit procedures in place utilizing the outbound transmission files from Core-CT should be included.

15. **Sole or Multi Vendor Arrangement**

Each response must clearly stipulate whether its terms are applicable to a sole vendor arrangement (meaning one Contractor would be selected to market the Program) or a multi-vendor environment (meaning more than one Contractor would be selected), or both. Where a Contractor is agreeable to participating in both a sole vendor arrangement and a multi-vendor environment, indicate clearly the resultant impact, if any, on its fee schedule.

16. **Transition Plan**

In the event that the incumbent Contractor is not selected such incumbent's payroll deducted premiums would cease. Accordingly, all responses, other than the incumbent's, must include a transition plan for employees currently purchasing the long term care insurance product. The employee has the option not to purchase long term care insurance coverage from the new carrier.

17. **Contract Term**

For purposes of this RFP, it is anticipated that this contract will be written for a term of three years from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, with two one-year extensions possible at the option of the Comptroller.

18. **Sales and Marketing**

Proposals must contain a work plan for marketing the Program to employees located throughout the State. Each Contractor must provide a proposed plan for marketing its approved product(s) to employees located in agencies, like the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Safety, where on-site visits are not feasible.

Resources that will be dedicated to these purposes must be identified and internet links, sample sales and marketing materials, such as descriptive brochures, CD's/DVD's, letters, presentations and enrollment forms should be provided. Note that any sales and marketing fees must be rolled into the pricing structure.

A sample of any relevant publications, reports, policy and procedural recommendations, memoranda, etc. from previous consulting engagements that the Contractor transmits to clients on a regular basis concerning the scope of work proposed in this RFP.

19. **Acknowledgement**

Each proposal must contain the Contractor's acknowledgement that it accepts as final the determinations of the State Comptroller.

20. **State Specific Toll Free Number**

Each Contractor will be expected to operate a State-specific toll free number during the entire contract period.

21. **Reporting**

Each Contractor will be expected to provide ongoing quarterly reporting relative to product(s) offered for participating employees.

22. **Web Site**

Each Contractor must specify and include samples of a State specific web site relative to the product(s) offered.

23. **Conflict of Interest**

Disclose any current or past (within the last ten years) business relationships which may pose a conflict of interest.

24. **Regulatory Issues**

Disclose any regulatory problems experienced in the past ten years.

25. **Affirmative Action**

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations, codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to consider certain factors when reviewing the Proposer's qualifications under the contract compliance requirements. By submitting a bid, the

Proposer is acknowledging that it has reviewed the applicable statutes and regulations as noted above and is aware of the factors that will be considered by the Board in this area. More information about the State of Connecticut's Contract Compliance requirements is available on the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities' web site at www.state.ct.us/chro under "Contract Compliance." The Proposer must complete and submit the CHRO's Workforce Analysis Affirmative Action Report-State Proposers form (attached) with the proposal.

26. **Authorized Agent**

An authorized agent for the Contractor with authority to negotiate and contractually bind the Contractor must sign the proposal; such individual's title, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number must also be provided.

27. **Required Forms**

- a) Agency Vendor Form (SP-26NB), available at:
[http://das.ct.gov/Purchase/Info/Vendor_Profile_Form_\(SP-26NB\).pdf](http://das.ct.gov/Purchase/Info/Vendor_Profile_Form_(SP-26NB).pdf)
- b) W-9 Form, available at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
- c) “**BizNet**”

The Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) requires that all firms seeking to do business with the State create a business profile on the DAS Business Network (“BizNet”) system. Additional required forms as described below must be submitted to or on file with the Biznet system by the deadline for submission of proposals. Paper or electronic copies need not be provided with the submission to the Comptroller's office.

Firms create an account on BizNet by using the following link:
<https://www.biznet.ct.gov/AccountMaint/Login.aspx>.

Once your firm creates an account, login and select “CT Procurement” and then “Company Information” for access. If you experience difficulty establishing or otherwise managing your firm's account, please call DAS at 860-713-5095.

DAS has implemented the requirement to create a BizNet account to make doing business with the State of Connecticut more business friendly.

One benefit to using BizNet is that it eliminates certain redundancies, such as the former requirement to complete and submit forms even though the forms had been recently submitted in response to another Request for Proposals.

In addition to eliminating redundancy, BizNet has automated the completion and submission of required Ethics Affidavits and Non Discrimination forms. Firms must now

upload these forms electronically to their BizNet account and update them on an annual basis, rather than submitting paper copies with each proposal. Firms will have the ability to view, verify and update their information, by logging in to their BizNet account, prior to submitting responses to an RFP.

For information about how to upload the Ethics Affidavits and Non-Discrimination forms please access the following page:

<http://das.ct.gov/images/1090/Upload%20Instructions.pdf>

i. ETHICS AFFIDAVITS

The following Ethics Forms must be signed, dated, notarized, uploaded or updated on BizNet. To obtain these forms, you must login to Biznet and follow the instructions referenced above.

- OPM Ethics Form 1: Gift & Campaign Contribution Certification;
- OPM Ethics Form 5: Consulting Agreement Affidavit;
- OPM Ethics Form 6: Affirmation of Receipt of State Ethics Laws Summary
- OPM Ethics Form 7: Iran Certification

For information on how to complete these forms, please access the Office of Policy and Management website by using the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=386038&opmNAV_GID=1806

ii. NON-DISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION

Choose one (1) of the forms listed below that applies to your business. Complete and upload or update the form on Biznet annually. To obtain a copy of these forms, you must login to Biznet and follow the instructions referenced above.

- Form A: Representation by Individual (Regardless of Value); or
- Form B: Representation by Entity (Valued at \$50,000 or less); or
- Form C: Affidavit by Entity (Valued at \$50,000 or more); or
- Form D: New Resolution by Entity; or
- Form E: Prior Resolution by Entity

For information on how to complete these forms, please access the Office of Policy and Management website by using the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNAV_GID=1806

**iii. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
("CHRO") WORKPLACE ANALYSIS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
REPORT/EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FORM**

The CHRO Workplace Analysis Affirmative Action Report/Employment Information must be completed in BizNet and updated as necessary. You must login to Biznet and follow the Instructions referenced above.

For information on how to complete these forms you may contact Diane Comeau at Diane.Comeau@ct.gov for assistance.

- d) At the contractor's option, an Executive Summary may be included with the Proposal.

V. STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Be advised that the State has certain contract requirements. Contractors responding to this RFP must adhere to the Comptroller's contract requirements, as set forth in a sample contract attached hereto as an Exhibit, and must affirmatively state their willingness to adhere to these terms and conditions in a transmittal letter appended to their proposal response.

1. **Timing and Sequence** - All timing and sequence of events resulting from this RFP will ultimately be determined by the State.
2. **Stability of Proposed Prices** - Any price offerings from Contractors must be valid for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from the due date of the Contractor proposals.
3. **Oral Agreements** - Any alleged oral agreement or arrangement made by a Contractor with any agency or employee will be superseded by the written agreement.
4. **Amending or Canceling Requests** - The State reserves the right to amend or to cancel this RFP prior to the due date and time, if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the State.
5. **Rejection for Default or Misrepresentation** - The State reserves the right to reject the proposal of any Contractor that is in default of any prior contract or for misrepresentation.
6. **State's Clerical Errors in Awards** - The State reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors.
7. **Rejection of Qualified Proposals** - Proposals are subject to rejection in whole or in part if they limit or modify any of the terms and conditions and/or specifications of the RFP.
8. **Changes to Proposal** - No additions or changes to the original proposal will be allowed after submittal. While changes are not permitted, clarification at the request of the State may be required at the Contractor's expense.
9. **Collusion** - By responding to this RFP, the Contractor implicitly states that the proposal is not made in connection with any competing Contractor submitting a separate response to the RFP, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. It is further implied

that the Contractor did not participate in the RFP development process, had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance, and that no employee of the agency participated directly or indirectly in the Contractor's proposal preparation.

No Contractor or Contractor's representative may contact an employee of the State or their representatives regarding their proposal until final selections have been made. Until such time as final selections are made, any such contact will be considered collusion under the "Terms and Conditions" herein and may be grounds for disqualification of the Contractor's proposal.

10. **“Not to Exceed” Quotations** – All cost estimates will be considered as “not to exceed” quotations.
11. **Contractor's Conference** - There will be no Contractors' conference.

Additionally, please be advised that the State will require the following provisions:

The contract shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. Under no circumstances may State contract contain limited liability and/or binding arbitration provisions. The State will not indemnify a Contractor or waive its sovereign immunity.

At all times, Contractor shall utilize approved, qualified personnel necessary to perform the services under this Agreement.

Contractor shall advise the State promptly, in writing, of any labor related occurrence known to Contractor involving Contractor's employees which may reasonably be expected to affect Contractor's performance of services under this agreement. Notwithstanding such occurrence, the Contractor shall at all times assign competent personnel/staff to perform the services contracted for under this agreement. If at any time the State in its sole discretion determines that the personnel/staff assigned to perform the services under this agreement is incompetent, dishonest or uncooperative, State reserves the right to request that Contractor reassign personnel/staff and arrange for an employee(s) or subcontractor(s) satisfactory to State to provide the services otherwise performable by the Contractor hereunder.

Contractor shall review any requests by State to reassign personnel/staff. In requesting such reassignment of personnel/staff, State shall give thirty days (30) notice to Contractor of State's desire for such reassignment. Contractor will then have fifteen (15) days to investigate the situation and attempt, if it so desires, to resolve the situation to the mutual satisfaction of the parties. Should the parties not reach a mutual resolution, then fifteen (15) days thereafter, or thirty (30) days from the date of the notice of reassignment, the State may terminate this agreement by providing written notice.

VI. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

Each Proposal will be evaluated by a screening committee against the following criteria to determine which Contractor is most capable of implementing the State's requirements.

1. The benefit of the product or service to State employees.
2. The price or rate of the product or service including the competitiveness of proposed cost.
3. The skill, ability, competence and integrity of the Contractor and Contractor's personnel to deliver such product and service, including the Contractor's understanding of the project and its purpose and scope, as evidenced by the proposed approach and the level of effort.
4. The past performance of the Contractor. In considering past performance, the VAC will evaluate the skill, ability and integrity of the applicant in terms of the applicant's fulfillment of past contract obligations, and experience or lack thereof in delivering the same or similar products and services.
5. At the Comptroller's option, presentation to a screening committee.
6. Any other information the VAC or the Comptroller deems necessary.

VII. SELECTION SCHEDULE

Request for Proposal Questions and Response Phase

October 5, 2015	Release of RFP by OSC
Oct. 9, 2015	Questions, if any, due by 2:00 p.m. @osc.rfp@ct.gov
Oct. 15, 2015	OSC provides e-mail response to questions received
Oct. 22, 2015	Proposals due at OSC by 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 23-Nov. 5, 2015	Reading and Scoring of Proposals
Nov. 9-Nov. 13, 2015	Finalist Interviews at VAC's discretion
Nov. 20, 2015	Contract Award

EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT 1 - CORE-CT FILE LAYOUT/SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT 1

	<i>Information for vendors that exchange data with Core-CT</i>
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Inbound files to Core-CT

Transactions are sent in biweekly – due in on Friday payday *. The transactions are sent in XML format – see CT PYI470 File layout at: <http://www.core-ct.state.ct.us/hrint/>

Outbound files to the vendor

Deduction remittance files and reports are sent to the vendors biweekly – normally available no later than the Thursday before payday. The deduction remittance file is in XML format – see CTPY0I02 File Layout at: <http://www.core-ct.state.ct.us/hrint/>. The deduction remittance report is in PDF format.

File exchange protocols

There are currently two approved methods for exchanging files with the State's CORE-CT system:

- 1) The carrier logs into the secure Core-CT Production Supplier Portal via https to download files. The URL is <https://corect.ct.gov:10400/psp/PSPRD/signon.html>
- 2) The carrier logs into the state Secure File Transfer site. The URL is <https://sfile.ct.gov/>. This method should be used for automated file exchanges. This can also be accessed by sftp as well. Core-CT can provide credentials or can support public key authentication.

Testing requirements

At least one test cycle will be completed successfully prior to going live, employing one of the previously mentioned file transports.

The Core-CT Supplier Portal uses a non-standard port (10400 for Production, 15000 for Test) and that may require action by the carrier's tech support area to accomplish this. Vendors must report in their response to this RFP whether they were able to successfully reach the portal sign on page at: <https://corect.ct.gov:10400/psp/PSPRD/signon.html> or have confirmed their ability to reach or connect to the Secure File Transfer site at <https://sfile.ct.gov/>.

For testing purposes, the link to the test supplier portal is:
<https://corect.ct.gov:15000/PSTPR/signon.html>

Additional information for all parties that exchange data with the State's Core-CT system is available at: <http://www.core-ct.state.ct.us/hrint/>.

