Request for Proposals

Town of Boston, New York Comprehensive Plan Update

PROPOSALS DUE BY 2:00 P.M. on MARCH 3, 2023

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The Town of Boston is soliciting the services of a planning consultant to assist in updating the Town of Boston Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the statutory authority and requirements set forth in Town Law § 272-a.

I. OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

The Town of Boston is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Buffalo. Substantial portions of the Town remain rural and agrarian, and availability of land and a strong sense of community have resulted in the Town being a desirable "bedroom community."

The Town last updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2002. Since that time, the Town has seen a pattern of continued growth through, among other things, subdivision of larger parcels for additional single-family home sites and construction of some multi-family homes. In recent years, it has wrestled with the implications of having limited land zoned for commercial uses (both in total area and the size of available parcels), the proper scale and scope of commercial development, and in some cases with the harmonious integration of proposed development with adjacent residential areas, some of which have historical significance.

The Town has unique topography and is defined by two large hills and a valley, with associated drainage issues and implications for the suitability of land for different uses. The Town has developed some regulations for solar energy facilities but will benefit from guidance on siting and regulations for alternative energy projects such as solar and wind, as well as for telecommunications facilities including 5G equipment. It seeks to protect, preserve, and encourage its history of agricultural production, and the comprehensive plan update should include guidance for encouraging new opportunities for agricultural development, such as agricultural tourism and sales of local food and beverage products.

The Town now seeks to update its comprehensive plan to guide land use regulations for the next 10 to 20 years, to ensure orderly growth and change which results in a healthy and cohesive community. The plan to be updated is available online at: <u>https://townofboston.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Boston_Comp_Plan.pdf</u>. Boston's Town Code, including laws recently

enacted, is available at: <u>https://ecode360.com/BO0557</u>. The updated comprehensive plan must be easy to use and easy to understand, and incorporation of maps, photographs, and illustrations is expected as detailed further below.

This project is funded, in part, by grants from the New York State Department of State's Smart Growth Planning Grant Program (funded by the New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund) and Erie County. <u>The selected consultant will be required to</u> <u>perform work consistent with the requirements of these grants, the agreements for which are</u> <u>attached hereto as Appendices A and B.</u>

The Smart Growth Planning Grant Program requires that the updated Comprehensive Plan must address the following general Smart Growth principles, in addition to the elements suggested by the New York State statutes governing comprehensive plans:

- Promote mixed land uses in focus areas.
- Create an adequate range of housing opportunities and choices.
- Promote development and redevelopment where infrastructure is adequate and sustainable.
- Build on traits that make a distinctive and attractive community with a strong sense of place.
- Promote well-planned and well-placed public spaces.
- Promote sustainable compact neighborhoods.
- Increase mobility and circulation within jurisdictional lines and improve connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines.
- Promote sustainable mass transit that reduces the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Promote walkable/bikeable neighborhood designs.
- Promote and integrate clean energy resources and related incentives.
- Improve green infrastructure and resident participation to this effort.
- Increase resiliency to extreme weather events.
- Encourage social diversity and integration.
- Expand planning and implementation efforts across jurisdictional lines, to increase effectiveness, sustainability, and resiliency.
- Promote community and stakeholder collaboration in planning.

The funding from Erie County is intended to assist the Town in specifically planning for agriculture, including addressing land-use decisions which place development pressure on farms. As such, additional required elements for the updated comprehensive plan will be:

- Addressing the preservation of agriculture.
- Siting of renewable energy facilities, including with respect to preservation of agriculture.

The comprehensive plan update for which the selected consultant will be responsible will address each of these elements; if any elements are deemed inapplicable to the Town, the comprehensive plan will note explain why it is not addressed. Additional requirements for the comprehensive plan update are set forth below.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The updated Comprehensive Plan is to provide a blueprint for the development, preservation, and enhancement of residential, commercial, and industrial neighborhoods, as well as public facilities and infrastructure, with special attention paid to the issues and elements noted above in Section I. This plan, with a year 2035 horizon, will incorporate visions for the future, ideas, policy statements, and foresight, and provide recommendations and an implementation plan.

As set forth below, a Comprehensive Planning Committee will be established, and Town officials and employees, representatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council, and members of the public will participate in preparation of the comprehensive plan. The consultant shall confer with these stakeholders in developing the comprehensive plan update and shall prepare memos and/or meeting minutes for all internal and public meetings. The consultant's fee shall include attendance at all meetings reasonably required to complete each of the tasks and requirements set forth in this RFP; where appropriate and if it will not limit participation by relevant parties some meetings may be conducted via videoconference. The consultant will be responsible for initiating and coordinating all actions required to complete the scope of work set forth herein.

The selected consultant will be responsible for guiding the Town in completion of the tasks which are set forth in the Smart Growth Planning Grant Program Work Plan requirements at Appendix A, Attachment C. These tasks are summarized below and supplemented with certain additional elements required by the Town or its grant from Erie County. The consultant is responsible for reviewing, understanding, and making sure the Town is completing all tasks that are part of the Work Plan and any additional requirements set forth in this RFP. The products to be produced by the consultant are noted below and in the Work Plan document and must be in the file formats specified in the Work Plan.

TASK 1: Project Initiation Meeting

Following execution of a contract between the selected consultant and the Town, the consultant will attend a project initiation meeting with the Department of State and Town representatives to discuss Smart Growth Planning Grant Program requirements. The participants will review and agree upon the project scope and schedule, project requirements, budget, roles and responsibilities, the selection process for procuring any additional consultants, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compliance requirements, MWBE requirements, the number of public meetings and techniques for public involvement proposed for the project, and any other information which would assist in project completion. In addition, the composition and role of the Comprehensive Planning Committee shall be discussed during the project initiation meeting. The consultant shall prepare and distribute to all project partners a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the agreements reached at the meeting. Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department of State review of the proposed approach as outlined in the meeting summary.

TASK 2: Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Town will provide consultant with a list of persons it has identified as potential members for a Comprehensive Planning Committee ("CPC"), and from that list and its own efforts consultant than shall provide recommendations for the composition that Committee. The CPC shall have at least one member from each of the following municipal boards: Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Conservation Advisory Council. It shall include representatives from a large range of ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds and a diverse range of stakeholders, such as residents, civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, and environmental experts.

Once the CPC has been appointed by the Town Board, consultant shall meet with the CPC to establish the project schedule, become familiar with the Town's organization, and discuss means by which consultant, the CPC, Town, and others may interface and establish communication policies.

The selected consultant will provide guidance and support to the members of the CPC. With extensive assistance, prompting, and examples provided by the consultant, the CPC will conduct/oversee the planning process and the development of the Comprehensive Plan, participate in meetings, generate ideas and build consensus, provide the consultant with relevant information reflective of the community's current condition and needs (including a list of completed and ongoing local planning efforts and initiatives), review materials drafted by the consultant team and provide constructive feedback, support each of the proposed public participation and outreach efforts, and set the stage for cooperation and the plan's implementation.

The consultant shall maintain a roster of the CPC and shall prepare and distribute meeting minutes.

TASK 3: Procurement of Consultant

The Town is completing this Task through issuance of this RFP. See the Minority and Women Business Enterprise requirements below.

TASK 4: Subcontract and Compliance with Local Procurement Requirements

The Town is completing this Task through the contract that will result from this RFP. Please note the selected consultant is considered a subcontractor to the Town for the purpose of the Smart Growth Planning Grant.

TASK 5: Comprehensive Planning Committee Meetings

The Comprehensive Planning Committee ("CPC") will meet on a regular basis during the planning process to advance the preparation, review, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan, and to organize and conduct community participation events.

During the first meeting, the CPC will review project requirements, roles, and responsibilities, transfer necessary information to the consultant, and identify new information needs and next steps. The consultant will prepare and distribute a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the understandings reached at the meeting.

All subsequent meetings will advance the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and assess the evolution of the project, the new information needed, changes in roles and responsibilities, and next steps.

Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department of State review of the written summary of the initial meeting, which must list the meeting participants.

TASK 6: Community Participation Plan

The selected consultant will work with Town personnel and the CPC as necessary to prepare a Community Participation Plan that describes the public outreach and participation efforts that will be conducted during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the local and State statutes. At a minimum, the Community Participation Plan shall include (in-person or virtual) interviews with local and regional stakeholders, a community survey, a public information meeting, two or more public workshops, one or more public hearings, and a webpage with links to announcements, presentations and documents prepared during the planning process. The Town will work with the consultant to post content to a special Comprehensive Plan webpage on the Town's website.

The Community Participation Plan shall identify key individuals, organizations, and entities to be involved, and shall identify roles and responsibilities in coordinating the entire outreach process, logistics, and the proposed schedule of the proposed public outreach and participation efforts.

All public outreach and participation efforts will be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, and any other appropriate means including the Town's Facebook page. Public access must be provided to each public meeting or workshop; the Town Hall is an accessible and centrally located building where it is anticipated most relevant meetings will occur. Outreach efforts should encourage participation from populations who are frequently underrepresented in the comprehensive planning process, including immigrants, refugees, and minorities. A summary of the public outreach and participation efforts will be made available to the public in written form and through other appropriate means, such as websites.

Products: The selected consultant will prepare a Draft and final Community Participation Plan in a format to be approved by the Town and the Department of State.

Task 7: Community Survey and Stakeholder Interviews

The consultant will work with the Town and CPC to develop a relevant and realistic community survey about current local conditions and issues. The survey should be made available to the public as hard copy and online. In addition, the consultant and CPC shall identify a set of topics that shall be discussed with stakeholders to obtain additional relevant information and elicit stakeholder reactions and suggestions. Following the completion of the survey, the consultant shall develop a summary of results and analysis.

Products: The consultant shall produce a draft and final Community Survey. Draft and final list of topics to be discussed during the stakeholder interviews. Summary of survey and interviews responses and analysis.

Task 8: Review Local and Regional Planning Efforts and Ongoing Initiatives

The consultant shall use appropriate means to identify and review existing local and regional planning documents and ongoing initiatives. This review process will also include consultation with community leaders and with neighboring communities, if applicable, to identify common issues and assess if Smart Growth principals noted in Part 1 of this RFP are the basis for addressing those issues.

The consultant shall develop a written findings report describing and assessing existing planning documents and the issues and opportunities identified by community leaders.

Products: The consultant shall prepare a written findings report.