EXHIBIT 2 – SAMPLE OSC STANDARD CONTRACT

AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

AND

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections _____, this Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into as of _____, 2015 by and through the State of Connecticut (the “**State**”) Office of the State Comptroller (the “**Comptroller**”) and _____ (the “**Contractor**,” and together with the Comptroller and the State, the “**Parties**”).

WHEREAS, the Comptroller issued a Request for Proposal (the “**RFP**”) on _____, to [DESCRIPTION OF RFP]; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor was selected pursuant to the RFP process and has agreed to provide services to the Comptroller related [DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED] as described herein;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the Parties acknowledge, intending to be legally bound, the Comptroller and the Contractor, hereby agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS.

[INSERT DEFINED TERMS]

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT.

- A. The term of this Agreement begins _____, 2015 (the “**Effective Date**”), and shall expire the on _____, or extended by the mutual agreement of the Parties as described in subsection (b), below.
- B.
- C. The Parties may agree to extend the Term of the Agreement for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Any such extension, and related cost and/or pricing, shall be agreed upon by the Parties and set forth in a written amendment to this Agreement.

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

[INSERT SCOPE OF SERVICES]

4. PAYMENT TERMS AND BILLING.

A. Payment

The Comptroller shall pay Contractor for Services actually performed and completed in an amount not to exceed _____ DOLLARS (US\$ _____.00) in the manner set forth in Exhibit ____ (“Payment Schedule”), and Contractor shall accept such payment as full compensation for any direct costs or expenses incurred by the Contractor.

B. Billing [STANDARD]

- (i) Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, payment shall be due within forty-five (45) days after Comptroller’s receipt of a properly completed, undisputed invoice. Invoices shall include detailed information for Services delivered and performed.
- (ii) In conformity with Connecticut General Statutes §41-72, the Comptroller shall notify the Contractor within ten (10) business days of receiving an invoice, in writing, of any disputed charges under this Agreement for which the Comptroller is withholding payment and describe, in reasonable detail, the reason for such withholding. In no event shall the Comptroller withhold disputed payments or set off, in aggregate, any amounts in excess of five percent (5%) of the total value of this Agreement. Upon resolution of the dispute, any disputed amounts owed Contractor will be paid with interest, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §11-5, at the rate of the lesser of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month or the highest rate allowed by law, calculated from the date the amounts were originally due.
- (iii) For all Services to be provided by the Contractor and any Approved Subcontractors, if any, the Comptroller shall not be obligated to pay any amounts in addition to the charges payable to the Contractor under this Agreement unless such amounts are covered by a Change Order.

[INSERT FOR LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT]

- (iv) The Comptroller agrees to compensate the Contractor for Services solely in accordance with the following hourly rate schedule:

[INSERT HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE]

- (v) The above rates shall be charged only for actual time spent rendering such Services; the Contractor shall not “round off” time. The time spent rendering Services shall be billed to a tenth of an hour within any single workday. The

Comptroller shall not be charged for any other time expended by the Contractor during travel, overnight stays, or the like associated with the performance of the Services.

- (vi) Billings are to be on a monthly basis. The billings must contain, at a minimum, a detailed description of the work performed, the date of the performance, the actual time spent performing the work, the name and position of the person(s) rendering the Service and the rate charged for the Service. The monthly bill must also be accompanied by a summary of time and charges billed for each attorney and paralegal itemized on the invoice.
- (vii) Upon request from the Comptroller, the Contractor must submit a summary memorandum describing how the Service rendered furthered the resolution of the matter and the current status of the matter.
- (viii) The Comptroller agrees to reimburse the Contractor for actual, necessary and reasonable out-of-pocket disbursements and expenses, including filing fees, court costs, computerized research (at cost), commercial messenger and delivery service (at cost) expert witnesses, consultants, mediators, investigative services, long distance telephone calls, and transcript or deposition costs.
- (ix) The Comptroller shall not reimburse the Contractor for any overhead related expenses, including, but not limited to, duplicating, secretarial, facsimile (other than long distance telephone line charges), clerical staff, library staff, proofreading staff, meals and in-state transportation costs unless they are otherwise approved by the Comptroller.
- (x) The Contractor shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses for transportation, parking and reasonable lodging and meals associated with interstate travel, specifically excluding first class airfare, as approved in advance by the Comptroller. Reimbursable interstate travel shall not include travel to meet with staff of the Comptroller and all such meetings shall be conducted in Hartford, Connecticut, unless otherwise specified by the Comptroller.
- (xi) The Contractor shall not be compensated for time spent on background or elementary legal research or any legal training without prior written consent of the Comptroller. Charges for legal research must be accompanied by a detailed description setting forth the purpose of the reassurance and summarizing its nature. Any written material produced as a result of such research shall be available to the Comptroller at on or before the third business day following the date of his written request. The Comptroller shall make the final decision in all disputes to this Agreement under this subsection.
- (xii) The Contractor shall not be compensated for time spent in consultation with any other attorney or other employee of the Comptroller concerning the administration of this Agreement and/or issues relating to billing. Unless otherwise authorized by the Comptroller, compensation for communication

between or among attorney's and/or staff within the Contractor's firm is limited to the time and billing rate of the most senior attorney or staff member participating in the communication. These charges must be accompanied by a detailed description setting forth the purpose of the communication and summarizing its details. The Comptroller shall make the final determination, in his sole discretion, as to the adequacy of such description.

- (xiii) Absent the consent of the Comptroller or his designee, the Contractor shall not be compensated for the attendance or participation of more than one attorney representing the State at or during any meeting, conference or proceeding, in person or otherwise, in any forum, in connection with performing the Services. Where more than one attorney has attended or participated in any such meeting, conference or proceeding without the consent of the Comptroller or his designee, the Contractor shall be compensated only for the time of the most senior attorney in attendance or participating.
- (xiv) The Contractor shall not be compensated for the performance of paralegal or clerical type duties performed by an attorney. Paralegal duties or clerical duties include, by way of example and not limitation, routine proofreading of pleadings and other correspondence, preparation of trial or closing binders or notebooks, photocopying and coordinating the schedules of others.
- (xv) The Comptroller shall approve for payment all undisputed fees and costs, as soon as the documentation can properly be processed in accordance with the usual State practice.
- (xvi) Maximum payment under this Agreement shall not exceed _____ (\$_____) over the term of the Agreement.]

C. Taxes

To the extent applicable, each Party will be responsible for its own income taxes, employment taxes, and property taxes. The Parties will cooperate in good faith to minimize taxes to the extent legally permissible. The State of Connecticut is exempt from Federal Excise, State and Local Sales Taxes. Each Party will provide to the other Party any resale exemption, multiple points of use certificates, treaty certification and other exemption information reasonably requested by the other Party. The Comptroller will reimburse Contractor for any deficiency relating to taxes that are the Comptroller's responsibility under this Agreement.

5. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Contractor shall, in addition to any other responsibilities described in this Agreement, perform the following coincident with performance of this Agreement:

- A. Be responsible for the Contractor work force and its subcontractors as they interact with State employees, and other contractors present at the work site. Employment disputes which are caused by Contractor's employees' presence on the work site, or other action

under the control of Contractor shall be quickly resolved by Contractor. Employment disputes amongst the work force of Contractor or its subcontractors shall not be deemed sufficient cause to any claim by Contractor for additional compensation for loss or damage nor shall such disputes be deemed sufficient reason to relieve Contractor from any of its obligations under this Agreement.

- B. Contractor's work shall be accomplished by Contractor at a minimum disruption or interruption to the State's normal business operation. Contractor's responsibility to perform the Services shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Agreement and shall not be confined or limited to the normal business hours of the State.
- C. Contractor shall be responsible for its obligations under this Agreement whether or not Contractor performs them. Further, the Comptroller shall consider Contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from this Agreement. Contractor is totally responsible for adherence by the Approved Subcontractor(s) to all applicable provisions of the Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and shall, at all times, observe and comply with all ordinances, regulations, laws, orders and decrees applicable to its business operations as a Systems Integrator.
- E. Provide timely staffing of qualified individuals in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- F. Perform its obligations as set forth in in this Agreement in accordance with the time frames set forth for completion of those obligations.
- G. Obtain consent from third parties with whom the Contractor has a contractual relationship for purposes of providing Services under this Agreement, if the Parties agree it is required for Comptroller to perform its obligations hereunder.
- H. Be responsible for the relationships with third parties with whom Contractor has a contractual relationship for purposes of providing Services under this Agreement, and make commercially reasonable efforts to have those parties cooperate with the State.

6. COMPTROLLER RESPONSIBILITIES.

Coincident with Contractor's performance of this Agreement, the Comptroller shall, in addition to the responsibilities described in the Exhibits and elsewhere in this Agreement, perform the following tasks:

- A. Be responsible for the Comptroller work force as they interact with Contractor employees and Approved Subcontractors present at the work site. Employment disputes which are caused by the Comptroller's employees or other action under the control of Comptroller shall be quickly resolved by the Comptroller.

- B. Supply on-site personnel of the Contractor with suitable office space, desks, storage, furniture, and other normal office equipment support, adequate computer resources, telephone and facsimile service, postage, copying, secretarial support, word processing, and general office supplies which may be necessary in connection with the Contractor's performance of the Services hereunder. No bailment shall be created and no interest or obligation shall be conferred upon the Contractor regarding the Comptroller's property or the property of the Comptroller's employees, agents, vendors, or other contractors, beyond the limited right to use such property in furtherance of this Agreement. All such property, regardless of its physical location or use, shall be deemed to be in the care, custody and control of the Comptroller.
- C. Provide timely staffing of qualified individuals in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and its Exhibits as needed for the successful completion of the Project.
- D. Perform its obligations as set forth in the Agreement in accordance with the time frames set forth for completion of those obligations.
- E. Obtain consent from third parties with whom the Comptroller has a contractual relationship if the Contractor notifies the Comptroller it is required for Contractor to perform its obligations hereunder.
- F. Be responsible for third parties with whom the Comptroller has a contractual relationship and make reasonable efforts to have those parties cooperate with the Contractor.

7. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

The Contractor represents and warrants to the Comptroller that:

- A. It is duly and validly existing under the laws of its respective states of organization and authorized to conduct business in the State of Connecticut in the manner contemplated by the Agreement. Further, as appropriate, it have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Agreement and have the power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Agreement;
- B. It will comply with all State and Federal laws and municipal ordinances governing Contractor and its business operations;
- C. The execution, delivery and performance of the Agreement will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with or without due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any indenture, agreement, document or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound;
- D. They are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental entity;

- E. As applicable it has not to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, within the three years preceding the Agreement, in any of their current or former jobs, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a transaction or contract with any governmental entity. This includes, but is not limited to, violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- F. It is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses listed above;
- G. They have disclosed whether one or more contracts with any governmental entity have been Terminated for Cause or Default that would adversely impact the Contractor's ability to perform under this Agreement within the three years preceding the Effective Date of this Agreement;
- H. They have not improperly or illegally paid or agreed to pay any entity or person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Agreement or any assignments made in accordance with the terms of the Agreement;
- I. They are able to perform under the Agreement using their own resources or the resources of a party who is an Approved Subcontractor;
- J. The Contractor shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to obtain in a written contract all of the representations and warranties in this section from any Approved Subcontractor and will notify the Comptroller in writing if such representation and warranties are not included in a written contract with any Approved Contractor providing Services under this Agreement.

8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR KEY PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

A. Contractor Key Personnel.

Each of the Contractor Key Personnel shall work in the role assigned to him or her as set forth in Exhibit___ (“**Key Personnel**”) as such Exhibit may be modified from time to time by mutual agreement of the Parties to meet the requirements of this Agreement. The Comptroller shall have the right to interview, as deemed necessary, and participate in the selection of the Contractor Key Personnel, and Contractor shall not designate any Contractor Key Personnel without the prior written consent of the Comptroller which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. However, pending the Comptroller's approval of an individual proposed by Contractor to be a Contractor Key Personnel, Contractor may designate an individual to serve in that position on an interim basis. Key Personnel shall be assigned to this Project for the Key Personnel Assignment Term, as set forth in Exhibit___ (“Key Personnel”), or until their assignment is complete, whichever is earlier.

B. Key Personnel Assignment Term.

Key Personnel shall remain assigned to the Project for the period equal to work required of said Key Personnel as set forth in Exhibit ____ (“**Key Personnel Assignment Term**”). During the Key Personnel Assignment Term, Contractor shall not, without the prior written consent of the Comptroller, which consent shall not be unreasonably denied, reassign that individual except: (i) if Contractor and the Comptroller mutually determine that the individual has failed to adequately perform his or her duties; or (ii) if the function or position is no longer required under the provisions of this Agreement; or (iii) if reasons exist that are beyond Contractor’s commercially reasonable ability to control.