Task 9: Community Profile

The consultant shall draft a Community Profile consisting of an inventory and analysis of existing conditions, including narrative, maps, and relevant data. The inventory will be used to assist in the identification of local issues and potential opportunities, and the consultant may use the existing comprehensive plan as a tool to help provide context. The analysis of the local conditions and issues will be conducted from a Smart Growth perspective when applicable and identify potential solutions to existing issues and potential opportunities. A chart of smart growth principles will be provided to be included in the comprehensive plan which will summarize the opportunities and challenges to addressing each principle. The inventory and analysis of existing conditions (including existing zoning laws) should include the following, at a minimum:

- History of the municipal jurisdiction and boundaries.
- Description of previous comprehensive plan development and adoption processes.
- Demographic characteristics (population and growth trends, age distribution, average household size, ethnic composition, average household income, social diversity and integration, demographic trends).
- Local and regional economic characteristics (unemployment rates and trends, work force characterization, dominant business sector type, major employers and industries, sales tax information, property tax rates, economic trends, and jobs range).
- Housing characteristics (the age, type, and condition of structures, type of occupancy renters versus owners, vacancy rates and trends in the community and length of
 residency percentage of residents five years in home, the extent and availability of lowincome housing throughout the community and in identified neighborhoods, assessment
 of housing opportunities and choices, housing trends and access to jobs).
- Local and regional economies and development trends (including housing, commercial, industrial, and agricultural development). Particular attention must be given to sites on major thoroughfares, sites along environmentally sensitive areas, and business improvement district concepts.
- Land use and smart growth focus areas.
- Agricultural and forest lands, uses, and districts.

- Infrastructure and public utilities (i.e., drinking water supply, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, stormwater management and green infrastructure, communications, gas, and electricity) extent, capacity, age, and maintenance.
- Transportation systems, local levels of greenhouse gas emissions, levels of mobility and circulation, walkable/bikeable neighborhood, connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines, distance to jobs.
- Natural resources and climate (air quality, watercourses, wetlands, floodplains, aquifers, forests/tree cover, steep slopes, soil types, and rare plant and animal habitats, precipitations, winds, temperatures, etc.).
- Extreme weather events, flooding, erosion hazards, and local resiliency.
- Health and emergency services and facilities.
- Parks and public spaces, recreation facilities, range of passive and active recreation, capacity and maintenance, accessibility etc.
- Other community facilities.
- Historic, cultural, and scenic resources.
- Waterfront resources and public access.
- Zoning and other relevant local development controls, and the extent to which these are consistent throughout the Town.
- Fiscal resources.

The draft Community Profile shall be submitted to the Department of State for review before being used to design workshop activities and prepare materials needed to conduct community visioning workshops (Task 10) or to draft the Comprehensive Plan.

Products: Community Profile report, including a comprehensive inventory and analysis in the form of relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics.

Task 10: Community Visioning Workshops

The selected consultant will facilitate and conduct at least two public workshops that will inform the public about the findings of the planning process conducted up to this point, present a clear assessment of how Smart Growth policies are integrated in the municipality's planning efforts, governmental decisions, and ongoing initiatives, and will solicit public input on existing resources, community character, and future growth. The workshops are also intended to identify Smart Growth solutions to current issues and future growth.

Each workshop shall be advertised with generous advance notice to garner maximum publicity, awareness, and participation. The site of the workshops must be accessible to the public (likely Town Hall).

Products: The consultant shall prepare published workshop announcements and fliers. Materials prepared for each public workshop. Workshops held. Written summary prepared.

Task 11: Draft Comprehensive Plan and Draft of Recommended Zoning Revisions

Informed by all the foregoing work, the consultant shall assemble the draft comprehensive plan update that addresses each of the Smart Growth policies and establishes a long-term strategy

for future growth and protection of resources, and should include discussion of the following topics commensurate with the community's needs and vision for future actions:

- Goals, objectives, principles, policies, and standards upon which proposals for the immediate and long-range enhancement, growth, and development of the community are based.
- Consideration of regional needs and the official plans of other government units and agencies within the region.
- Consideration of population, demographic and socio-economic trends and future projections.
- The existing and proposed location and intensity of land uses and protection of environmental and cultural resources.
- Consideration and recommendations on existing and proposed location and intensity of land uses and how these may be made compatible with the protection of agricultural and forest lands, historic and cultural resources, natural resources, and sensitive environmental areas. The comprehensive plan must include reasoned consideration of the impacts of Boston's unique topography on land use and development, and how best to avoid drainage, flooding, and other problems while still permitting development. Consider principles relating to protecting the environment such as creating or protecting riparian buffers and other naturalized areas, inventorying natural resources including street trees, encouraging green infrastructure, reducing impervious surfaces, utilizing existing infrastructure, adjusting codes and regulations for climate resiliency, and adaptive reuse of buildings and parcels.

This topic should include a focus on agricultural planning, including making recommendations regarding efforts to preserve and enhance the local agricultural industry, including agritourism. Consider principles relating to farmland protection such as the location of prime agricultural soils, the location of New York State Agricultural Districts, the location of parcels receiving an Agricultural Assessment, the presence of development pressure, and the presence of water and transmission lines, and explore programs such as transfer of development rights (TDR) and purchase of development rights (PDR).

- Food systems planning, including of review existing public and private components of the food environment from seedling to waste in the Town and if appropriate make recommendations regarding efforts to advance food access and contributions to the regional food system. Refer to food systems strategies in the One Region Forward Plan, the WNY Sustainability Plan, and the Buffalo and Erie County Local Food Action Plan.
- Considering County and State plans, identify potential future problems and means to address items such as traffic volume, access management, ROW use, streetscape treatment and suggest specific recommendations and solutions to be addressed by the Town, County and/or State on principal thoroughfares - for example, addressing the impact of potential development on Boston State Road and identifying any other roadways that would require substantial improvements to facilitate the development contemplated in the comprehensive plan update. As appropriate, make observations or recommendations regarding street speed limits, parking, critical intersections, lanes, and signalization, abandoned vehicles, pedestrian needs, bike trails, and bus, truck, and rail

routes and facilities. Opportunities for multi-modal connections to neighboring municipalities should be explored. As applicable, discuss location and types of transportation facilities that reduce the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions. Note: Consultant is not expected to prepare traffic or pedestrian studies.

- Existing and proposed general location of public and private utilities and infrastructure, including clean energy generation. Make recommendations on the location for renewable energy projects, including relevant criteria that should be considered in siting, such as unique aesthetic concerns for the Town and reuse of brownfield sites or other locations. Discuss planning for battery energy storage systems and other emerging renewable energy issues. The draft comprehensive plan must include discussion specifically on how to protect farmland from the encroachment of large-scale renewable energy projects.
- Existing housing resources and future housing needs, including affordable housing. • Evaluate existing housing building supply, occupancy, age, condition, affordability, and rehabilitation need/potential concentrating on current and projected future potential blight areas. Identify trends in residential real estate including where new residential growth is occurring or likely to occur. The consultant should help the Town to lay out a vision for the future of housing development or redevelopment along with short- and long-term objectives. Review landscape codes for adequacy. Secure inputs from Town departments and realty and commercial professionals. Identify any need for neighborhood enhancements such as sidewalks, lighting, etc., as well as means for addressing residence and business degradation such as incentives and county, state and federal revitalization programs, property maintenance laws and actions found to be successful by other communities. If appropriate, consultant should provide recommendations regarding whether the Town should change the way it regulates home occupations, given the changing nature of how and where residents now are able to work with technological advances.

The consultant's work shall include determining areas that may qualify for HUD Community Development Block Grant projects by virtue of census eligibility or survey work. A listing of potential CDBG eligible and appropriate projects shall be prepared.

- The present and potential future general location of educational and cultural facilities, historic sites, health facilities, and facilities for emergency services. Evaluate adequacy for the future using census projections, municipal comparisons, and figures of merit. Recommend future plans, after appropriate consultation with Town departments, for existing and any proposed recreational facilities, parkland, and senior services.
- The present and potential future general location of commercial and industrial facilities. Collect and analyze relevant data on Town commerce and industry such as growth, ownership status, tax delinquencies, vacancy rates, rental costs, investment, jobs history and project to plan horizon, including consultant conferring with Erie County Industrial Development Agency and Empire State Development on this topic. Compare key parameters and trends with local, state, and national data. Identify principal factors which need to be addressed. Analyze present supply of commercial buildings and possible future locations of retail, commercial and industrial facilities with assessment of balance between community character and needed community components. Offer guidance on use of smaller commercial-zoned parcels. Prepare an inventory of areas/sites that are prioritized as appropriate for development. List specific policies and strategies for improving the local economy in coordination with other plan topics.

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- Consultant should identify other opportunities for the Town to improve land use and planning and how it delivers associated services, such as potential shared-services opportunities or intergovernmental coordination.
- All other items which are consistent with the orderly growth and development of the community.
- Proposed measures, programs, devices, and instruments to implement the goals and objectives of the various topics within the comprehensive plan.
- Identify any further areas of study recommended to be carried out to implement the Comprehensive Plan. For each topic address the need and purpose of the topic, description of the tasks that are recommended to be undertaken, approximate cost and duration of the study, and potential funding sources.

A detailed strategy implementing the community's policies, concepts, projects, and programs shall be identified in the plan. This includes phased implementation approach (short-term, mid, and long-term), as well as anticipated costs, and priorities. The draft (and final) Comprehensive Plan shall include topical items, supporting maps and other graphics, to be produced by the consultant. The maps shall include ones demonstrating existing land use throughout the Town and a Future Land Use or Vision map, relative to satisfying draft Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives.

Text and maps shall be provided in a digital format compatible with the GIS systems used by the Town and Erie County.

The consultant will work with the Town to submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Department of State for review and approval and incorporate the Department's comments in the final plan.

Products: The consultant shall produce a draft Comprehensive Plan, including relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics. The consultant also shall prepare, as a separate document or as part of the draft Comprehensive Plan as deemed appropriate, a draft of recommended zoning revisions which would assist the Town in executing on the vision set forth in the draft Comprehensive Plan.

Task 12: Review by the Planning Board and the Town Board

The consultant shall submit the draft updated Comprehensive Plan to the Town Planning Board and Town Board, for review, comments, and recommendations. Any comments received from these Boards shall be addressed before the initiation of the SEQRA compliance process.

The comments and recommendations prepared by the Town Board and Town Planning Board shall be compiled and addressed by the consultant and incorporated into the final plan and prior to making the official draft available for public review.

Products: Comments and recommendations received from the Planning Board and Town Board shall be compiled by the consultant and submitted to the Department.

Task 13: Environmental Quality Review

The consultant shall prepare all materials necessary for compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The adoption of a new or amended Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type I action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and 6 NYCRR Part 617. The selected consultant shall prepare the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide a review of land use actions proposed in the comprehensive plan. The Town Board shall declare itself to be the Lead Agency for the action of adopting the amended comprehensive plan. Consultant will draft all required notices, findings, filings, and related documents.

Copies of all SEQR documents shall be submitted to the Department of State.

Products: The consultant shall prepare all required SEQRA documents.

Task 14: County Planning Board Review

The consultant shall work with Town personnel to submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning for review and recommendations pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law and the Agricultural Law (as the Town contains part of an Agricultural District). Comments received from the County Department of Environment and Planning shall be addressed in the final version of the Comprehensive Plan that will be locally adopted.

Comments received from the County Department of Environment and Planning shall be submitted to Department of State.

Task 15: Final Comprehensive Plan

Address all comments and recommendations received from the public and involved local, regional, and State agencies and incorporate into the Final Comprehensive Plan and schedule a public hearing and the local adoption of the plan.

The final Comprehensive Plan and the date of the public hearing and local adoption of the plan shall be submitted to Department.

Products: Final Comprehensive Plan ready for local adoption.

Task 16: Public Hearing and Local Adoption

The consultant will assist the Town in conducting a public hearing prior to adoption of the updated comprehensive plan as required by Town Law and shall prepare any necessary resolutions for review by the Town's legal counsel. Notice of the public hearing shall be

published in the Town's official newspaper (currently the Hamburg Sun) at least ten calendar days in advance of the hearing – consultant shall prepare the public hearing notice and will consult with the Town Clerk regarding who shall be responsible to arrange for its publication. The proposed comprehensive plan shall be made available for public review during said period at the office of the Town Clerk and at the Boston Free Library (copy to be delivered by consultant to the Library) and shall be posted on the municipal website. The public hearings may also be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, Facebook postings, and any other appropriate means. Consultant shall furnish sufficient copies of the proposed comprehensive plan prior to the public hearing to permit review by the public, Town staff, and other interested parties.

Once prepared by the Town Clerk, the consultant shall ensure that copies of the public hearing minutes and the local adoption resolution shall be submitted to the Department of State.

Task 17: MWBE Reporting

As described further below, the Department of State grant agreement requires that 30% of the State funds being provided for this project be paid to NYS certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises. Consultant, if not itself a certified MWBE firm, is required to subcontract to meet these requirements.

The consultant will assist the Town with meeting its MWBE reporting requirements. The consultant shall provide and update as applicable:

- Form C Workforce Employment Utilization to report the actual work force utilized for this contract broken down by specified categories (every March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31). Form C must be provided every quarter.
- Form D MWBE Utilization Plan to indicate any state-certified MWBE firms selected to work on this contract. Form D must be updated and submitted to the Town for its submission to the Department of State whenever changes to the selected MWBE firms occur (addition or removal).
- The consultant's invoices shall clearly reflect payments to MWBE subcontractors so that the Town can report these to the Department of State through the New York State Contract System (NYSCS).

Task 18: Project Status Reports

The consultant will draft and submit on behalf of the Town project status reports semi-annually (every June 30 and December 31) on the form provided by the Department of State, including a description of the work accomplished, the status of all tasks in this work plan, schedule of completion of remaining tasks, and an explanation of any problems encountered.

Products: The consultant will produce completed project status reports submitted during the life of the contract.

Task 19: Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results

When all other requirements set forth in this RFP are complete, the consultant will prepare a draft Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results for the Town to submit electronically at: https://forms.office.com/g/eZERFeEeKM.

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

a) The Smart Growth Planning Grant Program requires that all materials printed or produced in connection with this project acknowledge the contributions of the Department of State to the project, and that all final and public facing materials must include the Department of State Logo and the following acknowledgement: "This [document, report, map, etc.] was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund."

The contributions of the Department of State must also be acknowledged in community press releases and other notices issued for the project, including web site postings and other forms of digital distribution. Project press releases and other notices must be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to release, to ensure appropriate attribution.

Erie County's contribution to this project should similarly be acknowledged on publicfacing and final documents produced in connection with this project.

- b) The selected consultant must provide all products in formats consistent with the Department of State Work Plan requirements at Appendix B, Attachment C, Page 2.
- c) The selected consultant will participate with Town representatives in any Smart Growth Planning Grant Program training offered by the Department of State during the pendency of this project.
- d) Respondents are encouraged to recommend modifications to the above scope which will produce a better product but are cautioned that such modifications may be subject to approval by the Department of State and/or Erie County.
- e) Monthly billing with narrative progress report shall be required.
- f) The consultant will be required to enter into an agreement with the Town which will include insurance requirements (minimum \$1 million limits) and will require the consultant to perform as per its proposal and the requirements set forth in this RFP and its addenda.

g) Minority and Women Business Enterprise ("MWBE") participation requirements.

The consultant selected for this project will be expected to subcontract work to NYS certified MWBE firms, with contract goals of 15% Minority Business Enterprise, 15% Women Business Enterprise, total 30%, calculated based on the Department of State

grant funding amount. The Department of State grant amount is \$63,000; thus, the consultant must subcontract \$9,450 in work to a certified Minority Business Enterprise and \$9,450 to a certified Women Business Enterprise. The consultant is directed to read all portions of the State grant agreement that is attached here as Appendix B and must submit a draft utilization plan on the form provided with the proposal. If the consultant wishes to request a waiver of the MWBE goals, provide an explanation of why subcontracting with MWBE firms is not possible and/or a summary of the good-faith efforts (as described in Appendix B) the consultant has made to obtain MWBE participation with the proposal. Approval of a contract with the consultant will be contingent on Department of State approval of the MWBE utilization plan or waiver request.

h) Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise ("SDVOB") participation goal.

To comply with the SDVOB Program goals of 6%, the Department of State strongly encourages the Town of Boston as a grantee to make every effort, to the maximum extent possible, to engage certified SDVOBs in the purchasing of commodities, services, and technology in the performance of their contracts with the Department. In this case, the Town is issuing this RFP to subcontract with a qualified consultant, and thus the consultant is encouraged to meet the SDVOB participation goal. If SDVOB utilization is obtained, the consultant will provide the Town with a quarterly SDVOB utilization report to be submitted to the Department with information of the utilization percentage achieved during that quarter. Contractor Reporting Forms are found at: https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/.

The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD) is housed within the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) and maintains a directory of the NYS Certified SDVOBs. For assistance with engaging SDVOB vendors, please contact the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development at the following email address: VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov, or the DOS Division of Affirmative Action Programs – SDVOB Program at Catherine.Traina@dos.ny.gov or Api.Ohouo@dos.ny.gov. The directory of certified SDVOB vendors can be found at: https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/Docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf.

The consultant is highly encouraged to utilize SDVOBs in performing the scope of work called for in this RFP for the Town and should submit details on any proposed SDVOB utilization with its proposal. The extent of SDVOB participation may be considered in proposal evaluation.

- i) Any documents produced must be in accordance with NYS Town Law, General Municipal Law Section 239-m, and any other applicable legal standards pursuant to the update of comprehensive plans or zoning ordinances.
- j) Approximately \$95,000 is available for this work.

IV. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION PROCESS

A. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Firms and/or teams are required to submit one (1) signed original, seven (7) copies, and an electronic copy on a USB thumb drive of proposal materials that demonstrate the firm's capabilities and experience. The RFP submission shall be limited to no more than 30 double-sided pages (min. 12 pt. font) that shall be bound.

Your submittal should include the following information in the format outlined below and include:

Section 1. Description of Firm

- a. Professional Capabilities
- b. Proof of Authorization to do business in New York State
- c. Proof of New York State Professional Licensure (as applicable)
- d. Staffing Level/Organization Chart
- e. Project Mix/Client Mix for most recent projects

Section 2. Project Team

- a. Services to be provided
- b. Sub-consultants required to perform work
- c. Team Organization, including project role/function chart
- d. Total relevant human resource availability throughout agreement, particularly for the project manager and key personnel
- e. Comprehensive plan experience as a team and as individual firms.

Section 3. Qualifications and Experience

- a. Personnel
 - Principal in Charge
 - Project Manager, including relevant project management expertise, experience, credentials, and communication skills
 - Key technical personnel, including available licensed engineers/architects
 - Experience (as related to this project)

- b. Technical Experience
 - Proposers shall demonstrate specific technical experience and competence in providing high quality services for each of the following areas:
 - Comprehensive/Master Planning
 - Code Review
 - Project coordination with multiple public and private agencies, owners, and stakeholders

Section 4. Project Management Methodology

- a. Overall project management approach and methodology
- c. Schedule, quality, and cost-control procedures
- d. Project tracking and performance monitoring procedures
- e. Project progress reporting procedures

Section 5. Technical Approach

Describe your approach to the Services that clearly demonstrates your understanding of the Scope of Services and your ability to manage and complete multiple projects in a timely and cost-efficient manner. The submittal must include a detailed statement of your approach and ability to provide the required Services and Work Product **including**, **but not limited to**, **a proposed schedule for completing all aspects of the services**.

Section 6. References

- a. List representative experiences for the past three years; provide links to comprehensive plans available through the internet.
- b. List five (5) references to which you provided services of a similar nature. Indicate scope of work, names of project staff, total compensation paid, points of contact, and term of contract.
- c. List any previous work experience for the Town of Boston as either a prime or subconsultant.
- d. Provide your information in the following format:
 - Project name and description
 - Your firm's scope of work or role on project, and names of project staff
 - Client name, address, and telephone number
 - Client contact (Full Name and Title)

Section 7. Cost Proposal

Teams are asked to provide a cost proposal for each Task outlined in §2 (Scope of Work). Proposals must include, at a minimum, the following items:

- 1) Provide itemized list of services offered.
 - i. Fee Proposal for each Task listed in section "II. Scope of Work"
 - ii. Hourly Billing Rates (provide the hourly billable rates for all positions, including, but not limited to, the following: Principal-in-Charge, Project Manager, Project Engineer, Project Designer, Contract Administrator – submit in a tabular format for consultants and all sub-consultants.) A fully loaded resource schedule broken down by task and classification – submit rates and man hour projections in a tabular format.
 - iii. Typical Cost/Persons hours per task.
 - iv. An overall "not to exceed" fee for the entire project.

B. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection may be made based on proposals alone or a maximum of three (3) proposers will be selected for interviews. Selection for interviews will be based on an independent evaluation based on a point system of 100 total points. The submitted proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- **Project Understanding:** demonstrates understanding of the project's objectives and potential for achieving objective 20 points.
- Experience on Similar Projects: including municipal Comprehensive Plans, particularly in communities similar to the Town of Boston 20 points.
- **Project Management:** including but not limited to resources, experience and qualification of project personnel specifically committed to the project, estimated time schedule, and the reasonableness of the estimated time to complete each task. The location and availability of personnel and the firm's experience in conducting this type of work will also be considered 20 points.
- Work Plan: including but not limited to the soundness of the technical approach and comprehensiveness of the plan in addressing the Town's identified scope of work – 30 points
- Consultant Fee: 10 points

Final selection will be based on the above factors, as well as interview performance if interviews are conducted. The Town of Boston reserves the right to award the contract to other than the proposer presenting the lowest overall cost. The contract resulting from this RFP will be awarded to the qualified proposer whose proposal the Town of Boston determines to be the most advantageous to the Town of Boston based on the evaluation of the criteria outlined above. The RFP and attachments will become an attachment to the agreement. Any scope, program, or

schedule changes differing from these documents require written mutual approval of the Town and the consultant and may require Department of State or Erie County approval.

C. TIME AND PLACE OF SUBMISSION

Respondents are required to submit one (1) original, seven (7) copies, and an electronic copy on a USB thumb drive of their submittal prior to <u>March 3, 2023 at 2:00 P.M.</u> Responses shall be firmly sealed in an envelope or box and contain the Respondent's name and return address. Please be advised that under no circumstances will the Town of Boston obligate itself to consider a response which is received after the deadline or does not include the basic items described above.

Responses shall be delivered to:

Boston Town Clerk Sandra Quinlan 8500 Boston State Road Boston, New York 14025

The Town of Boston reserves the right to reject a submittal if any document or item listed in this RFP is incomplete, improperly executed, indefinite, ambiguous, and/or is missing. Additionally, factors such as, but not limited to the following may also disqualify a respondent without further consideration:

- Evidence of collusion among Respondents;
- Any attempt to improperly influence any member of the evaluation panel;
- Discovery that a Respondent purposely misled or knowingly provided false or inaccurate information in a submittal; or
- A Respondent's default under any type of agreement, which resulted in the termination of that agreement.

The Town of Boston reserves the right to reject any and all submittals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS, WRITTEN RESPONSES AND ADDENDA

Respondents must rely only on the written terms of this RFP and any written responses to questions or formal addenda. Oral representations may not be relied upon.

Written questions or requests for additional information or documents will be accepted no later than **close of business on <u>February 17, 2023</u>** to:

Jason A. Keding, C.T.O. Town of Boston Supervisor 8500 Boston State Road Boston, New York 14025 supervisorkeding@gmail.com

Any addenda or written responses to questions will be posted to the Town's website at <u>https://townofboston.com/comprehensive-plan/</u> by February 24, 2023.

STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS FACE PAGE

STATE AGENCY:	BUSINESS UNIT/DEPT ID: DOS01/3800000
NYS Department of State One Commerce Plaza	CONTRACT NUMBER: C1002054
99 Washington Avenue – Suite 1010	CONTRACT TYPE:
Albany, NY 12231	□ Multi-Year Agreement
Albally, IVT 12251	□ Simplified Renewal Agreement
	\boxtimes Fixed Term Agreement
CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME:	TRANSACTION TYPE:
	⊠ New
BOSTON TOWN OF	\square Renewal
	\square Amendment
CONTRACTOR DOS INCORPORATED NAME:	PROJECT NAME:
CONTRACTOR DOS INCORFORATED NAME.	r KOJECT NAME.
n/a	Town of Boston Comprehensive Plan Update
CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:	AGENCY IDENTIFIER:
NYS VENDOR ID Number:1000003976	21-OPDSG-18 (WNY)
Federal Tax ID Number:16-6002185	CFDA NUMBER (Federally Funded Grants Only):
DUNS Number (if applicable): n/a	n/a
DUNS Number (if applicable): n/a	iv a
CONTRACTOR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS:	CONTRACTOR STATUS:
Town of Boston	\Box For Profit
8500 Boston State Road	Municipality, Code:
Boston, NY 14025	\square Tribal Nation
	\square Individual
	\square Not-for-Profit
CONTRACTOR PAYMENT ADDRESS:	
\boxtimes Check if same as primary mailing address	Charities Registration Number: n/a
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CONTRACTOR MAILING ADDRESS	Exemption Status/Code: 3A/02
\boxtimes Check if same as primary mailing address	
	Sectarian Entity

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CURRENT CONTRACT TERM:				CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNT:	
FROM:	6/1/2022	TO:	5/31/2025	(<i>Multi-year</i> – enter total projected amount of the contract; <i>Fixed Term/Simplified Renewal</i> – enter current period amount)	
CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD:				current period uniount)	
FROM:	6/1/2022	TO:	5/31/2025	CURRENT:	\$63,000.00
AMENDED TERM:				AMENDED:	
FROM:	TO:			FUNDING SOURCES:	
AMENDED PERIOD:				State	
FROM:	TO:			□ Federal □ Other	
FOR MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS ONLY – CONTRACT PERIOD AND FUNDING AMOUNT: (Out years represent projected funding amounts)					
#	CURRENT PERIOD	Г	CURRENT AMOUNT	AMENDED PERIOD	AMENDED AMOUNT
1					
2					
3					
5					
ATTACHMENTS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT:					
⊠ Attachment A:				A-1 Program Specific Terms and ConditionsA-2 Federally Funded Grants	
⊠ Attachment B:				 □ B-1 Expenditure Based Budget □ B-2 Performance Based Budget □ B-3 Capital Budget □ B-1(A) Expenditure Based Budget (Amendment) □ B-2(A) Performance Based Budget (Amendment) □ B-3(A) Capital Budget (Amendment) 	
⊠ Attachment C: Work Plan					
 Attachment D: Payment and Reporting Schedule Other: 					

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or approved this Master Contract on the dates below their signatures.					
CONTRACTOR:	STATE AGENCY:				
Town of Boston 8500 Boston State Road Boston, NY 14025 By: JASAN A. MEDING Printed Name	NYS Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue – Suite 1010 Albany, NY 12231 By: <u>July Lugan Lyst</u> Lugan I. Hart Printed Name				
Title: SUTERUTION	Title: Chief Administrative Officer				
Date: <u>OCT 13^D 2062</u>	Date: 1222				
COUNTY OF <u>Evel</u> On the <u>13th day of <u>Ortotice</u>, <u>2022</u>, before me personally appeared <u>Jason & Hicking</u>, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides at <u>1500 Boston</u>, <u>State Rd</u>, that he/she is the <u>Jupervise</u> of the <u>Town of Boston</u>, the contractor described herein which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto as authorized by the contractor name on the face page of this Master Contract. (Notary) <u>Jusen M. Miller</u> (Notary) <u>Jusen M. Miller</u> (Notary) <u>Jusen M. Miller</u></u>					
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SIGNATURE STATE COMPTROLLER'S SIGNATURE					
By:	By:				
	APPROVED				
Printed Name	DEPT, OF AUDIT & CONTROL Printed Name Dec 23 2022				
Title:	Title: Laura Coyle				
Date:	Date:				
	FOR THE STATE COMPTROLLER				

Contract Number: C1002054 Page 1 of 1, Master Contract for Grants - Signature Page

APPENDIX B PAGE 004 STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS

This State of New York Master Contract for Grants (Master Contract) is hereby made by and between the State of New York acting by and through the applicable State Agency (State) and the public or private entity (Contractor) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services, design or the execution and performance of construction projects, as applicable and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such program services or the execution and performance of construction projects and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Executory Clause: In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under the Master Contract to the Contractor, or to anyone else, beyond funds appropriated and available for the Master Contract.

B. Required Approvals: In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if the Master Contract is with the State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY), Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if the Master Contract exceeds \$50,000 (or \$85,000 for contracts let by the Office of General Services, or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for certain SUNY and CUNY contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount including, but not limited to, changes in amount, consideration, scope or contract term identified on the Face Page (Contract Term), it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and OSC. If, by the Master Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by the Master Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by.

Budget Changes: An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than

five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment may be subject to prior approval by the applicable State Agency as detailed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

C. Order of Precedence: In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Master Contract (including any and all attachments and amendments) or (ii) between the terms of the Master Contract and the original request for proposal, the program application or other attachment that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Master Contract, the order of precedence is as

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- 1. Standard Terms and Conditions
- 2. Modifications to the Face Page
- 3. Modifications to Attachment A-2¹, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
- 4. The Face Page
- 5. Attachment A-2², Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
- 6. Modification to Attachment A-1
- 7. Attachment A-1

8. Other attachments, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

D. Funding: Funding for the term of the Master Contract shall not exceed the amount specified as "Contract Funding Amount" on the Face Page or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Master Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget).

E. Contract Performance: The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Master Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Attachment C (Work Plan) in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

F. Modifications: To modify the Attachments or Face Page, the parties mutually agree to record, in writing, the terms of such modification and to revise or complete the Face Page and all the appropriate attachments in conjunction therewith. In addition, to the extent that such modification meets the criteria set

¹ To the extent that the modifications to Attachment A-2 are required by federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the modifications to Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V).

 $^{^{2}}$ To the extent that the terms of Attachment A-2 are required by federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the federal requirements of Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V)

forth in Section I.B herein, it shall be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC before it shall become valid, effective and binding upon the State. Modifications that are not subject to the AG and OSC approval shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Master Contract.

G. Governing Law: The Master Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.

H. Severability: Any provision of the Master Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Master Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Master Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

I. Interpretation: The headings in the Master Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Master Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

J. Notice:

1. All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:

- a) by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
- b) by facsimile transmission;
- c) by personal delivery;
- d) by expedited delivery service; or
- e) by e-mail.

2. Notices to the State shall be addressed to the Program Office designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).

3. Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the Contractor's designee as designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).

4. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or e-mail, upon receipt.

5. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different e-mail address, facsimile number or address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under the Master Contract by giving fifteen (15) calendar days prior written notice to the other party sent in

accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under the Master Contract. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation, administration, billing and resolving issues and/or disputes.

K. Service of Process: In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules (CPLR), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. The Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

L. Set-Off Rights: The State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold, for the purposes of set-off, any moneys due to the Contractor under the Master Contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to the Master Contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of the Master Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies, or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set- off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State Agency, its representatives, or OSC.

M. Indemnification: The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Master Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Master Contract.

N. Non-Assignment Clause: In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so shall be considered to be null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract, let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law, may be waived at the discretion of the State Agency and with the concurrence of OSC, where the original contract was subject to OSC's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that the merged contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless the Master Contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

O. Legal Action: No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Master Contract. The term "litigation" shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term "regulatory action" shall include commence a regulatory proceeding, or requesting any

regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

P. No Arbitration: Disputes involving the Master Contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

Q. Secular Purpose: Services performed pursuant to the Master Contract are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

R. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying: Funds provided pursuant to the Master Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

S. Reciprocity and Sanctions Provisions: The Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state, or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers shall be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that it be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain.³

T. Reporting Fraud and Abuse: Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the Federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act, and whistleblower protections.

U. Non-Collusive Bidding: By submission of this bid, the Contractor and each person signing on behalf of the Contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Contractor further affirms that, at the time the Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive binding certification on the Contractor's behalf.

V. Federally Funded Grants: All of the Specific federal requirements that are applicable to the Master Contract are identified in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants) hereto. To the extent that the Master Contract is funded in whole or part with federal funds, (i) the provisions of the Master Contract that conflict with federal rules, federal regulations, or federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants) hereto.

II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

A. Term: The term of the Master Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

³As of October 9, 2012, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for the most current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

B. Renewal:

1. *General Renewal*: The Master Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Master Contract (a "Simplified Renewal Contract"). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Master Contract.

2. Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:

a) Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Master Contract is with a not-forprofit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State's intent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State ("Unusual Circumstances"), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, "Unusual Circumstances" shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish or schedule for the implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program,

(iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.

b) Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State's intent to not renew the Master Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Master Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Master Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Master Contract.

C. Termination:

1. Grounds:

a) <u>Mutual Consent</u>: The Master Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.

b) <u>Cause</u>: The State may terminate the Master Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to the Master Contract.

c) <u>Non-Responsibility</u>: In accordance with the provisions of Sections IV(N)(6) and (7) herein, the State may make a final determination that the Contractor is non-responsible (Determination of Non-Responsibility). In such event, the State may terminate the Master Contract at the Contractor's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

d) <u>Convenience</u>: The State may terminate the Master Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.

e) <u>Lack of Funds</u>: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Master Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Master Contract, the Master Contract may be terminated or reduced at the State Agency's discretion, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Master Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Master Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.

f) <u>Force Majeure:</u> The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Master Contract immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Master Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

2. Notice of Termination:

- a) <u>Service of notice</u>: Written notice of termination shall be sent by:
 - (i) personal messenger service; or
 - (ii) certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

b) <u>Effective date of termination</u>: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Contractor, and shall be established as follows:

(i) if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Contractor or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or

(ii) if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or if no receipt is returned, five (5) business

days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

3. Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:

a) Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.

b) The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements of the Master Contract after its termination date.

4. Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:

Where the Master Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Master Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

a) the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or

b) the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Master Contract; or

c) an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(4) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

D. Suspension: The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

III. PAYMENT AND REPORTING

A. Terms and Conditions:

1. In full consideration of contract services to be performed, the State Agency agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page.

2. The State has no obligation to make payment until all required approvals, including the approval of the AG and OSC, if required, have been obtained. Contractor obligations or expenditures that precede the start date of the Master Contract shall not be reimbursed.

3. Contractor must provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the State in order to receive payment. Provided, however, the State may, at its discretion, automatically generate a voucher in accordance with an approved contract payment schedule. Billing invoices submitted to the State must contain all information and supporting documentation required by Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein. The State may require the Contractor to submit billing invoices electronically.

4. Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payments.

5. If travel expenses are an approved expenditure under the Master Contract, travel expenses shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the rates set forth in the written standard travel policy of the Contractor, the OSC guidelines, or United States General Services Administration rates. No out- of-state travel costs shall be permitted unless specifically detailed and pre-approved by the State.

6. Timeliness of advance payments or other claims for reimbursement, and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

7. Article 11-B of the State Finance Law sets forth certain time frames for the Full Execution of contracts or renewal contracts with not-for-profit organizations and the implementation of any program plan associated with such contract. For purposes of this section, "Full Execution" shall mean that the contract has been signed by all parties thereto and has obtained the approval of the AG and OSC. Any interest to be paid on a missed payment to the Contractor based on a delay in the Full Execution of the Master Contract shall be governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law.

B. Advance Payment and Recoupment:

1. Advance payments, which the State in its sole discretion may make to not-for-profit grant recipients, shall be made and recouped in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179(u), this Section and the provisions of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

2. Advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the first day of the Contract Term or, if renewed, in the period identified on the Face Page.

3. For subsequent contract years in multi-year contracts, Contractor will be notified of the scheduled advance payments for the upcoming contract year no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the contract year. For simplified renewals, the payment schedule (Attachment D) will be modified as part of the renewal process.

4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting the percentage of subsequent claims listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein and such claims shall be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the Contract

Term. Any unexpended advance balance at the end of the Contract Term shall be refunded by the Contractor to the State.

5. If for any reason the amount of any claim is not sufficient to cover the proportionate advance amount to be recovered, then subsequent claims may be reduced until the advance is fully recovered.

C. Claims for Reimbursement:

1. The Contractor shall submit claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the State under the Master Contract in accordance with this Section and the applicable claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

Vouchers submitted for payment shall be deemed to be a certification that the payments requested are for project expenditures made in accordance with the items as contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget) and during the Contract Term. When submitting a voucher, such voucher shall also be deemed to certify that: (i) the payments requested do not duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding; and (ii) the funds provided herein do not replace funds that, in the absence of this grant, would have been made available by the Contractor for this program. Requirement (ii) does not apply to grants funded pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation.

2. Consistent with the selected reimbursement claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the appropriate following provisions:

a) <u>Quarterly Reimbursement</u>: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency quarterly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

b) <u>Monthly Reimbursement:</u> The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency monthly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

c) <u>Biannual Reimbursement</u>: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency biannually voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

d) <u>Milestone/Performance Reimbursement:</u>⁴ Requests for payment based upon an event or milestone may be either severable or cumulative. A severable event/milestone is independent of accomplishment of any other event. If the event is cumulative, the successful completion of an event or milestone is dependent on the previous completion of another event.

Milestone payments shall be made to the Contractor when requested in a form approved by the State, and at frequencies and in amounts stated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall make milestone payments subject to the Contractor's satisfactory performance.

e) <u>Fee for Service Reimbursement</u>⁵ Payment shall be limited to only those fees specifically agreed upon in the Master Contract and shall be payable no more frequently than monthly upon submission of a voucher by the contractor.

f) <u>Rate Based Reimbursement:</u>⁶ Payment shall be limited to rate(s) established in the Master Contract. Payment may be requested no more frequently than monthly.

g) <u>Scheduled Reimbursement</u>⁷ The State Agency shall generate vouchers at the frequencies and amounts as set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and service reports shall be used to determine funding levels appropriate to the next annual contract period.

h) <u>Fifth Quarter Payments</u>.⁸ Fifth quarter payment shall be paid to the Contractor at the conclusion of the final scheduled payment period of the preceding contract period. The State Agency shall use a written directive for fifth quarter financing. The State Agency shall generate a voucher in the fourth quarter of the current contract year to pay the scheduled payment for the next contract year.

- 3. The Contractor shall also submit supporting fiscal documentation for the expenses claimed.
- 4. The State reserves the right to withhold up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the Master Contract as security for the faithful completion of services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract. This amount may be withheld in whole or in part from any single

⁴ A milestone/ performance payment schedule identifies mutually agreed-to payment amounts based on meeting contract events or milestones. Events or milestones must represent integral and meaningful aspects of contract performance and should signify true progress in completing the Master Contract effort.

⁵ Fee for Service is a rate established by the Contractor for a service or services rendered.

⁶ Rate based agreements are those agreements in which payment is premised upon a specific established rate per unit.

⁷ Scheduled Reimbursement agreements provide for payments that occur at defined and regular intervals that provide for a specified dollar amount to be paid to the Contractor at the beginning of each payment period (i.e. quarterly, monthly or bi-annually). While these payments are related to the particular services and outcomes defined in the Master Contract, they are not dependent upon particular services or expenses in any one payment period and provide the Contractor with a defined and regular payment over the life of the contract.

⁸ Fifth Quarter Payments occurs where there are scheduled payments and where there is an expectation that services will be continued through renewals or subsequent contracts. Fifth Quarter Payments allow for the continuation of scheduled payments to a Contractor for the first payment period quarter of an anticipated renewal or new contract.

5. payment or combination of payments otherwise due under the Master Contract. In the event that such withheld funds are insufficient to satisfy Contractor's obligations to the State, the State may pursue all available remedies, including the right of setoff and recoupment.

6. The State shall not be liable for payments on the Master Contract if it is made pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation if insufficient monies are available pursuant to Section 99-d of the State Finance Law.

7. All vouchers submitted by the Contractor pursuant to the Master Contract shall be submitted to the State Agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the period for which reimbursement is claimed. In no event shall the amount received by the Contractor exceed the budget amount approved by the State Agency, and, if actual expenditures by the Contractor are less than such sum, the amount payable by the State Agency to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount of actual expenditures.

8. All obligations must be incurred prior to the end date of the contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(6) above, with respect to the final period for which reimbursement is claimed, so long as the obligations were incurred prior to the end date of the contract, the Contractor shall have up to ninety (90) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures; provided, however, that if the Master Contract is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, the Contractor shall have up to sixty (60) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures.

D. Identifying Information and Privacy Notification:

1. Every voucher or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a State Agency by the Contractor, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property, must include the Contractor's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System, and any or all of the following identification numbers: (i) the Contractor's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the Contractor's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) DUNS number. Failure to include such identification number or numbers may delay payment by the State to the Contractor. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, why the Contractor does not have such number or numbers.

2. The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principle purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the State Agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by the Master Contract. This information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York, 12236.