C. Replacement of Key Personnel.

If any one of the Contractor Key Personnel is reassigned in accordance with the provisions above; becomes incapacitated; ceases to be employed by Contractor; or leaves the Project for any reason beyond Contractor’s reasonable control and therefore becomes unable to perform the functions or responsibilities assigned to him or her, Contractor shall promptly replace such person with another qualified person approved by the Comptroller.

D. Comptroller Right to Review Subcontractors.

The Comptroller reserves the right to review Subcontractors for this Agreement and all such approved subcontractors shall be Approved Subcontractors, and to request that Contractor replace Approved Subcontractors who are found at any time to be reasonably unacceptable.

E. Contractor's Continuing Obligation Regarding Subcontractors.

Contractor shall have the continuing obligation to identify all of its Approved Subcontractors and, upon request, which shall not be unreasonably made by the Comptroller nor unreasonably denied by the Contractor, shall provide the Comptroller with copies of its contracts (financial terms redacted) with Approved Subcontractors.

F. Objections to Assignment of Personnel or Subcontractors.

In the event either the Comptroller or the Contractor has an objection to the assignment of personnel or a subcontractor, the Comptroller or the Contractor shall file the objection in writing with the reasons enumerated. The Comptroller and the Contractor shall jointly consult on corrective action and handle objections on a case-by-case basis. This provision shall not be deemed to give the Comptroller the right to require Contractor to terminate any Contractor employee or Approved Subcontractor; it is intended to give the State only the right to recommend that Contractor discontinue using an employee or Approved Subcontractor in the performance of Services rendered under this Agreement.

9. AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS.

No amendment to or modification or other alteration of the Agreement shall be valid or binding upon the Comptroller unless made in writing, signed by both Parties and, if applicable as solely determined by Comptroller and evidenced by Comptroller's inclusion of the appropriate signature block, approved by the Connecticut Attorney General.

10. ASSIGNMENT.

The Contractor shall not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement, voluntarily or otherwise, in any manner without the prior written consent of the Comptroller which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Comptroller may void any purported assignment in violation of this section and declare the Contractor in breach of Agreement. Any Termination by the Comptroller for a breach is without prejudice to the Comptroller's or the State's rights or possible Claims.

11. TERMINATION.

- A. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement, the Comptroller, through a duly authorized employee, may terminate the Agreement whenever the Comptroller makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the State. The Comptroller shall notify the Contractor in writing of termination pursuant to this section, which notice shall specify the effective date of termination and the extent to which the Contractor must complete its existing performance obligations under the Agreement prior to such date.
- B. Upon receipt of a written notice of Termination from the Comptroller, the Contractor shall cease operations as the Comptroller directs in the notice, and take all actions that are necessary or appropriate, or that the Comptroller may reasonably direct, for the protection and preservation of the Records, as this term is defined in the Indemnification Section of this Agreement. Except for any work which the Comptroller directs the Contractor to perform in the notice prior to the effective date of Termination, and except as otherwise provided in the notice, the Contractor shall terminate or conclude all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and shall not enter into any further subcontracts, purchase orders or commitments.
- C. The Comptroller shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of termination, reimburse the Contractor for Services rendered by the Contractor in accordance with this Agreement, and all actual and reasonable costs incurred after termination in completing those portions of the Services which the notice required the Contractor to complete. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the Comptroller is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon

request by the Comptroller, the Contractor shall assign to the Comptroller, or any replacement contractor which the Comptroller designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders and other commitments, deliver to the Comptroller all Comptroller Records and other information pertaining to its performance of the Services as necessary to facilitate the Comptroller or a third party to take over the provisioning of Services, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all of Contractor's property, equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its performance of the Services, all as the Comptroller may request.

- D. Upon termination of the Agreement, all rights and obligations shall be null and void, so that no Party shall have any further rights or obligations to any other Party, except with respect to the sections which survive termination. All representations, warranties, agreements and rights of the Parties under the Agreement shall survive such termination to the extent not otherwise limited in the Agreement and without each one of them having to be specifically mentioned in the Agreement.
- E. Termination of the Contract pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a breach of contract by the Comptroller.

12. BREACH.

If either Party breaches the Agreement in any material respect, the non-breaching Party shall provide written notice of such breach to the breaching Party and afford the breaching Party an opportunity to cure the breach within thirty (30) days from the date that the breaching Party receives such notice. Such right to cure period shall be extended if the non-breaching Party is satisfied that the breaching Party is making a good faith effort to cure but the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within the right to cure period. The notice may include an effective Agreement termination date if the breach is not cured by the stated date and, unless otherwise modified by the non-breaching Party in writing prior to the termination date; no further action shall be required of any Party to effect the termination as of the stated date. If the notice does not set forth an effective Agreement termination date, then the non-breaching Party may terminate the Agreement by giving the breaching Party no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice.

13. WAIVER.

- A. No waiver of any breach of the Agreement shall be interpreted or deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies afforded in the Agreement shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided in the Agreement or at law or in equity.
- B. A Party's failure to insist on strict performance of any provision of the Agreement shall only be deemed to be a waiver of rights and remedies concerning that specific instance of performance and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent rights, remedies or breach.

14. INDEMNIFICATION.

A. For the purposes of this section the following terms are defined as follows:

- (i) “Claims” means all actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations, and proceedings of any kind, open, pending or threatened, whether mature, unmatured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity, in any forum.
- (ii) “Contractor Agent” means the Contractor’s members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees, or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity of an oral or written contract and the Contractor intends for such person or entity to perform under the Agreement in any capacity.
- (iii) “Records” means all working papers and such other information and materials as may be accumulated by the Contractor or Contractor Agents in performing the Agreement, including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.

B. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State and its officers, representatives, agents, servants, successors and assigns from and against any and all:

- (i) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Agreement, including acts of commission or omission (collectively, the Acts) of the Contractor or Contractor Agents; and
- (ii) Liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney’s and other professionals’ fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or the Agreement.

C. The Contractor’s obligations under this section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any or all of the proposal or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or un-copyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions or articles furnished or used in the performance of this Agreement.

D. The Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by Acts of the Contractor or any Contractor Agents. The State shall give the Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.

E. This section shall survive the Termination of the Agreement and shall not be limited or expanded by reason of any insurance coverage.

15. FORUM AND CHOICE OF LAW.

The Parties deem the Agreement to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both Parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of the Agreement to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

16. FORCE MAJEURE.

The Comptroller and the Contractor shall not be excused from their obligation to perform in accordance with the Agreement except in the case of Force Majeure events and as otherwise provided for in the Agreement. In the case of any such Force Majeure exception, the nonperforming Party shall give immediate written notice to the other, explaining the cause and probable duration of any such nonperformance. Upon receipt of notice of failure or delay in performance caused by the Force Majeure, performance time shall be considered extended for at least a period of time equivalent to the time lost as a result of any such delay.

17. ADVERTISING.

The Contractor shall not refer to sales to the State for advertising or promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, posting any material or data on the Internet, without the Comptroller's prior written approval. Use of Contractor's name or logos, including a response to any public or media inquiries, are subject to Contractor's consent.

18. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

The Contractor shall be and remain in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("Act"), to the extent applicable, during the Term of the Agreement. The Comptroller may terminate the Agreement if the Contractor fails to comply with the Act.

19. DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTOR PARTIES LITIGATION.

The Contractor shall require that all Contractor Parties, as appropriate, disclose to the Contractor, to the best of their knowledge, any Claims involving the Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to perform fully under the

Agreement, no later than ten (10) Days after becoming aware of any such Claims. Disclosure shall be in writing.

20. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT.

The Agreement is the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter, and supersedes all prior agreements, proposals, offers, counteroffers and understandings of the Parties, whether written or oral. The Agreement has been entered into after full investigation, neither Party relying upon any statement or representation by the other unless such statement or representation is specifically embodied in the Agreement.

21. EXHIBITS.

All exhibits referred to in and attached to this Agreement are incorporated in this Agreement by such reference and shall be deemed to be a part of it as if they had been fully set forth in it.

22. EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Agreement as if they had been fully set forth in it. The Agreement may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions. If Executive Orders 7C and 14 are applicable, they are deemed to be incorporated into and are made a part of the Agreement as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the Client COMPTROLLER or DAS shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor.

23. NON DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROVISIONS

- (a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:
 - (i) "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;
 - (ii) "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;
 - (iii) "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;
 - (iv) "Gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which

gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

- (v) "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;
- (vi) "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;
- (vii) "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the state of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;
- (viii) "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;
- (ix) "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and
- (x) "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status,

national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

(c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

(d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

(e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including

sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

(f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.

(g) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

(h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

24. ETHICS LAW SUMMARY.

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Agreement as if the summary had been fully set forth in this Agreement.

25. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS.

Pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes §9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 10-1, the authorized signatory to this Agreement expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's ("SEEC") notice advising State contractors of State campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its Contractor Parties of the contents of the notice.

26. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Contractor agrees to carry sufficient workers' compensation and liability insurance with a company, or companies, licensed to do business in Connecticut, and furnish certificates if required.

27. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

(a) If the Contactor or Contractor Parties is a Business Associate under the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), the Contractor or Contractor Parties must comply with all terms and conditions of this Section of the Agreement. If the Contractor or Contractor Parties is not a Business Associate under HIPAA, this Section of the Agreement does not apply to the Contractor or Contractor Parties for this Agreement.

(b) The Contractor or Contractor Parties is required to safeguard the use, publication and disclosure of information on all applicants for, and all clients who receive, services under the Agreement in accordance with all federal and state law regarding confidentiality applicable to Contractor or Contractor Parties, which includes but is not limited to HIPAA, more specifically with the Privacy and Security Rules at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A, C, and E; and

(c) The Client COMPTROLLER is a "covered entity" as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103; and

(d) The Contractor or Contractor Parties, on behalf of the Client COMPTROLLER, performs functions that involve the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information," as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103; and

(e) The Contractor or Contractor Parties is a "business associate" of the Department, as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103; and

(f) The Contractor or Contractor Parties and the Client COMPTROLLER agree to the following in order to secure compliance with the HIPAA, the requirements of Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (the HITECH Act), (Pub. L. 111-5, sections 13400 to 13423), and more specifically with the Privacy and Security Rules at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A, C, and E.

(g) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section of the Agreement:

- (1) “Breach” shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in section 13400 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. §17921(1)).’
- (2) “Business Associate” shall mean the Contractor or Contractor Parties.
- (3) “Covered Entity” shall mean the Client COMPTROLLER.
- (4) “Designated Record Set” shall have the same meaning as the term “designated record set” in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- (5) “Electronic Health Record” shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in section 13400 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. §17921(5)).
- (6) “Individual” shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- (7) “Privacy Rule” shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E.
- (8) “Protected Health Information” or “PHI” shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, limited to information created or received by the Business Associate from or on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- (9) “Required by Law” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- (10) “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.
- (11) “More stringent” shall have the same meaning as the term “more stringent” in 45 C.F.R. § 160.202.
- (12) “This Section of the Agreement” refers to the HIPAA Provisions stated herein, in their entirety.
- (13) “Security Incident” shall have the same meaning as the term “security incident” in 45 C.F.R. § 164.304.
- (14) “Security Rule” shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subpart A and C.
- (15) “Unsecured protected health information” shall have the same meaning as the term as defined in § 13402(h)(1)(A) of HITECH. Act. (42 U.S.C. §17932(h)(1)(A)).

(h) Obligations and Activities of Business Associates.

- (1) Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Section of the Agreement, as directed by the Covered Entity, or as Required by Law.
- (2) Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for in this Section of the Agreement.
- (3) Business Associate agrees to use administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic protected health information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- (4) Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to the Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Section of the Agreement.
- (5) Business Associate agrees to report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI in its possession not provided for by this Section of the Agreement or any security incident of which it becomes aware provided that notice is hereby deemed given for Unsuccessful Security Incidents and no further notice of such Unsuccessful Security Incidents will be given. "Unsuccessful Security Incidents" include but are not limited to firewall pings and other broadcast attacks, port scans, unsuccessful log-on attempts, denial-of-service attacks, and any combination of the foregoing that do not result in unauthorized access, acquisition, use or disclosure of PHI.
- (6) Business Associate agrees to insure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PHI received from, or created or received by Business Associate, on behalf of the Covered Entity, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Section of the Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- (7) Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of the Covered Entity, and in the time and manner agreed to by the parties, to PHI in a Designated Record Set maintained by Business Associate, to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.
- (8) Business Associate agrees to make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set maintained by Business Associate that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.526 at the request of the Covered Entity, and in the time and manner agreed to by the parties.
- (9) Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by, Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, available to the Secretary during normal business hours in a manner reasonably designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule. Upon reasonable advance written notice to Business Associate that Covered Entity is subject to an investigation by the Secretary regarding the Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule, subject to any applicable privileges and if permitted by law, Business Associate agrees to make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by, Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, available to the Covered Entity in a reasonable time and manner agreed to by the parties during Business Associate's normal business hours, for

purposes of the Secretary determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule.