E. Refunds:

1. In the event that the Contractor must make a refund to the State for Master Contract-related activities, including repayment of an advance or an audit disallowance, payment must be made payable as set forth in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions). The Contractor must reference the contract number with its payment and include a brief explanation of why the refund is being made. Refund payments must be submitted to the Designated Refund Office at the address specified in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).

2. If at the end or termination of the Master Contract, there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under the Master Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end or termination of the Master Contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to refund such balance the State may pursue all available remedies.

F. Outstanding Amounts Owed to the State: Prior period overpayments (including, but not limited to, contract advances in excess of actual expenditures) and/or audit recoveries associated with the Contractor may be recouped against future payments made under this Master Contract to Contractor. The recoupment generally begins with the first payment made to the Contractor following identification of the overpayment and/or audit recovery amount. In the event that there are no payments to apply recoveries against, the Contractor shall make payment as provided in Section III(E) (Refunds) herein.

G. Program and Fiscal Reporting Requirements:

1. The Contractor shall submit required periodic reports in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). All required reports or other work products developed pursuant to the Master Contract must be completed as provided by the agreed upon work schedule in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the State Agency in order for the Contractor to be eligible for payment.

2. Consistent with the selected reporting options in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the following applicable provisions:

a) If the Expenditure Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with one or more of the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

- (i) *Narrative/Qualitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a report, in narrative form, summarizing the services rendered during the quarter. This report shall detail how the Contractor has progressed toward attaining the qualitative goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). This report should address all goals and objectives of the project and include a discussion of problems encountered and steps taken to solve them.
- (ii) *Statistical/Quantitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting

Schedule), a detailed report analyzing the quantitative aspects of the program plan, as appropriate (e.g., number of meals served, clients transported, patient/client encounters, procedures performed, training sessions conducted, etc.)

- (iii) *Expenditure Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed expenditure report, by object of expense. This report shall accompany the voucher submitted for such period.
- (iv) *Final Report*: The Contractor shall submit a final report as required by the Master Contract, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) which reports on all aspects of the program and detailing how the use of funds were utilized in achieving the goals set forth in Attachment C (Work Plan).
- (v) *Consolidated Fiscal Report* (CFR): The Contractor shall submit a CFR, which includes a year-end cost report and final claim not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

b) If the Performance-Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

- (i) *Progress Report*: The Contractor shall provide the State Agency with a written progress report using the forms and formats as provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the period. These reports shall detail the Contractor's progress toward attaining the specific goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). Progress reports shall be submitted in a format prescribed in the Master Contract.
- (ii) Final Progress Report: Final scheduled payment is due during the time period set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The deadline for submission of the final report shall be the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall complete its audit and notify the Contractor of the results no later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Payment shall be adjusted by the State Agency to reflect only those services/expenditures that were made in accordance with the Master Contract. The Contractor shall submit a detailed comprehensive final progress report not later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), summarizing the work performed during the entire Contract Term (i.e., a cumulative report), in the forms and formats required.

3. In addition to the periodic reports stated above, the Contractor may be required (a) to submit such other reports as are required in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and (b) prior to receipt of final payment under the Master Contract, to submit one or more final reports in accordance with the form, content, and schedule stated in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

APPENDIX B PAGE 018 H. Notification of Significant Occurrences:

1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Contractor agrees to submit to the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.

2. The Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Master Contract of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Contractor, any subcontractor or program participant funded through the Master Contract, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

IV. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:

1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an employee of the State and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee, or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand, or application to or for any right based upon any different status. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Master Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Master Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Master Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

B. Subcontractors:

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Master Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.

2. The Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Master Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the subcontractor and the State. In addition, subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.

3. Prior to executing a subcontract, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.

4. When a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor must submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

5. When a subcontract is executed, the Contractor must provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.

6. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to the State agency, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III. Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

C. Use of Material, Equipment, or Personnel:

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Master Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Master Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.

2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Master Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Master Contract.

D. Property:

1. Property is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.

a) If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property.

b) If the State consents in writing, the Contractor may retain possession of Property owned by the State, as provided herein, after the termination of the Master Contract to use for similar purposes. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such Property to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Master Contract.

c) In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.

d) The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Master Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to the State Agency, naming the State Agency as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment.

e) A rental charge to the Master Contract for a piece of Property owned by the Contractor shall not be allowed.

f) The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Master Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.

g) No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Master Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.

2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Master Contract:

a) For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the State.

b) For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.

3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Master Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants).

4. Upon written direction by the State, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State as provided herein.

5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

E. Records and Audits:

1. General:

a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Master Contract (collectively, Records).

b) The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Master Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Master Contract and (ii) the most recent renewal of the Master Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Master Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:

(i) personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(ii) payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iii) non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iv) receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.

c) The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the State Agency or State Agencies involved in the Master Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m.

until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.

d) The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.

e) Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.

2. Cost Allocation:

a) For non-performance based contracts, the proper allocation of the Contractor's costs must be made according to a cost allocation plan that meets the requirements of OMB Circulars A- 87, A-122, and/or A-21. Methods used to determine and assign costs shall conform to generally accepted accounting practices and shall be consistent with the method(s) used by the Contractor to determine costs for other operations or programs. Such accounting standards and practices shall be subject to approval of the State.

b) For performance based milestone contracts, or for the portion of the contract amount paid on a performance basis, the Contractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating that milestones were attained.

3. *Federal Funds*: For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants).

F. Confidentiality: The Contractor agrees that it shall use and maintain information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Master Contract, or any other information, data or records deemed confidential by the State (Confidential Information) only for the limited purposes of the Master Contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Contractor (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

G. Publicity:

1. Publicity includes, but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.

2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Master Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:

a) Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and

b) State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.

3. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Master Contract (but are not deliverable under the Master Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section V(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility: Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the Master Contract or procurement shall comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08- 005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that State Agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing shall be conducted by the State Agency and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to the State Agency before web content shall be considered a qualified deliverable under the Master Contract or procurement.

I. Non-Discrimination Requirements: Pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional nondiscrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex (including gender expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that the Master Contract shall be performed within the State of New York, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, the Contractor agrees

that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. The Contractor shall be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 of the Labor Law.

J. Equal Opportunities for Minorities and Women; Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises: In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if the Master Contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State Agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the Contractor certifies and affirms that (i) it is subject to Article 15-A of the Executive Law which includes, but is not limited to, those provisions concerning the maximizing of opportunities for the participation of minority and womenowned business enterprises and (ii) the following provisions shall apply and it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status;

2. The Contractor shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts;

3. The Contractor shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

4. At the request of the State, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative shall affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

5. The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants shall be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subclauses 1 - 5 of this Section (IV)(J), in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (Work) except where

the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 of the Executive Law does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to the Master Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by the Contractor or a subcontractor with the requirements of any Federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The State shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such Federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the State shall waive the applicability of Section 312 of the Executive Law to the extent of such duplication or conflict. The Contractor shall comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

K. Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992: It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

1. If the total dollar amount of the Master Contract is greater than \$1 million, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing the Master Contract, the Contractor certifies the following:

a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women- owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;

b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of the Master Contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Master Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

M. Unemployment Insurance Compliance: The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to the State Agency staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;

- 2. any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
- 3. the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
- 4. copies of wage reporting information.

Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Master Contract.

N. Vendor Responsibility:

1. If a Contractor is required to complete a Questionnaire, the Contractor covenants and represents that it has, to the best of its knowledge, truthfully, accurately and thoroughly completed such Questionnaire. Although electronic filing is preferred, the Contractor may obtain a paper form from the OSC prior to execution of the Master Contract. The Contractor further covenants and represents that as of the date of execution of the Master Contract, there are no material events, omissions, changes or corrections to such document requiring an amendment to the Questionnaire.

2. The Contractor shall provide to the State updates to the Questionnaire if any material event(s) occurs requiring an amendment or as new information material to such Questionnaire becomes available.

3. The Contractor shall, in addition, promptly report to the State the initiation of any investigation or audit by a governmental entity with enforcement authority with respect to any alleged violation of Federal or state law by the Contractor, its employees, its officers and/or directors in connection with matters involving, relating to or arising out of the Contractor's business. Such report shall be made within five (5) business days following the Contractor becoming aware of such event, investigation, or audit. Such report may be considered by the State in making a Determination of Vendor Non-Responsibility pursuant to this section.

4. The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the Master Contract:

a) to require updates or clarifications to the Questionnaire upon written request;

- b) to inquire about information included in or required information omitted from the Questionnaire;
- c) to require the Contractor to provide such information to the State within a reasonable timeframe; and
- d) to require as a condition precedent to entering into the Master Contract that the Contractor agree to such additional conditions as shall be necessary to satisfy the State that the Contractor is, and shall remain, a responsible vendor; and
- e) to require the Contractor to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity. By signing the Master Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of the Master Contract.

5. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Master Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

6. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final Determination of Non-Responsibility at any time during the term of the Master Contract based on:

a) any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or in any updates, clarifications or amendments thereof; or

b) the State's discovery of any material information which pertains to the Contractor's responsibility.

7. Prior to making a final Determination of Non-Responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non-responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination, and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

O. Charities Registration: If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) obtain not-for-profit status, a Federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish the State Agency with this information as soon as it is available, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements at the time of the awarding of this Master Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Master Contract.

P. Consultant Disclosure Law:⁹ If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing,

⁹ Not applicable to not-for-profit entities.

paralegal, legal, or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

Q. Wage and Hours Provisions: If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

APPENDIX B PAGE 029 ATTACHMENT A-1 AGENCY AND PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I.Agency Specific Clauses (revised 4/21/20)

For the purposes of this Agreement, the terms "State" and "Department" are interchangeable, unless the context requires otherwise. In addition, the terms "Agreement" and "Contract" are interchangeable, unless the context requires otherwise.

A. Project Timetable

The Contractor agrees to proceed expeditiously with the Project and to complete the Project in accordance with any timetable associated therewith as set forth in the Work Plan (Attachment C) as well as with the conditions of any applicable permits, administrative orders, or judicial orders and this Agreement.

B. Budget Modifications

Prior DOS written approval, which requires a detailed breakdown and justification, is required for all requests for budget modifications, regardless of the amount of the modification. Additional approvals will be required when modifications exceed thresholds described below.

Any proposed modification to a contract that will result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories, but does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contracts must be submitted to DOS for submission to the Office of State Comptroller for approval when:

- 1. The amount of the modification is equal to or greater than ten percent of the total value of the contract for contracts of less than five million dollars; or
- 1. The amount of the modification is equal to or greater than five percent of the total value of the contract for contracts of more than five million dollars.

C. Applicable Terms

In addition to the criteria set forth in IV(E)(1)(b) of the Standard Terms and Conditions, documentation of personal service expenditures shall:

- 1. Be based upon actual work performed;
- 1. Be supported by internal controls that provide a reasonable assurance that the charges are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated; and
- 2. Comply with the Contractor's established accounting policies.

Notwithstanding the best evidence rule or any other legal principle or rule of evidence to the contrary, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it waives any and all objections to the admissibility into evidence at any court proceeding or to the use at any examination before trial of an electronic reproduction of this contract, in the form approved by the State Comptroller, if such approval was required, regardless of whether the original of said contract is in existence.

D. License to Use and Reproduce Documents, Intellectual Property and Other Works:

By acceptance of this Agreement, Contractor transfers to the Department a perpetual, transferable nonexclusive license to use, reproduce in any medium, and distribute, for any purpose, any intellectual property or other work purchased, developed or prepared for or in connection with the Project using funding provided pursuant to this Contract, including but not limited to reports, maps, designs, plans, analysis, and documents regardless of the medium in which they are originally produced. Contractor warrants to the Department that it has sufficient title or interest in such works to license pursuant to this Agreement, and further agrees and warrants that it shall not enter into any subcontract or other agreement purporting to limit such title or interest in such works in any manner that may compromise Contractor's ability to provide the aforesaid license to the Department. Such warranties shall survive the termination of this agreement. Contractor agrees to provide the original of each such work, or a copy thereof which is acceptable to the Department, to the Department before payments shall be made under this Agreement.

E. Property

The ownership of all property or intellectual property described herein and purchased, developed or prepared under the terms of this Contract shall reside with the Contractor with a reversionary interest in such property or intellectual property held by the Department, unless otherwise authorized or directed in writing by the Department. Except as otherwise provided in Section II.C.4 of the Standard Terms and Conditions, Contractor shall retain ownership of such property or intellectual property after the term of this Contract so long as such property or intellectual property is used for purposes similar to those contemplated by this Contract. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such property or intellectual property to the Department at the Contractor's cost and expense, and Contractor's ownership interests, rights and title in such property or intellectual property shall revert to the Department. The ownership of all property purchased with federal funds provided pursuant to this Agreement, however, shall be governed by the terms of applicable federal law and OMB Circulars, including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as amended.

F. Termination

The Department may terminate the Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Grant Contract section of this Agreement. In addition to other reserved rights it has to terminate this Agreement, the Department may terminate or suspend the Agreement under the following circumstances:

- 1. The Contractor shall complete the project as set forth in this Agreement, and failure to render satisfactory progress or to complete the project to the satisfaction of the State may be deemed an abandonment of the project and may cause the suspension or termination of any obligation of the State. In the event the Contractor should be deemed to have abandoned the project for any reason or cause other than a national emergency or an Act of God, all monies paid to the Contractor by the State and not expended in accordance with this Agreement shall be repaid to the State upon demand. If such monies are not repaid within one year after such demand, the State Comptroller of the State of New York may cause to be withheld from the Contractor any State assistance to which the Contractor would otherwise be entitled in an amount equal to the monies demanded.
- 2. In the event that the Department has provided written notice to the Contractor directing that the Contractor correct any failure to comply with this Agreement, the Department reserves the right to direct that the Contractor suspend all work during a period of time to be determined by the Department. If the Contractor does not correct such failures during the period provided for in the notice, this

Agreement shall be deemed to be terminated after expiration of such time period. During any such suspension, the Contractor agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the Department.

- 3. If the Department determines the Contractor has breached a term of the Agreement and if the Department determines the defect can be remedied, it may, in its sole discretion, issue a written notice providing the Contractor with a minimum of 30 days to correct the defect and the notice may include a prospective termination date. If the Contractor fails to correct the defect or fails to make a good faith effort to do so as determined by the Department to the Department's satisfaction, the Department may terminate the Agreement for cause.
- 4. The Department shall also have the right to postpone or suspend the Agreement or deem it abandoned without this action being a breach of the Agreement. The Department shall provide written notice to the Contractor indicating the Agreement has been postponed, suspended or abandoned. During any postponement, suspension or abandonment the Contractor agrees not to do any work under the Agreement without prior written approval of the Department.
- 5. In the event the Agreement is postponed, suspended, abandoned or terminated, the Department shall make a settlement with the Contractor upon an equitable basis in good faith and under the general compensation principles and rates established in the Agreement by the Department. This settlement shall fix the value of the work which was performed by the Contractor to the Department's satisfaction prior to the postponement, suspension, abandonment or termination of the Agreement.
- 6. Any funds paid to the Contractor by the Department which are not expended under the terms of the Agreement shall be repaid to the Department.
- G. Subcontracting Requirements
 - 1. Contractor agrees that it shall not enter into any subcontract for the performance of work in furtherance of this Contract with any subcontractor that at the time of contracting: (1) is listed on the New York State Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business (available at https://dbr.labor.state.ny.us/EDList/searchPage.do); (2) is listed as an entity debarred from federal contracts (available at: https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM); or (3) fails to possess requisite workers compensation and disability insurance coverage (see http://www.wcb.ny.gov). In addition, Contractor agrees that it shall immediately suspend or terminate any subcontract entered into for the performance of work in furtherance of this Contract if at any time during the term of such subcontract the subcontractor: (1) is listed on the New York State Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business (available at https://dbr.labor.state.ny.us/EDList/searchPage.do); (2) is listed as an entity debarred from federal contracts (list available at: https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM); or (3) fails to maintain requisite workers compensation or disability insurance coverage (see http://www.wcb.ny.gov). Contractor agrees that any such suspension shall remain in place until the condition giving rise to the suspension is corrected by the subcontractor. The terms of this clause shall be incorporated in any and all subcontracts entered into in furtherance of this Contract.
 - 2. The Contractor's use of subcontractors shall not diminish the Contractor's obligations to complete the Work in accordance with the Contract. The Contractor shall control and coordinate the Work of its subcontractors.

- 3. The Contractor shall be responsible for informing its subcontractors of all the terms, conditions and requirements of the Contract Documents including, but not limited to the terms of the Master Grant Contract, any and all Appendices, and any changes made by amendments thereto, and ensuring that any and all subcontracts entered into in furtherance of this Contract conform to and do not conflict with such terms.
- 4. Contractor shall file each and every subcontract entered into in furtherance of this Contract with the Department of State no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the signing of the subcontract, unless otherwise authorized or directed by the Department of State.
- 5. In addition to the requirements of Section IV.B.2 of the Standard Terms and Conditions, the Department reserves the right to require, upon notice to the Contractor, that, commencing from the date of such notice or a date otherwise specified in such notice, Contractor must obtain written approval from the Department prior to entering into any and all subcontracts valued at or below \$100,000 for the performance of any activities covered by this Contract (as provided for in Attachment C). Contractor agrees to require any proposed subcontractors to timely provide to the Department such information as may be requested by the Department as necessary to assess whether the proposed subcontractor is a responsible entity capable of lawfully and satisfactorily performing the work. In the event the Department invokes this right of prior approval and a request for approval is submitted by Contractor and denied by the Department, Contractor agrees that it shall not enter into the proposed subcontract and that no costs associated with such subcontract shall be allowable under this Contract.
- H. Compliance with Procurement Requirements
 - 1. All contracts by municipalities for service, labor, and construction involving not more than \$35,000 and purchase contracts involving not more than \$20,000 are subject to the requirements of General Municipal Law \$104-b, which requires such contracts to comply with the procurement policies and procedures of the municipality involved. All such contracts shall be awarded after and in accordance with such municipal procedures, subject to the MWBE requirements as set forth in Section M and any additional requirements imposed by the State as set forth in Attachment C hereof.
 - 2. The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the Contractor shall certify to the Department of State that applicable public bidding procedures of General Municipal Law §103 were followed for all service, labor, and construction contracts involving more than \$35,000 and all purchase contracts involving more than \$20,000. In the case of contracts by municipalities service, labor, and construction contracts involving not more than \$35,000 and purchase contracts involving not more than \$20,000, the municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator shall certify that the procedures of the municipality established pursuant to General Municipal Law §104-b were fully complied with, in addition to the MWBE requirements as set forth in Section M of this Agreement and any additional requirements imposed by the State as set forth in Attachment C hereof.
 - 3. For non-municipal entities such as community-based organizations, the chief legal officer or financial administrator of the Contractor shall certify to the State that alternative proposals and quotations for professional services were secured by use of written requests for proposals through a publicly advertised process satisfactory to meet the MWBE requirements set forth in Section M of this Agreement and to ensure the prudent and economical use of public funds for professional services of maximum quality at reasonable cost.

- I. Vendor Responsibility Determinations
 - 1. A Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and Certification is required for certain contracts. This Questionnaire is designed to provide information to assist the contracting agency in assessing a CONTRACTOR's responsibility, prior to entering into a contract, and must be completed and submitted electronically or returned with the contract. Contractor is invited to file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System or may choose to complete and submit a paper questionnaire. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at http://osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/index.htm or go directly to the VendRep System online at https://portal.osc.state.ny.us. For direct VendRep System user assistance, the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk may be reached at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at https://portal.osc.state.ny.us. Vendors opting to file a paper questionnaire from the VendRep website www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or may contact the Department of State or the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.
 - 2. Contractor hereby acknowledges that the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (VRQ), as described in Section IV (N) of the Master Grant Contract, as well as any updated or amended version of the VRQ submitted during the term of this contract, or any contractor responsibility information that may be requested by the Department and submitted during the term of this contract, is made a part of this contract by reference hereto and that any misrepresentation of fact in the information submitted, may result in termination of this contract. During the term of this Contract, any changes in the information provided in the questionnaire shall be disclosed to the Department, in writing, in a timely manner. Failure to make such disclosure may result in a determination of non-responsibility and termination of the contract.
- J. State Attorney General Charities Registration

In accordance with the Estates, Powers and Trust Law § 8-1.4 (s), the recipient certifies that it is in compliance with the requirements of Estate, Powers and Trusts Law sections 8-1.4 (d), (f), and (g), regarding organizations which administer property for charitable purposes registering and filing periodic reports (together with the appropriate filing fees) with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the Department of State in entering into this Agreement with the Contractor.