(10) Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(11) Business Associate agrees to provide to Covered Entity, in a time and manner agreed to by the parties, information collected in accordance with clause h. (10) of this Section of the Agreement, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder. Business Associate agrees that at the Covered Entity's direction to provide an accounting of disclosures of PHI directly to an individual in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and section 13405 of the HITECH Act (42 U.S.C. § 17935) and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(12) Business Associate agrees to comply with applicable Connecticut state law that is more stringent than the Privacy Rule but only to the extent that the Privacy Rule does not preempt the Connecticut law.

(13) Business Associate agrees to comply with the requirements of the HITECH Act relating to privacy and security that are applicable to the Covered Entity pursuant to the requirements of 45 C.F.R. sections 164.504(e), 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, and 164.316.

(14) In the event that an individual requests that the Business Associate (a) restrict disclosures of PHI; (b) provide an accounting of disclosures of the individual's PHI; or (c) provide a copy of the individual's PHI in an electronic health record, the Business Associate agrees to notify the covered entity, in writing, within five (5) business days of the request.

(15) Business Associate agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly receive any remuneration in exchange for the sale of PHI as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(a)(5)(ii)(B) of an individual without (1) the written approval of the covered entity, unless receipt of remuneration in exchange for PHI is expressly authorized by this Agreement and (2) the valid authorization of the individual, except for the purposes provided under section 13405(d)(2) of the HITECH Act, (42 U.S.C. § 17935(d)(2)) and in any accompanying regulations.

(16) Obligations in the Event of a Breach

(A) The Business Associate agrees that, following the discovery of a breach of unsecured protected health information, it shall notify the Covered Entity of such breach in accordance with the requirements of section 13402 of HITECH (42 U.S.C. § 17932(b) and the provisions of this section of the Agreement.

(B) Such notification shall be provided by the Business Associate to the Covered Entity without unreasonable delay, and in no case later than 30 days after the breach is discovered by the Business Associate, except as otherwise instructed in writing by a law enforcement official pursuant to section 13402 (g) of HITECH (42 U.S.C. § 17932(g)). A breach is considered discovered as of the first day on which it is, or reasonably should have been, known to the Business Associate. The

notification shall include the identification and last known address, phone number and email address of each individual (or the next of kin of the individual if the individual is deceased) to the extent such information is reasonably available to Business Associate whose unsecured protected health information has been, or is reasonably believed by the Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed in a manner not consistent with this Agreement and the Privacy Rule and Security Rule during such breach.

(C) The Business Associate agrees to include in the notification to the Covered Entity at least the following information:

1. A brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach, if known.
2. A description of the types of unsecured protected health information that were involved in the breach (such as full name, Social Security number, date of birth, home address, account number, or disability code).
4. A detailed description of what the Business Associate is doing to investigate the breach, to mitigate losses, and to protect against any further breaches.
5. Whether a law enforcement official has advised either verbally or in writing the Business Associate that he or she has determined that notification or notice to individuals or the posting required under section 13402 of the HITECH Act would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security and contact information for said official to the extent that Business Associate is legally permitted to disclose such information.

(D) Business Associate agrees to provide appropriate staffing and have established procedures to ensure that individuals informed by the Covered Entity of a breach by the Business Associate have the opportunity to ask questions and contact the Business Associate for additional information regarding the breach. Costs of such contact procedures will be borne by the Contractor or Contractor Parties.

(E) Business Associate agrees that, in the event of a breach caused by the negligent actions of Business Associate and failure to comply with laws applicable to it, it has the burden to demonstrate that it has complied with all notifications requirements set forth above, including evidence demonstrating the necessity of a delay in notification to the Covered Entity.

(i) Permitted Uses and Disclosure by Business Associate.

(1) General Use and Disclosure Provisions Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in this Agreement, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Covered Entity.

(2) Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions.

(A) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate.

(B) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Agreement, Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required by Law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

(C) Except as otherwise limited in this Section of the Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI to provide Data Aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

(j) Obligations of Covered Entity.

- (1) To obtain in writing any individual's consent, authorization, and other permissions that may be necessary or required by applicable laws in order to transfer or disclose the PHI to Business Associate
- (2) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitations in its notice of privacy practices of Covered Entity, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, or to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (3) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (4) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(k) Permissible Requests by Covered Entity.

Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by the Covered Entity, except that Business Associate may use and disclose PHI for data aggregation, and management and administrative activities of Business Associate, as permitted under this Section of the Agreement.

(l) Term and Termination.

(1) Term. The Term of this Section of the Agreement shall be effective as of the date the Agreement is effective and shall terminate when the information collected in accordance with clause h. (10) of this Section of the Agreement is provided to the Covered Entity and all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.

(2) Termination for Cause upon either Party's (non-breaching party) knowledge of a material breach by the other Party, the non-breaching Party shall either:

(A) Provide a thirty (30) day opportunity for the breaching Party to cure the breach and terminate the Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach within the cure period; or

(B) Immediately terminate the Agreement if a Party has breached a material term of this Section of the Agreement and cure is not possible; or

(C) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, the non-breaching Party shall report the violation to the Secretary as required under HIPAA.

(3) Effect of Termination.

(A) Except as provided in (1)(2) above, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall also provide the information collected in accordance with clause h. (10) of this Section of the Agreement to the Covered Entity within ten business days of the notice of termination. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Except as set forth in Section 3(B) below, Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI.

(B) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon documentation by Business Associate that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Section of the Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of PHI to those purposes that make return or destruction infeasible, for as long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. Infeasibility of the return or destruction of PHI includes, but is not limited to, requirements under state or federal law that the Business Associate maintains or preserves the PHI or copies thereof.

(m) Miscellaneous Provisions.

(1) Regulatory References. A reference in this Section of the Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

(2) Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action and shall reasonably cooperate as is necessary to amend this Section of the Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191 provided, however, that if a change represents a material Change in Services, the Parties will address it utilizing the change control procedures set forth in Section 8 of this Agreement.

(3) Survival. The respective rights and obligations of the Parties shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

(4) Effect on Agreement. Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this Section of the Agreement, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

(5) Construction. This Section of the Agreement shall be construed as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with the Privacy Standard. Any ambiguity in this Section of the Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies, and is consistent with, the Privacy Standard.

(6) Indemnification. The Business Associate shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Covered Entity for all civil penalties imposed on the Covered Entity by the Secretary or equivalent State entity pursuant to HIPAA or HITECH and regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, to the extent that such civil penalties arise from the unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI to the extent attributable to Business Associate.

28. WHISTLE BLOWING.

This Agreement may be subject to the provisions of Section 4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public Comptroller or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection (a) of such statute, the Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of this Agreement. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The State may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with subsection (f) of such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.

29. NOTICE.

All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals or other communications required or permitted to be given or which are given with respect to this Agreement (for the purpose of this section collectively called "Notices") shall be deemed to have been effected at such time as the notice is placed in the U.S. mail, first class and postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or, placed with a recognized, overnight express delivery service that provides for a return receipt. All such Notices shall be in writing with a copy of the same faxed or emailed to the receiving Party's Project Manager, and shall be addressed as follows:

If to the Comptroller:

State of Connecticut, Office of the State Comptroller
55 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-1775
Attention: _____

If to the Contractor:

[CONTRACTOR]
[ADDRESS]
[Attention:_____]

30. INSURANCE.

Before commencing performance of Services, the Contractor shall maintain at its own cost and expense for the Term of the Agreement, the following insurance as described in this section. Contractor shall assume any and all deductibles in the described insurance policies. Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the State.

- A. Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Coverage shall include Premises and Operations, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Broad Form Property Damage coverage. If a general aggregate is used, the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work covered by this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.
- B. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury. Coverage extends to owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. If the Contractor does not own an automobile, but one is used in the performance of the Services, then only hired and non-owned coverage is required. If a vehicle is not used in the performance of the Services, then automobile coverage is not required.
- C. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Statutory coverage in compliance with the Compensation laws of the State of Connecticut. Coverage shall include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$100,000 each accident, \$500,000 Disease-Policy limit, \$100,000 each employee.
- D. Professional Liability: The Contractor shall secure and maintain, at no cost or expense to the State, a professional liability insurance policy in a form acceptable to the Comptroller in the minimum amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) with a deductible not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The policy shall insure the Contractor against damages and costs resulting from negligent acts, errors or omissions in the work performed by the Contractor on and after the effective date of, and under the terms of, this Agreement. The Contractor may, at its election, obtain a policy containing a

maximum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) deductible clause, but if so, the Contractor shall be liable, as stated above herein, to the extent of the deductible amount.

- E. Contractor agrees to furnish to the State a “Certificate of Insurance” in conjunction with all insurance required by this Agreement, fully executed by an insurance company or companies or insurance broker, for the insurance policies required herein, which policies or policy shall be in accordance with the terms of said Certificate of Insurance.

31. HEADINGS.

The headings given to the sections in the Agreement are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of the Agreement or as a limitation of the scope of the particular section to which the heading refers.

32. NUMBER AND GENDER.

Whenever the context so requires, the plural or singular shall include each other and the use of any gender shall include all genders.

33. FURTHER ASSURANCES.

The Parties shall provide such information, execute and deliver instruments and documents and take such other actions, all as may be required by law or reasonably requested by the other Party which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement and which do not involve the vesting of rights or assumption of obligations other than those provided for in the Agreement, in order to give full effect to the Agreement and to carry out the intent of the Agreement.

34. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF PLANTS, PLACES OF BUSINESS AND RECORDS.

- A. The State and its agents, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State’s Attorney and their respective agents, may, during normal business hours and subject to Contractor’s standard security protocols, inspect and examine all of the parts of the Contractor’s and Contractor Parties’ plants and places of business which are used in the performance of this Agreement. In no event shall any audit permitted under this Agreement be conducted by a Contractor competitor.
- B. The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require each of its Approved Subcontractors to maintain, accurate and complete Contractor Records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall make, and require its Approved Subcontractors to make, those records required to support invoiced amounts and verify compliance with the terms of this Agreement (“Contractor Records”), available during normal business hours for audit and inspection by the State and its agents.
- C. The State shall make all requests for any audit or inspection in writing and shall provide the Contractor with at least forty-eight (48) hours’ notice prior to the requested audit and

inspection date. If the State suspects fraud or other abuse, or in the event of an emergency, the State is not obligated to provide any prior notice.

- D. All audits and inspections shall be at the State's expense.
- E. The Contractor shall keep and preserve or cause to be kept and preserved all of its and Contractor Records until three (3) years after the latter of (i) final payment under this Agreement, or (ii) the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, as the same may be modified for any reason. The State may request an audit or inspection in accordance with the terms of this Agreement at any time during this period. If any Claim or audit is started before the expiration of this period, the Contractor shall retain or cause to be retained all Contractor Records until all Claims or audit findings have been resolved. Contractor Records shall be and remain Contractor Proprietary Information.
- F. The Contractor shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate fully with the State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the State may conduct and the Contractor shall exercise commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with an exit conference.
- G. The Contractor shall incorporate this entire Section verbatim into any contract or other agreement that it enters into expressly for purposes of providing Services under this Agreement, with any Contractor Party.

35. CONTINUED PERFORMANCE.

If reasonably practical, both Parties shall continue to perform their obligations under the Agreement while any dispute concerning the Agreement is being resolved.

36. SEVERABILITY.

If any term or provision of the Agreement or its application to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement or the application of such term or provision shall not be affected as to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to whom or to which it is held to be invalid or unenforceable. Each remaining term and provision of the Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent possible by law.

37. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

- A. In connection with the Services provided under this Agreement, the Comptroller and the Contractor each may be given access to information that relates to the other Party's past, present and future research, development, business activities, products, services, and technical knowledge (hereinafter "**Proprietary Information**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Proprietary Information" will not include any information that identifies or directly relates to natural persons ("**Personal Data**"), and the terms of this Section and other provisions of this Agreement generally applicable to Proprietary

Information will not be deemed to apply to Personal Data unless specifically stated otherwise.

- B. Each Party's Proprietary Information will remain the confidential information of that Party except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. The Parties agree that they shall each protect the Proprietary Information of the other Party in the same manner as it protects its own Proprietary Information of like kind but with not less than reasonable care. Proprietary Information shall include, but is not limited to, all information clearly marked as "Proprietary" or in such other manner which gives notice of its proprietary or confidential nature, or is identified as such at the time it is disclosed (either orally or in writing), or contains information that a reasonable person in like circumstance would understand to be confidential.
- C. Each Party may disclose relevant aspects of the other Party's Proprietary Information to its employees, Affiliates, Approved Subcontractors and agents to the extent such disclosure is reasonably necessary for the performance of its obligations, or the enforcement of its rights, under this Agreement; provided, however, that such Party will be responsible for its employees, Affiliates, Approved Subcontractors or agents' compliance with these confidentiality provisions.
- D. Neither Party will (i) make or use any copies of the Proprietary Information of the other except as contemplated by this Agreement; or (ii) acquire any right in or assert any lien against the Proprietary Information of the other; or (iii) sell, assign, lease or otherwise commercially exploit the Proprietary Information of the other Party. Neither Party may withhold the Proprietary Information of the other Party or refuse for any reason (including due to the other Party's actual or alleged breach of this Agreement) to promptly return to the other Party its Proprietary Information (including copies thereof) if requested to do so. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement and completion of a Party's obligations under this Agreement, each Party will, at the request of the other Party, (and except as otherwise provided in this Agreement) return or destroy, as the other Party may direct, all documentation in any medium that contains or refers to the other Party's Proprietary Information, and retain no copies. Subject to the foregoing confidentiality obligations, either Party may retain copies of the Proprietary Information of the other Party to the extent required for (i) in the case of Accenture, compliance with applicable professional standards or quality assurance purposes and (ii) in the case of the COMPTROLLER, as required to give effect to any licensing rights of Accenture Intellectual Property as set forth herein.
- E. Proprietary Information shall not include information which:
 - (i) is or becomes a part of the public domain through no act or omission of the receiving Party;
 - (ii) was in the receiving Party's lawful possession prior to the disclosure and had not been obtained by the receiving Party either directly or indirectly from the disclosing Party;

- (iii) is (to the receiving Party's knowledge) lawfully disclosed by a third party without restriction on disclosure;
 - (iv) is independently developed by the receiving Party;
 - (v) is disclosed by operation of law, or is required to be disclosed by law, rule or regulation, subpoena, summons, or order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or by a regulatory oversight agency, pursuant to the following: if the receiving Party receives a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial process requesting Proprietary Information of the disclosing Party, it will promptly notify the disclosing Party of such receipt and tender to the disclosing Party the defense of such subpoena or process. If requested by the disclosing party, the receiving Party will reasonably cooperate (at the expense of the disclosing Party) in opposing such subpoena or process. Unless the subpoena or process is timely limited, quashed or extended, the receiving Party will then be entitled to comply with such request to the extent permitted by law; or,
 - (vi) is Personal Data, which is separately defined and addressed in Section 51 below and other provisions of this Agreement generally applicable to Proprietary Information shall not be deemed to apply to include Personal Data.
- F. Nothing contained in this Section will be construed as obligating a Party to disclose its Proprietary Information to the other Party, or as granting to or conferring on a Party, expressly or impliedly, any rights or license to the Proprietary Information of the other Party.

38. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION.

The Comptroller will afford due regard to the Contractor's request for the protection of proprietary or confidential information which the Comptroller receives. However, all materials associated with the Agreement are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. If a FOIA request is made for materials or information that is Proprietary Information Comptroller will provide the Contractor with an opportunity to provide a written rationale in accordance with FOIA as to why the requested information should not be furnished pursuant to FOIA. In making such a request, the Contractor may not merely state generally that the materials are proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the vendor believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with the FOIA must accompany the request. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the Contractor that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the FOIA. Comptroller agrees to furnish only that portion of the Proprietary Information that Comptroller is legally required to furnish. To the extent that any other provision or part of

the Agreement, conflicts or is in any way inconsistent with this section, this section controls and shall apply and the conflicting provision or part shall not be given effect. If the Contractor indicates that certain documentation is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as “**CONFIDENTIAL**,” the Comptroller will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. The Comptroller, however, has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The Contractor shall have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the Comptroller or the State have any liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the Comptroller reasonably believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

39. PERSONAL DATA.

- A. Each Party will exercise commercially reasonable efforts not to disclose any Personal Data to the other Party and to restrict the other Party’s access to its Personal Data, but if a Party is given access to the other Party’s Personal Data, the receiving Party will protect such Personal Data using a reasonable standard of care. If Contractor requires access to Personal Data in connection with this Agreement or any amendments thereto, the Comptroller shall expressly identify the type of files and data which shall comprise Personal Data and which shall be accessed and/or processed by Contractor under this Agreement, and the means and circumstances by which it will be accessed or processed. The Comptroller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to restrict Contractor’s access to Personal Data to that described in this Agreement. In addition to the restrictions on use of Personal Data expressly provided for herein, the State and Comptroller alone will determine the purposes for which and the manner in which all Personal Data processed by Contractor will be processed under any applicable data privacy laws and regulations in connection with this Agreement.
- B. Contractor is a data processor on behalf of the State under this Agreement. In that capacity, Contractor will:
 - (i) process State Personal Data only on written instructions of the State and to the extent reasonably necessary for the performance of this Agreement;
 - (ii) not disclose State Personal Data to any person except as required or permitted by this Agreement or with the State’s prior written consent; and
 - (iii) implement commercially reasonable technical and organizational measures, including any additional measures specified by the State in advance and in writing, to protect State Personal Data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access, and against all other unlawful forms of processing. The State will be responsible for the sufficiency of such policies and safeguards. However, to the extent such additional technical and organizational measures have not been established by the State, Contractor will maintain safeguards no less rigorous than those maintained by Contractor for its own similar personal data.

- C. Contractor may retain archival copies of State Personal Data, upon approval by the Comptroller, to the extent reasonably necessary to verify Contractor's compliance with this Agreement. Contractor will identify such data to the Comptroller at the time such archival copies are established.
- D. Contractor may, as a result of this Agreement and its dealings with the Comptroller, come to possess Personal Data in relation to the Comptroller and the Comptroller's employees, directors, officers and other representatives. Contractor may receive such data from such persons, the Comptroller, or from other sources (for example, published or publicly available directories); and some limited data may be recorded indirectly by internal security and communication systems or by other means (for example, visitor logs maintained by security officials at Contractor's offices). Subject to compliance with the applicable data protection and data privacy legislation, Contractor may use and disclose such data for purposes connected with this Agreement and for the relevant purposes specified in the Accenture Data Privacy Policy (a copy of which is available on request) provided such policy is in compliance with applicable data privacy laws and the scope of such processing is directly related to the provision of services to the State or Accenture's dealings with the State or Accenture's internal business purposes. In particular, Accenture may for these purposes transfer such data to other Accenture entities around the world in compliance with the applicable data protection and data privacy legislation.

40. INTERPRETATION.

The Agreement contains numerous references to statutes and regulations. For purposes of interpretation, conflict resolution and otherwise, the content of those statutes and regulations shall govern over the content of the reference in the Agreement to those statutes and regulations.

41. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; PROTECTION; BREACH.

- A. **"Confidential Information"** shall mean any name, number or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual including, but not limited to, such individual's name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, motor vehicle operator's license number, Social Security number, employee identification number, employer or taxpayer identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, health insurance identification number, demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number or unique biometric data such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation. Without limiting the foregoing, Confidential Information shall also include any information that the Board classifies as "confidential" or "restricted." Confidential Information shall not include information that may be lawfully obtained from publicly available sources or from federal, state, or local government records which are lawfully made available to the general public.

- B. **“Confidential Information Breach”** shall mean an instance where an unauthorized person or entity accesses Confidential Information in any manner, including but not limited to the following occurrences: (1) any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected is misplaced, lost, stolen or in any way compromised; (2) one or more third parties have had access to or taken control or possession of any Confidential Information that is not encrypted or protected without prior written authorization from the State; (3) the unauthorized acquisition of encrypted or protected Confidential Information together with the confidential process or key that is capable of compromising the integrity of the Confidential Information; or (4) if there is a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud to the client, the Contractor, the Board or State.
- C. Contractor and Contractor Parties, at their own expense, have a duty to and shall protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with current industry standards.
- D. Each Contractor or Contractor Party shall implement and maintain a comprehensive data security program for the protection of Confidential Information. The safeguards contained in such program shall be consistent with and comply with the safeguards for protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and state law and written policy of the Board or State concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (i) A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
 - (ii) Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept;
 - (iii) A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
 - (iv) Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
 - (v) Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices or being transmitted electronically.
- E. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify the Department and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach.
- F. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred, the Contractor shall, within three (3) business days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the

Connecticut Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Board and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval.

- (i) Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach.
 - (ii) Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a.
 - (iii) Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the State in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Confidential Information Breach.
- G. The Contractors' costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall not be recoverable from the Board, any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals.
- H. The Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party to safeguard Confidential Information in the same manner as provided for in this Section.

42. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

The Parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the RFP or the Agreement shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of the Agreement. To the extent that this section conflicts with any other section, this section shall govern.

43. NON-SOLICITATION.

Contractor and the Comptroller agree that neither Party shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment any employee of the other Party. This clause shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year after the Term of this Agreement, unless prior written consent of the other Party is first obtained. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section will not apply to employees who independently respond to indirect solicitations (i.e., general newspaper advertisements and internet postings).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives with full knowledge of and agreement with its terms and conditions.

[CONTRACTOR]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF THE
STATE COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

By: _____
Name: Kevin Lembo
Title: Comptroller
Date: _____

Approved as to form:

State of Connecticut
Attorney General's Office
Date: _____

EXHIBIT 3 – CODE OF ETHICS

Guide to the Code of Ethics
For Current or Potential
State Contractors
2010

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INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) is an independent regulatory agency for the state of Connecticut, charged with administering and enforcing the Connecticut Codes of Ethics, located in the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10.

The Ethics Codes under the OSE's jurisdiction are comprised of:

- The Code of Ethics for Public Officials (Part I);
- The Code of Ethics for Lobbyists (Part II); and
- Limited jurisdiction over Ethical Considerations Concerning Bidding and State Contracts (Part IV).

This guide provides general information only. The descriptions of the law and the OSE in this guide are not intended to be exhaustive. Please review the Advisory Opinions and Declaratory Rulings on our website or contact the Legal Division of the OSE with any questions regarding interpretation of the law.

For more information on the subjects discussed in this guide, call, write or visit:

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Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board:

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General David Gay, (ret.) (through September 2013)
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THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS (OSE)

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) was officially created on July 1, 2005, by Public Act 05-183. The governing body of the OSE is the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB), nine members appointed by the Governor and legislative leadership. The CEAB holds monthly meetings that are open to the public and that are often covered by CT-N. A schedule of CEAB meeting dates, times and locations is available on the OSE's Web site, www.ct.gov/ethics.

The OSE is an independent watchdog agency for the state of Connecticut that administers Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10, Parts I and II, with limited jurisdiction over Part IV.

Simply put, the OSE educates all those covered by the law (the "regulated community"); provides information to the public; interprets and applies the codes of ethics; and investigates potential violations, and otherwise enforces the codes.

The OSE is made up of the following components:

- Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board
- Executive Director
- Legal Division
- Enforcement Division

THE BIG PICTURE

All state officials and employees (except judges) are covered by Part I of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials (henceforth, Part I, or the Code). It is important to remember that certain provisions of the Code also apply to public officials and state employees after they leave state service.

As you read through this guide, be aware that these laws were enacted to prevent individuals from using their public position or authority for personal, financial benefit.

Each state agency also has its own ethics policy, which in many cases may be more restrictive than what follows. Be sure to obtain a copy of the agency's policy before you attempt to provide any benefit to an agency official or employee.

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GIVING BENEFITS TO STATE PERSONNEL

Gifts

As a current or potential state contractor, you are presumably doing business with or seeking to do business with a state agency, and are therefore considered to be a **restricted donor**. In general, public officials, state employees and candidates for public office may not accept gifts from restricted donors.

Restricted Donors

Restricted donors include:

- Registered lobbyists (a list is available on the OSE's Web site) or a lobbyist's representative;
- Individuals or groups doing business with a state department or agency;
- Individuals or groups seeking to do business with a state department or agency;
- Individuals or groups engaged in activities regulated by a state department or agency; or
- Contractors pre-qualified by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-100).

A **gift** is defined as anything of value that is directly and personally received by a public official or state employee (or sometimes family members of those two categories) *unless* consideration of equal or greater value is provided. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e).

Gift Exceptions

There are, however, certain exceptions to this definition of gift. Not all exceptions are covered below; see Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (1) – (17) for the complete list.

- *Token Items* – Restricted donors such as current or potential state contractors may provide any item of value that is not more than \$10 (such as a pen, mug, or inexpensive baseball cap) to a public official or state employee, provided that the annual aggregate of such items from a single source is \$50 or less. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (16).
- *Food and Beverage* – Restricted donors may also provide less than \$50 worth of food and beverage in a calendar year to a public official or state employee, provided that the restricted donor or his/her representative is in attendance when the food and/or beverage is being consumed. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (9).
- *Training* – Vendors may provide public officials and state employees with training for a product purchased by a state or quasi-public agency provided such training is offered to all customers of that vendor. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (17).

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- *Gifts to the State* – Restricted donors may provide what are typically referred to as “gifts to the state.” These gifts are goods and services provided to a state agency or quasi-public agency for use on state or quasi-public agency property or that support an event, and which facilitate state or quasi-public action or functions. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (5).
- *Other Exceptions* – There are a total of 17 separate gift exceptions in the Code. Also exempt from the definition of gift are items such as informational materials germane to state action, ceremonial plaques or awards costing less than \$100, or promotional items, rebates or discounts also available to the general public. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (e) (1) – (17).

Note: The popularly-cited exception for major life events does not apply to those who are regulated by, doing business with or seeking to do business with a state agency. The only restricted donor that can make use of this very narrow exception is a registered lobbyist.

Gift Provisions

Example: You are in the process of submitting a contracting bid to a state agency. You provide the agency head with a gift certificate for \$45 to a popular West Hartford eatery for her to use on her own. You have not previously given anything of value to this individual. Even though you are under the permissible \$49.99 food and beverage limit, this gift is not allowed because you or your representative will not be in attendance while the food and beverage is being consumed.

Reporting Requirements

Should you or your representative give something of \$10 or more in value to a public official or state employee, you must, within **10 days**, give the gift recipient and the head of that individual’s department or agency a written report stating:

- Name of the donor;
- Description of item(s) given;
- Value of such item(s); and
- Total cumulative value of all items to date given to that recipient during the calendar year.

This helps both you and the state employee keep track of the gift exceptions noted above, so that permissible limits are not exceeded. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (o). A courtesy form is available for this notification on the OSE’s Web site, in the “Forms” section.

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Necessary Expenses

You may provide necessary expenses to a public official or state employee **only** if the official or employee, in his/her official capacity, is actively participating in an event by giving a speech or presentation, running a workshop, or having some other active involvement.

Necessary expenses are limited to:

- Travel (coach or economy class);
- Lodging (standard cost of room for the nights before, of, and immediately following the event);
- Meals; and
- Related conference expenses.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-79 (9).

Entertainment costs (tickets to sporting events, golf outings, night clubs, etc.) are **not** necessary expenses. Necessary expense payments also **do not** include payment of expenses for family members or other guests.

Fees/Honorariums

Public officials and state employees may **not** accept fees or honorariums for an article, appearance, speech or participation at an event in their official capacity.

Fees or honorariums for such activities, if offered based solely on expertise and without any regard to official capacity, may be acceptable. Contact the OSE before offering such payment to an official or employee. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (k).

Necessary Expenses, Fees and Honorariums

Example: You invite a state employee to travel to New York City to give a speech to your managers on issues surrounding contracting with a state agency. You provide Amtrak fare for the employee as well as his spouse, who will spend the day in the city. The evening of the speech, you will treat the employee and his spouse with complimentary tickets to a Broadway show in lieu of a speaking fee. You may provide coach class travel expenses only to the state employee who is actively participating in an event. In this case, you may only provide Amtrak fare for the employee giving the speech, not his spouse. Entertainment costs, such as tickets to a show, are not considered necessary expenses and may not be provided. Additionally, state employees may not accept fees or honorariums for a speech given in their official capacity.

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HIRING STATE PERSONNEL

Post-state Employment (Revolving Door)

If you are considering hiring a *former* state employee, you should be aware of the Code's post-state employment, or revolving door, provisions.

Lifetime Bans

- Former state employees may **never** disclose any confidential information they learned during the course of their state service for anyone's financial gain. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84a.
- A former state official or employee may **never** represent anyone other than the state regarding a particular matter in which he or she was personally or substantially involved while in state service and in which the state has a substantial interest. This prevents side switching. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (a).

One-year Bans

- If you hire or otherwise engage the services of a former state official or employee, he or she may not represent you before his or her former agency for a period of **one year** after leaving state service. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (b). (See Advisory Opinion 2003-3, which provides a limited exception to this provision if the employee is providing purely technical expertise to help implement a previously-awarded contract. This exception applies to extremely limited circumstances; contact the OSE for guidance.)
- You are prohibited from hiring a former state official or employee for a period of **one year** after he or she leaves state service if that individual was substantially involved in, or supervised, the negotiation or award of a contract (that you or your business was a party to) valued at \$50,000 or more, and the contract was signed within his or her last year of state service. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (f).
- Employees who held certain specifically-designated positions (with significant decision-making or supervisory responsibility) at certain state regulatory agencies are prohibited from seeking or accepting employment with any business subject to regulation by the individual's agency within **one year** of leaving the agency. Likewise, such businesses may not hire those employees. Note that there is an exception for *ex-officio* board or commission members. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (c).

Post-state Employment

Example: You run a hospital regulated by the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA). You would like to offer a job to the former Commissioner of OHCA, who has been out of state service for 5 months. Because the hospital is regulated by a state agency whose Commissioner is specifically designated in 1-84b (c), the former head of such agency would not be permitted to accept employment with you for one full year after leaving state service. See Advisory Opinion 2003-19.

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Outside Employment for Current Public Officials and State Employees

If you are considering hiring a *current* state employee, especially from a state agency with which you do business or by which you are regulated, you should be aware of the following rules regarding the employment of current state employees.

- A current state employee may not accept outside employment that impairs his or her independence of judgment regarding his or her state duties, or that encourages him or her to disclose confidential information learned in his or her state job. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (b).
- A current state employee may not use his or her state position for his or her own financial gain or the gain of his or her family (spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister) or an associated business, however inadvertent that use may be. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (c).

Other Considerations

Business entities engaged in Indian gaming activities in the state should be aware of specific provisions that apply to present or former Gaming Policy Board or Division of Special Revenue public officials or employees. See Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-84b (d) and (e).

Outside Employment

Example: Your small business occasionally receives grants or contracts from Agency X. You know that a particular contract manager with Agency X has the skills you need to help you grow your business. This employee has expressed interest in earning a little extra money for himself, while helping you with your business in the evenings and on weekends. It would constitute an impermissible impairment of judgment for the employee of Agency X, who has contract management responsibilities, to accept outside employment with your business – a business that receives grants or contracts from Agency X.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

Prohibited Activities for Consultants or Independent Contractors

If you are hired by the state as a consultant or independent contractor, you are prohibited from the following:

- Using your authority under the contract or any confidential information acquired during the course of the contract for your financial gain or the financial gain of your immediate family;
- Accepting another state contract that would impair your independence of judgment or your performance in your existing state contract; and
- Accepting anything of value based on the understanding that your actions on behalf of the state would be influenced.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-86e (1) – (3); see also Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-101nn.

Gift and/or Campaign Contribution Certifications

Contractors seeking large state contracts must provide certifications regarding gifts and/or campaign contributions made to certain state employees or public officials in the two-year period prior to the submission of a bid or proposal. Copies of these certifications and other updated information regarding state contractors can be found on the Web sites of the Department of Administrative Services (www.das.state.ct.us) and the Office of Policy and Management (www.opm.state.ct.us).

Investment Services and the Office of the Treasurer

If you or your business provides investment services, as defined in the Code, and you make a political contribution to the State Treasurer's campaign, you may be prohibited from contracting with the Office of the Treasurer. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84 (n).

Registering as a Lobbyist

If you or your business spends or receives over \$2,000 in a calendar year for activities that constitute lobbying under Part II of the Code of Ethics (whether to affect legislation or the actions of an administrative state agency), you/your business may have to register as a lobbyist with the Office of State Ethics. Lobbyist registration information is available at www.ct.gov/ethics.

Contribution Ban for Communicator Lobbyists (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-610 (g) and (h).)

Registered communicator lobbyists, their affiliated political action committees (PACs), as well as members of their immediate families are banned from soliciting or donating political campaign contributions. Please contact the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-256-2940 for more information.

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Sessional Contribution Ban for Client Lobbyists (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-610 (e).)

Registered lobbyists and their affiliated political action committees (PACs) are banned from soliciting or donating political campaign contributions. Specifically, there is a temporary ban while the General Assembly is in session that applies to all registered client lobbyists and their affiliated PACs. Please contact the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-256-2940 for more information.

Public Act 05-287

Public Act 05-287 prohibits anyone who is a party (or seeking to become a party) to a large state construction, procurement, or consultant services contract over \$500,000 from:

- Soliciting information from a public official or state employee that is not available to other bidders for that contract, with the intent to obtain a competitive advantage;
- Intentionally or recklessly charging a state agency for work not performed or goods or services not provided;
- Falsifying invoices or bills; or
- Intentionally violating or circumventing state competitive bidding and ethics laws.

This Act also requires any prospective state contractor to affirm in writing that he or she has received a summary of the state's ethics laws and that his or her key employees have read and understood the summary and agree to comply with the applicable provisions. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-101qq.

An affirmation form is available through the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

Executive Orders

Executive Order 3

Under this Order, the Department of Administrative Services established and maintains on its Web site the State Contracting Portal for purposes of posting all contracting opportunities with state agencies and providing information on contracting processes and procedures.

Executive Order 7C

This Order covers the State Contracting Standards Board, established to conduct a comprehensive review of existing procurement and contracting laws and prepare a uniform code to govern all aspects of procurement and contracting.

The full text of these Executive Orders can be found on the Governor's Web site, www.ct.gov/governorrell/site/default.asp.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

This guide provides general information only. The descriptions of the law and the OSE in this guide are not intended to be exhaustive. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics as it pertains to current or potential state contractors, please contact the Legal Division of the Office of State Ethics, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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All other inquiries: ose@ct.gov

EXHIBIT 4 – REQUIRED FORMS

Fill-in Forms Information for the SP-26NB and W-9 Forms

Overview

There is no verification of the information you enter. You are responsible for entering all information. Some information must be handwritten on the form.

Software Requirements

To view, complete and print the following fill-in PDF forms, you will need the freely available [Adobe Reader](#) software installed on your computer.

Adobe Reader


Adobe PDF files are a means to distribute publications and other information. To fill-in, download and print a PDF file, you will need to have the Adobe Reader software installed. You can download the latest version of Adobe Reader FREE from the [Adobe Reader download page](#) on Adobe's Web site.



Completing the form on your PC

When positioning the cursor on a fill-in area, the cursor will change appearance.

The **I-beam pointer**  allows you to type text.

The **hand pointer**  allows you to select a check box or button.
Enter the appropriate data in each box or field.

To move from one field to the next, press the Tab key.

You can also use your mouse to move your cursor from field to field. Place your cursor in the field you want to fill in, then left-click.

Some fields limit the maximum number of characters you can enter and may automatically advance to the next field.

For additional help with fill-in forms, see the Adobe Reader's on-line help information at:
<http://www.adobe.com/support/reader/>

Saving a Form

When saving a file, be sure to use the Save function of Adobe Reader rather than the web browser's save.

Printing a Form

When printing Adobe PDF files from within your web browser, whether you are printing a blank form or printing a form after filling it in from your PC, use the print button at the left end of the special Adobe Acrobat tool bar, which appears immediately above the viewing window.

THIS PAGE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRINTED NOR SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING FORMS.

IMPORTANT: ALL parts of this form must be completed, signed and returned by the vendor.

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ADD FURTHER BUSINESS ADDRESS, E-MAIL & CONTACT INFORMATION ON SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number								
				-				
or								
Employer identification number								
				-				

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien;
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States;
- An estate (other than a foreign estate); or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

In the cases below, the following person must give Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States:

- In the case of a disregarded entity with a U.S. owner, the U.S. owner of the disregarded entity and not the entity;
- In the case of a grantor trust with a U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner, generally, the U.S. grantor or other U.S. owner of the grantor trust and not the trust; and
- In the case of a U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust), the U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person or the U.S. branch of a foreign bank that has elected to be treated as a U.S. person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 or Form 8233 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a "saving clause." Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8 or Form 8233.

Backup Withholding

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS 28% of such payments. This is called "backup withholding." Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),

3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,

4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or

5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See *Exempt payee code* on page 3 and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* above.

What is FATCA reporting?

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) requires a participating foreign financial institution to report all United States account holders that are specified United States persons. Certain payees are exempt from FATCA reporting. See *Exemption from FATCA reporting code* on page 3 and the Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9 for more information.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account; for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Line 1

You must enter one of the following on this line; **do not** leave this line blank. The name should match the name on your tax return.

If this Form W-9 is for a joint account, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of Form W-9.

a. **Individual.** Generally, enter the name shown on your tax return. If you have changed your last name without informing the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the name change, enter your first name, the last name as shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

Note. ITIN applicant: Enter your individual name as it was entered on your Form W-7 application, line 1a. This should also be the same as the name you entered on the Form 1040/1040A/1040EZ you filed with your application.

b. **Sole proprietor or single-member LLC.** Enter your individual name as shown on your 1040/1040A/1040EZ on line 1. You may enter your business, trade, or "doing business as" (DBA) name on line 2.

c. **Partnership, LLC that is not a single-member LLC, C Corporation, or S Corporation.** Enter the entity's name as shown on the entity's tax return on line 1 and any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

d. **Other entities.** Enter your name as shown on required U.S. federal tax documents on line 1. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on line 2.

e. **Disregarded entity.** For U.S. federal tax purposes, an entity that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner is treated as a "disregarded entity." See Regulations section 301.7701-2(c)(2)(iii). Enter the owner's name on line 1. The name of the entity entered on line 1 should never be a disregarded entity. The name on line 1 should be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income should be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a single owner that is a U.S. person, the U.S. owner's name is required to be provided on line 1. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on line 2, "Business name/disregarded entity name." If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, the owner must complete an appropriate Form W-8 instead of a Form W-9. This is the case even if the foreign person has a U.S. TIN.

Line 2

If you have a business name, trade name, DBA name, or disregarded entity name, you may enter it on line 2.

Line 3

Check the appropriate box in line 3 for the U.S. federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one box in line 3.

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the name on line 1 is an LLC treated as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and enter "P" in the space provided. If the LLC has filed Form 8832 or 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, check the "Limited Liability Company" box and in the space provided enter "C" for C corporation or "S" for S corporation. If it is a single-member LLC that is a disregarded entity, do not check the "Limited Liability Company" box; instead check the first box in line 3 "Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC."

Line 4, Exemptions

If you are exempt from backup withholding and/or FATCA reporting, enter in the appropriate space in line 4 any code(s) that may apply to you.

Exempt payee code.

- Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding.
- Except as provided below, corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, including interest and dividends.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding for payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions.
- Corporations are not exempt from backup withholding with respect to attorneys' fees or gross proceeds paid to attorneys, and corporations that provide medical or health care services are not exempt with respect to payments reportable on Form 1099-MISC.

The following codes identify payees that are exempt from backup withholding. Enter the appropriate code in the space in line 4.

1—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2)

2—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

3—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

4—A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities

5—A corporation

6—A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or possession

7—A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

8—A real estate investment trust

9—An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

10—A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a)

11—A financial institution

12—A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian

13—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 13.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 7
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4 and 6 through 11 and all C corporations. S corporations must not enter an exempt payee code because they are exempt only for sales of noncovered securities acquired prior to 2012.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 4
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 5 ²
Payments made in settlement of payment card or third party network transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 4

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney reportable under section 6045(f), and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Exemption from FATCA reporting code. The following codes identify payees that are exempt from reporting under FATCA. These codes apply to persons submitting this form for accounts maintained outside of the United States by certain foreign financial institutions. Therefore, if you are only submitting this form for an account you hold in the United States, you may leave this field blank. Consult with the person requesting this form if you are uncertain if the financial institution is subject to these requirements. A requester may indicate that a code is not required by providing you with a Form W-9 with "Not Applicable" (or any similar indication) written or printed on the line for a FATCA exemption code.

A—An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a) or any individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37)

B—The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities

C—A state, the District of Columbia, a U.S. commonwealth or possession, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities

D—A corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets, as described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

E—A corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group as a corporation described in Regulations section 1.1472-1(c)(1)(i)

F—A dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any state

G—A real estate investment trust

H—A regulated investment company as defined in section 851 or an entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940

I—A common trust fund as defined in section 584(a)

J—A bank as defined in section 581

K—A broker

L—A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947(a)(1)

M—A tax exempt trust under a section 403(b) plan or section 457(g) plan

Note. You may wish to consult with the financial institution requesting this form to determine whether the FATCA code and/or exempt payee code should be completed.

Line 5

Enter your address (number, street, and apartment or suite number). This is where the requester of this Form W-9 will mail your information returns.

Line 6

Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on this page), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local SSA office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, apply for a TIN and write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded U.S. entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if items 1, 4, or 5 below indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on line 1 must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt payee code* earlier.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 5 below.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulations section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 2.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, SSN, or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes. Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

GIFT AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION

Written or electronic certification to accompany a State contract with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 4-250 and 4-252(c); Governor M. Jodi Rell's Executive Orders No. 1, Para. 8, and No. 7C, Para. 10; and C.G.S. §9-612(g)(2)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Attach additional pages, if necessary, to provide full disclosure about any lawful campaign contributions made to campaigns of candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, as described herein. Sign and date the form, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. Submit the completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of initial contract execution and if there is a change in the information contained in the most recently filed certification, such person shall submit an updated certification either (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal for a contract, whichever is earlier. Such person shall also submit an accurate, updated certification not later than fourteen days after the twelve-month anniversary of the most recently filed certification or updated certification.

CHECK ONE: ☐ Initial Certification ☐ 12 Month Anniversary Update (Multi-year contracts only.)

☐ Updated Certification because of change of information contained in the most recently filed certification or twelve-month anniversary update.

GIFT CERTIFICATION:

As used in this certification, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:

- 1) **"Contract"** means that contract between the State of Connecticut (and/or one or more of its agencies or instrumentalities) and the Contractor, attached hereto, or as otherwise described by the awarding State agency below;
- 2) If this is an Initial Certification, **"Execution Date"** means the date the Contract is fully executed by, and becomes effective between, the parties; if this is a twelve-month anniversary update, **"Execution Date"** means the date this certification is signed by the Contractor;
- 3) **"Contractor"** means the person, firm or corporation named as the contractor below;
- 4) **"Applicable Public Official or State Employee"** means any public official or state employee described in C.G.S. §4-252(c)(1)(i) or (ii);
- 5) **"Gift"** has the same meaning given that term in C.G.S. § 4-250(1);
- 6) **"Principals or Key Personnel"** means and refers to those principals and key personnel of the Contractor, and its or their agents, as described in C.G.S. §§ 4-250(5) and 4-252(c)(1)(B) and (C).

I, the undersigned, am a Principal or Key Personnel of the person, firm or corporation authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the Contractor. I hereby certify that, no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person firm or corporation who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts or (C) any agent of such, firm, corporation, or principals or key personnel who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or request for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency.

I further certify that no Principals or Key Personnel know of any action by the Contractor to circumvent (or which would result in the circumvention of) the above certification regarding **Gifts** by providing for any other Principals, Key Personnel, officials, or employees of the Contractor, or its or their agents, to make a **Gift** to any Applicable Public Official or State Employee. I further certify that the Contractor made the bid or proposal for the Contract without fraud or collusion with any person.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION:

I further certify that, on or after December 31, 2006, neither the Contractor nor any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), has made any **campaign contributions** to, or solicited any contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support, any candidate for statewide public office, in violation of C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(2)(A). I further certify that **all lawful campaign contributions** that have been made on or after December 31, 2006 by the Contractor or any of its principals, as defined in C.G.S. § 9-612(g)(1), to, or solicited on behalf of, any exploratory committee, candidate committee, political committee, or party committee established by, or supporting or authorized to support any candidates for statewide public office or the General Assembly, are listed below:

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for Statewide Public Office:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Lawful Campaign Contributions to Candidates for the General Assembly:

<u>Contribution Date</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Contractor Name

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)



STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONSULTING AGREEMENT AFFIDAVIT

Affidavit to accompany a bid or proposal for the purchase of goods and services with a value of \$50,000 or more in a calendar or fiscal year, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-81(a) and 4a-81(b). For sole source or no bid contracts the form is submitted at time of contract execution.

INSTRUCTIONS:

If the bidder or vendor has entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1): Complete all sections of the form. If the bidder or contractor has entered into more than one such consulting agreement, use a separate form for each agreement. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public. **If the bidder or contractor has not entered into a consulting agreement, as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b)(1):** Complete only the shaded section of the form. Sign and date the form in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court or Notary Public.

Submit completed form to the awarding State agency with bid or proposal. For a sole source award, submit completed form to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution.

This affidavit must be amended if there is any change in the information contained in the most recently filed affidavit not later than (i) thirty days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

AFFIDAVIT: [Number of Affidavits Sworn and Subscribed On This Day: _____]

I, the undersigned, hereby swear that I am a principal or key personnel of the bidder or contractor awarded a contract, as described in Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-81(b), or that I am the individual awarded such a contract who is authorized to execute such contract. I further swear that I have not entered into any consulting agreement in connection with such contract, **except for the agreement listed below:**

Consultant's Name and Title		Name of Firm (if applicable)
Start Date	End Date	Cost

Is the consultant a former State employee or former public official? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES:
 Name of Former State Agency Termination Date of Employment

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Name of Bidder or Contractor	Signature of Principal or Key Personnel	Date
Printed Name (of above)		Awarding State Agency

Sworn and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

**_____
Commissioner of the Superior Court
or Notary Public**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

AFFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF STATE ETHICS LAWS SUMMARY

Written or electronic affirmation to accompany a large State construction or procurement contract, having a cost of more than \$500,000, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 1-101mm and 1-101qq

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete all sections of the form. Submit completed form to the awarding State agency or contractor, as directed below.

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ I am a person seeking a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the awarding State agency with my bid or proposal. [Check this box if the contract will be awarded through a competitive process.]
- ☐ I am a contractor who has been awarded a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the awarding State agency at the time of contract execution. [Check this box if the contract was a sole source award.]
- ☐ I am a subcontractor or consultant of a contractor who has been awarded a large State construction or procurement contract. I am submitting this affirmation to the contractor.
- ☐ I am a contractor who has already filed an affirmation, but I am updating such affirmation either (i) no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of any such change or (ii) upon the submittal of any new bid or proposal, whichever is earlier.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Within fifteen (15) days after the request of such agency, institution or quasi-public agency for such affirmation contractors shall submit the affirmations of their subcontractors and consultants to the awarding State agency. Failure to submit such affirmations in a timely manner shall be cause for termination of the large State construction or procurement contract.

AFFIRMATION:

I, the undersigned person, contractor, subcontractor, consultant, or the duly authorized representative thereof, affirm (1) receipt of the summary of State ethics laws* developed by the Office of State Ethics pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-81b and (2) that key employees of such person, contractor, subcontractor, or consultant have read and understand the summary and agree to comply with its provisions.

* The summary of State ethics laws is available on the State of Connecticut's Office of State Ethics website.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Firm or Corporation (if applicable)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Awarding State Agency

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

Written or electronic PDF copy of the written certification to accompany a large state contract pursuant to P.A. No. 13-162 (Prohibiting State Contracts With Entities Making Certain Investments In Iran)

Respondent Name: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

CHECK ONE: ☐ Initial Certification.
☐ Amendment or renewal.

A. Who must complete and submit this form. Effective October 1, 2013, this form must be submitted for any large state contract, as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This form must always be submitted with the bid or proposal, or if there was no bid process, with the resulting contract, regardless of where the principal place of business is located.

Pursuant to P.A. No. 13-162, upon submission of a bid or prior to executing a large state contract, **the certification portion of this form must be completed** by any corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, nonprofit organization or other business organization **whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States**. United States subsidiaries of foreign corporations are exempt. For purposes of this form, a "foreign corporation" is one that is organized and incorporated outside the United States of America.

Check applicable box:

☐ Respondent's principal place of business is within the United States or Respondent is a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation. Respondents who check this box **are not required to complete the certification portion of this form**, but must submit this form with its Invitation to Bid ("ITB"), Request for Proposal ("RFP") or contract package if there was no bid process.

☐ Respondent's principal place of business is outside the United States and it is not a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation. **CERTIFICATION required.** Please complete the certification portion of this form and submit it with the ITB or RFP response or contract package if there was no bid process.

B. Additional definitions.

- 1) "Large state contract" has the same meaning as defined in section 4-250 of the Connecticut General Statutes;
- 2) "Respondent" means the person whose name is set forth at the beginning of this form; and
- 3) "State agency" and "quasi-public agency" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-79 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Certification requirements.

No state agency or quasi-public agency shall enter into any large state contract, or amend or renew any such contract with any Respondent whose principal place of business is located outside the United States and is not a United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation unless the Respondent has submitted this certification.

Complete all sections of this certification and sign and date it, under oath, in the presence of a Commissioner of the Superior Court, a Notary Public or a person authorized to take an oath in another state.

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned, am the official authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the Respondent. I certify that:

☐ Respondent has made no direct investments of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010.

☐ Respondent has either made direct investments of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, or Respondent made such an investment prior to October 1, 2013 and has now increased or renewed such an investment on or after said date, or both.

Sworn as true to the best of my knowledge and belief, subject to the penalties of false statement.

Printed Respondent Name

Printed Name of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Commissioner of the Superior Court (or Notary Public)



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION – New Resolution
By Entity
For Contracts Valued at \$50,000 or More

Documentation in the form of a corporate, company, or partnership policy adopted by resolution of the board of directors, shareholders, managers, members or other governing body of a contractor that certifies the contractor complies with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties under Connecticut General Statutes §§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended

INSTRUCTIONS:

For use by an entity (corporation, limited liability company, or partnership) when entering into any contract type with the State of Connecticut valued at \$50,000 or more for any year of the contract. Complete all sections of the form. Submit to the awarding State agency prior to contract execution.

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION:

I, _____, _____, of _____,
Authorized Signatory Title Name of Entity

an entity duly formed and existing under the laws of _____,
Name of State or Commonwealth

certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the _____ day of
_____, 20____ by the governing body of _____,
Name of Entity

in accordance with all of its documents of governance and management and the laws of
_____, and further certify that such resolution has not been modified
Name of State or Commonwealth

or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That the policies of _____ comply with the
Name of Entity
nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes
§§ 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.

The undersigned has executed this certificate this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Authorized Signatory

Date

Printed Name

**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

The contract to be awarded is subject to contract compliance requirements mandated by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and, when the awarding agency is the State, Sections 46a-71(d) and 46a-81i(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. There are Contract Compliance Regulations codified at Section 46a-68j-21 through 43 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, which establish a procedure for awarding all contracts covered by Sections 4a-60 and 46a-71(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

According to Section 46a-68j-30(9) of the Contract Compliance Regulations, every agency awarding a contract subject to the contract compliance requirements has an obligation to “aggressively solicit the participation of legitimate minority business enterprises as bidders, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers of materials.” “Minority business enterprise” is defined in Section 4a-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a business wherein fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, or assets belong to a person or persons: “(1) Who are active in daily affairs of the enterprise; (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise; and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Section 32-9n.” “Minority” groups are defined in Section 32-9n of the Connecticut General Statutes as “(1) Black Americans . . . (2) Hispanic Americans . . . (3) persons who have origins in the Iberian Peninsula . . . (4) Women . . . (5) Asian Pacific Americans and Pacific Islanders; (6) American Indians . . .” An individual with a disability is also a minority business enterprise as provided by Section 4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes. The above definitions apply to the contract compliance requirements by virtue of Section 46a-68j-21(11) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

The awarding agency will consider the following factors when reviewing the bidder’s qualifications under the contract compliance requirements:

- (a) the bidder’s success in implementing an affirmative action plan;
- (b) the bidder’s success in developing an apprenticeship program complying with Sections 46a-68-1 to 46a-68-17 of the Administrative Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, inclusive;
- (c) the bidder’s promise to develop and implement a successful affirmative action plan;
- (d) the bidder’s submission of employment statistics contained in the “Employment Information Form”, indicating that the composition of its workforce is at or near parity when compared to the racial and sexual composition of the workforce in the relevant labor market area; and
- (e) the bidder’s promise to set aside a portion of the contract for legitimate minority business enterprises. See Section 46a-68j-30(10)(E) of the Contract Compliance Regulations.

This form is **MANDATORY** and must be completed, signed, and returned with the vendor's bid.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**

INSTRUCTION: Bidder must sign acknowledgment below, and return this form to the awarding agency with the bid proposal.

The undersigned duly authorized representative of the bidding vendor acknowledges receiving and reading a copy of the **NOTIFICATION TO BIDDERS**. *(Please print name under signature line.)*

Signature

Title

Date

On behalf of:

Vendor Name

Street Address

City State Zip

Federal Employee Identification Number
(FEIN/SSN)

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(Revised 09/17/07)

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INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The following BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT must be completed in full, signed, and submitted with the bid for this contract. The contract awarding agency and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities will use the information contained thereon to determine the bidders compliance to Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a CONN. GEN. STAT., and Sections 46a-68j-23 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies regarding equal employment opportunity, and the bidder’s good faith efforts to include minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers for the work of the contract.

1) Definition of Small Contractor

Section 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT. defines a small contractor as a company that has been doing business under the same management and control and has maintained its principal place of business in Connecticut for a one year period immediately prior to its application for certification under this section, had gross revenues not exceeding ten million dollars in the most recently completed fiscal year, and at least fifty-one percent of the ownership of which is held by a person or persons who are active in the daily affairs of the company, and have the power to direct the management and policies of the company, except that a nonprofit corporation shall be construed to be a small contractor if such nonprofit corporation meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision 4a-60g CONN. GEN. STAT.

2) Description of Job Categories (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

MANAGEMENT: Managers plan, organize, direct, and control the major functions of an organization through subordinates who are at the managerial or supervisory level. They make policy decisions and set objectives for the company or departments. They are not usually directly involved in production or providing services. Examples include top executives, public relations managers, managers of operations specialties (such as financial, human resources, or purchasing managers), and construction and engineering managers.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS: These occupations include managers and professionals who work with the financial aspects of the business. These occupations include accountants and auditors, purchasing agents, management analysts, labor relations specialists, and budget, credit, and financial analysts.

MARKETING AND SALES: Occupations related to the act or process of buying and selling products and/or services such as sales engineer, retail sales workers and sales representatives including wholesale.

LEGAL OCCUPATIONS: In-House Counsel who is charged with providing legal advice and services in regards to legal issues that may arise during the course of standard business practices. This category also includes assistive legal occupations such as paralegals, legal assistants.

COMPUTER SPECIALISTS: Professionals responsible for the computer operations within a company are grouped in this category. Examples of job titles in this category include computer programmers, software engineers, database administrators, computer scientists, systems analysts, and computer support specialists.

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING: Occupations related to architecture, surveying, engineering, and drafting are included in this category. Some of the job titles in this category include electrical and electronic engineers, surveyors, architects, drafters, mechanical engineers, materials engineers, mapping technicians, and civil engineers.

OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: All clerical-type work is included in this category. These jobs involve the preparing, transcribing, and preserving of written communications and records; collecting accounts; gathering and distributing information; operating office machines and electronic data processing equipment; and distributing mail. Job titles in this category include telephone operators, bill and account collectors, customer service representatives, dispatchers, secretaries and administrative assistants, computer operators and clerks (such as payroll, shipping, stock, mail and file).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE: This category includes occupations involving landscaping, housekeeping, and janitorial services. Job titles found in this category include supervisors of landscaping or housekeeping, janitors, maids, grounds maintenance workers, and pest control workers.

CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTION: This category includes construction trades and related occupations. Job titles found in this category include boilermakers, masons (all types), carpenters, construction laborers, electricians, plumbers (and related trades), roofers, sheet metal workers, elevator installers, hazardous materials removal workers, paperhangers, and painters. Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators; drywall and ceiling tile installers; and carpet, floor and tile installers and finishers are also included in this category. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers in these trades are also grouped in this category.

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Occupations involving the installation, maintenance, and repair of equipment are included in this group. Examples of job titles found here are heating, ac, and refrigeration mechanics and installers; telecommunication line installers and repairers; heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics; small engine mechanics; security and fire alarm systems installers; electric/electronic repair, industrial, utility and transportation equipment; millwrights; riggers; and manufactured building and mobile home installers. First line supervisors, foremen, and helpers for these jobs are also included in the category.

MATERIAL MOVING WORKERS: The job titles included in this group are Crane and tower operators; dredge, excavating, and lading machine operators; hoist and winch operators; industrial truck and tractor operators; cleaners of vehicles and equipment; laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; machine feeders and offbearers; packers and packagers, hand; pumping station operators; refuse and recyclable material collectors; and miscellaneous material moving workers.

PRODUCTION WORKERS: The job titles included in this category are chemical production machine setters, operators and tenders; crushing/grinding workers; cutting workers; inspectors, testers sorters, samplers, weighers; precious stone/metal workers; painting workers; cementing/gluing machine operators and tenders; etchers/engravers; molders, shapers and casters except for metal and plastic; and production workers.

3) Definition of Racial and Ethnic Terms (as used in Part IV Bidder Employment Information)

White (not of Hispanic Origin)- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Black (not of Hispanic Origin) - All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native- All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT

PART I – Bidder Information

Company Name Street Address City, State & Zip Chief Executive	Bidder Federal Employer Identification Number _____ OR Social Security Number _____
Major Business Activity (Brief Description)	Bidder Identification (Response optional/definitions on page 1) -Bidder is a small contractor. Yes____ No____ -Bidder is a minority enterprise. Yes____ No____ (If yes, check ownership category) Black____ Hispanic____ Asian American____ American Indian/Alaska Native____ Iberian Peninsula____ Individual(s) with a Physical Disability____ Female____
Bidder Parent Company (If any)	-Bidder is certified as above by the State of CT? Yes____ No____ DAS Certification Number _____
Other Locations in CT (If any)	

PART II - Bidder Nondiscrimination Policies and Procedures

1. Does your company have a written Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity statement posted on company bulletin boards? Yes_____ No_____	7. Do all of your company contracts and purchase orders contain non-discrimination statements as required by Sections 4a-60 & 4a-60a Conn. Gen. Stat.? Yes_____ No_____
2. Does your company have the state-mandated sexual harassment prevention in the workplace policy posted on company bulletin boards? Yes_____ No_____	8. Do you, upon request, provide reasonable accommodation to employees, or applicants for employment, who have physical or mental disability? Yes_____ No_____
3. Do you notify all recruitment sources in writing of your company's Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employment policy? Yes_____ No_____	9. Does your company have a mandatory retirement age for all employees? Yes_____ No_____
4. Do your company advertisements contain a written statement you are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer? Yes_____ No_____	10. If your company has 50 or more employees, have you provided at least two (2) hours of sexual harassment training to all of your supervisors? Yes_____ No_____ NA_____
5. Do you notify the Ct. State Employment Service of all employment openings with your company? Yes_____ No_____	11. If your company has apprenticeship programs, do they meet the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of the apprenticeship standards of the CT. Dept. of Labor? Yes_____ No_____ NA_____
6. Does your company have a collective bargaining agreement with workers? Yes_____ No_____	12. Does your company have a written affirmative action plan? Yes_____ No_____
6a. If yes, do the collective bargaining agreements contain nondiscrimination clauses covering all workers? Yes_____ No_____	If no, please explain.
6b. Have you notified each union in writing of your commitments under the nondiscrimination requirements of contracts with the State of CT? Yes_____ No_____	13. Is there a person in your company who is responsible for equal employment opportunity? Yes_____ No_____
	If yes, give name and phone number.

Part III - Bidder Subcontracting Practices

1. Will the work of this contract include subcontractors or suppliers? Yes_____ No_____
1a. If yes, please list all subcontractors and suppliers and report if they are a small contractor and/or a minority business Enterprise. (Defined on page 1; use additional sheets if necessary.)
1b. Will the work of this contract require additional subcontractors or suppliers other than those identified in 1a. above?
Yes_____ No_____

PART IV – Bidder Employment Information

Date:

JOB CATEGORY*	OVERALL TOTALS	WHITE (not of Hispanic origin)		BLACK (not of Hispanic origin)		HISPANIC		ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER		AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Management											
Business & Financial Ops											
Marketing & Sales											
Legal Occupations											
Computer Specialists											
Architecture/ Engineering											
Office & Admin. Support											
Bldg/Grounds Cleaning/Maint.											
Construction & Extraction											
Installation, Maint. & Repair											
Material Moving Workers											
Production Operations											
TOTALS OF ABOVE											
Total One Year Ago											

FORMAL ON THE JOB TRAINEES (ENTRE FIGURES FOR THE SAME CATEGORIES AS ARE SHOWN ABOVE)

Apprentices											
Trainees											

***NOTE:** Job Categories can be changed or added to (EX. Sales can be added or replace a category not used in your company).

PART V – Bidder Hiring and Recruitment Practices

1. Which of the following recruitment sources are used by you? (Check yes or no and report percentage used.)				2. Check (X) any of the below listed requirements that you use as a hiring qualification.		3. Describe below any other practices or actions that you take which show that you hire, train and promote employees without discrimination.
SOURCE	YES	NO	% of applicants provided by source			
State Employment Service					Work Experience	
Private Employment Agencies					Ability to Speak or Write English	
Schools and Colleges					Written Tests	
Newspaper Advertisements					High School Diploma	
Walk Ins					College Degree	
Present Employees					Union Membership	
Labor Organizations					Personal recommendation	
Minority/Community Organizations					Height or weight	
Other (please identify)					Car Ownership	
					Arrest Record	
					Wage Garnishments	

CERTIFICATION (Read this form and check your statements on it CAREFULLY before signing).

I certify that the statements made by me on this BIDDER CONTRACT COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I understand that if I knowingly make any misstatements of facts, I am subject to be declared in non-compliance with Section 4a-60, 4a-60a, and related sections of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Signature	Title	Date Signed	Telephone

STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

20 Trinity Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106—1628

SEEC FORM 10

NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION BAN

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes 9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 07-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on page 2):

Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Ban

No *state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor*, with regard to a *state contract or state contract solicitation* with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or *solicit* contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee;

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

Duty to Inform

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

Penalties for Violations

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

Civil penalties--\$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of \$2000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

Criminal penalties—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or \$5000 in fines, or both.

Contract Consequences

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may result, in the case of a state contractor, in the contract being voided.

Contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions, in the case of a prospective state contractor, shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The state will not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Receipt acknowledged: _____
(signature) (date)

Print name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Additional information and the entire text of P.A 07-1 may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, www.ct.gov/seec. Click on the link to "State Contractor Contribution Ban"

Definitions:

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan or a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (IV) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.