The Contractor agrees that it will provide immediate written notice to the Department of State if at any time it learns that this certification was erroneous when made or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

K. Records Access

The Contractor shall make such records available for review by the Department upon request at any time. The Department shall have the right to conduct progress assessments and review books and records as necessary. The Department shall have the right to conduct an on-site review of the Project and/or books and records of the Contractor prior to, and for reasonable time following, issuance of the final payment. The Department shall be entitled to disallow any cost or expense, and/or terminate or suspend this Agreement, if the Contractor has misrepresented any expenditures or Project activities in its application to the Department, or in this Agreement, or in any progress reports or payment requests made pursuant hereto. The Contractor shall maintain such books and records in a manner so that reports can be produced therefrom in accordance with

generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall maintain separate financial books and records for all funds received through the Department pursuant to this Agreement.

L. Notices

Pursuant to Section J of the Master Grant Contract, notice hereunder shall be addressed as follows:

1.	Notice to the State	
	Name:	Laurissa Garcia
	Title:	Contract Management Specialist 2
	Agency:	Department of State
	Division:	Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure
	Address:	99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010
		Albany, NY 12231
	Telephone Number:	518-486-9540
	E-Mail Address:	opdcontracts@dos.ny.gov
2.	Notice to the Contractor	
	Name:	Jason Keding
	Title:	Supervisor
	Affiliation:	Town of Boston
	Address:	8500 Boston State Road
		Boston, NY 14025
	Telephone Number:	716-941-6518
	E-Mail Address:	supervisorsoffice@townofboston.com

- M. Limits on Administrative Expenses and Executive Compensation (19 NYCRR Part 144, incorporated herein by reference):
 - 1. If Contractor is a "covered provider" within the meaning of 19 NYCRR § 144.3(d) at any time during the life of this Agreement, then during the period when Contractor is such a "covered provider":
 - a. Contractor shall comply with the requirements set forth in 19 NYCRR Part 144, as amended; and
 - b. Contractor's failure to comply with any applicable requirement of 19 NYCRR Part 144, as amended, including but not limited to the restrictions on allowable administrative expenses, the limits on executive compensation, and the reporting requirements, may be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and constitute a sufficient basis for, in the discretion of the Department, termination for cause, suspension for cause, or the reduction of funding provided pursuant to this Agreement.
 - 2. Contractor shall include the following provision in any agreement with a subcontractor or agent receiving State funds or State-authorized payments from the Contractor to provide program or administrative services under this Agreement:

[Name of subcontractor/agent] acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement, it is receiving "State funds" or "State-authorized payments" originating with, passed through, or approved by the New York State Department of State in order to provide program or administrative services on behalf of [Name of CONTRACTOR]. If at any time during the life of this Agreement [Name of

subcontractor/agency] is a "covered provider" within the meaning of Section 144.3(d) of DOS regulations, [Name of subcontractor/agent] shall comply with the terms of 19 NYCRR Part 144, as amended. A failure to comply with 19 NYCRR Part 144, where applicable, may be deemed a material breach of this Agreement constituting a sufficient basis for suspension or termination for cause. The terms of 19 NYCRR Part 144, as amended, are incorporated herein by reference.

N. Minority and Women Owned Business Participation

Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law, as amended, authorized the creation of a Division of Minority and Women's Business Development to promote employment and business opportunities on state contracts for minorities and women. This law supersedes any other provision in state law authorizing or requiring an equal employment opportunity program or a program for securing participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises. Under this statute, State agencies are charged with establishing business participation goals for minorities and women. The Department of State administers a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) Program as mandated by Article 15-A.

- 1. General Provisions
 - a. The Department of State is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and Parts 140-145 of Title 5 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") for all State contracts, as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
 - b. The Contractor to the subject contract (the "Contractor" and the "Contract," respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the New York State Department of State (the "Agency"), to fully comply and cooperate with the Agency in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and the regulations promulgated thereunder. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women ("EEO") and contracting opportunities for New York State-certified minority and women-owned business enterprises ("MWBEs"). The Contractor's demonstration of "good faith efforts" pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the "Human Rights Law") and other applicable federal, state, and local laws. Contractor agrees that the terms "MWBE," "MBE" and "WBE" as used herein, shall mean those MBE or WBE firms certified as such by the State pursuant to NY Executive Law Article 15-A and listed in the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found the following internet address: at https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp.
 - c. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the assessment of liquidated damages pursuant to Section M(7) of this Attachment and such other remedies as are available to the Agency pursuant to the Contract and applicable law.
- 2. Contract Goals
 - a. The Department's New York State-certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises ("MWBEs") utilization goal is 30%. For purposes of this Contract, the specific overall MWBE goal and

the breakdown between the Minority-owned Business Enterprise ("MBE") and the Women-owned Business Enterprise ("WBE") utilization goals, are set forth in the Attachment B "Budget", based on the current availability of MBEs and WBEs.

b. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the MWBE Contract Goals established in Section 2(a) hereof, the Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MWBEs found at the following internet address: <u>https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp</u>.

Additionally, the Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development at (212) 803-2414 to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

c. The Contractor understands that only sums paid to MWBEs for the performance of a commercially useful function, as that term is defined in 5 NYCRR § 140.1, may be applied towards the achievement of the applicable MWBE participation goal. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 25 percent of the total value of the broker's contract.

FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a supplier that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be 60 percent of the total value of the supplier's contract. The portion of a contract with an MWBE serving as a broker that shall be deemed to represent the commercially useful function performed by the MWBE shall be the monetary value for fees, or the markup percentage, charged by the MWBE.

d.The Contractor must document "good faith efforts," pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors and suppliers in the performance of the Contract. Such documentation shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- 1) Evidence of outreach to MWBEs;
- 2) Any responses by MWBEs to the Contractor's outreach;
- 3) Copies of advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications;
- 4) The dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the Agency with MWBEs; and,
- 5) Information describing specific steps undertaken by the Contractor to reasonably structure the Contract scope of work to maximize opportunities for MWBE participation.
- 3. Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO")
 - a. The provisions of Article 15-A §312 of the Executive Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder pertaining to equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women shall apply to the Contract.

- b. In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall:
 - 1) Ensure that each contractor and subcontractor performing work on the Contract shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 - 2) The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the Agency within seventy two (72) hours after the date of the notice by Agency to award the Contract to the Contractor.
 - If the Contractor, or any of the subcontractors does not have an existing EEO policy statement, the Agency may require the Contractor or subcontractor to adopt a model statement (see Form A - Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement).
 - 4) The Contractor's EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b) The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
 - c) The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
 - d) The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "e" of this section 3, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

c. Form B - Staffing Plan

If the total expenditure of this contract is in excess of \$250,000, the following provision shall apply:

The Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Contractor shall complete the Staffing plan form and submit it as part of their proposal or within a reasonable time, as directed by the Department of State.

- d. Form C Workforce Utilization Report
 - 1) The Contractor shall submit a Workforce Utilization Report, and shall require each of its subcontractors to submit a Workforce Utilization Report, in such form as shall be required by the Agency on a monthly basis for construction contracts, and on a quarterly basis for all other contracts, during the term of the Contract.
 - 2) Separate forms shall be completed by the Contractor and any subcontractors performing work on the Contract.
 - 3) The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, as well as all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to nondiscrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.
- 4. MWBE Utilization Plan
 - a. The Contractor represents and warrants that the Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan or shall submit an MWBE Utilization Plan at such time as shall be required by the Department of State through the New York State Contract System ("NYSCS"), which can be viewed at https://ny.newnycontracts.com, provided, however, that the Contractor may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method to the Department of State, either prior to, or at the time of, the execution of the contract.
 - b. The Contractor agrees to adhere to such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of the Contract.
 - c. The Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or adhere to such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, the Agency shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding that the Contractor is non-responsive.

5. Waivers

- a. If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to achieve the MWBE Contract Goals stated herein, the Contractor may submit a request for a waiver through the NYSCS, or a non-electronic method provided by the Agency (use Form E Waiver Request). Such waiver request must be supported by evidence of the Contractor's good faith efforts to achieve the maximum feasible MWBE participation towards the applicable MWBE Contract Goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete, the Agency shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of approval or denial within twenty (20) business days of receipt.
- b. If the Agency, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan, quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports described in Section 6, or any other relevant information, determines that the Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the MWBE Contract Goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the Agency may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The Contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.
- 6. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report.

The Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report (Form F) to the Agency by the 10th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

The Agency may require the Contractor to use the NYSCS to submit utilization plans, record payments to subcontractors and otherwise report compliance with the provisions of Article 15-A of the Executive Law and regulations. Technical assistance can be obtained through the NYSCS website at <u>https://ny.newnycontracts.com</u> by clicking on the "Contact Us & Support" link.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to the Department's Minority and Women-owned Business Program by calling (518) 473-3401. Potential contractors can access the NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises on-line through the Empire State Development website at <u>https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp.</u> The Department makes no representation with respect to the availability or capability of any business listed in the Directory.

- 7. Liquidated Damages MWBE Participation
 - a. Where the Agency determines that the Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and the Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, the Contractor shall be obligated to pay to the Agency liquidated damages.
 - b. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - 1) All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - 2) All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

- c. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the Agency, the Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the Agency within sixty (60) days after they are assessed. Provided, however, that if the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pursuant to 5 NYCRR § 142.12, liquidated damages shall be payable only in the event of a determination adverse to the Contractor following the complaint process.
- O. Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses Participation

Article 17-B of the Executive Law, enacted in 2014, authorized the creation of the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development to promote participation of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOBs) in New York State contracting. The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act recognizes the veterans' service to and sacrifice for our nation, declares that it is New York State's public policy to promote and encourage the continuing economic development of service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and allows eligible Veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB), in order to increase their participation in New York State's contracting opportunities. To this effect, the Department of State (DOS) has implemented a Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) Program, as mandated by Article 17-B.

To comply with the SDVOB Program goals of 6%, the Department of State strongly encourages grantees to make every effort, to the maximum extent possible, to engage certified SDVOBs in the purchasing of commodities, services and technology in the performance of their contracts with the Department. If SDVOB utilization is obtained, a quarterly SDVOB utilization report should be submitted to the Department with information of the utilization percentage achieved during that quarter. Contractor Reporting Forms are found at: <u>https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/</u>.

The Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (DSDVBD) is housed within the New York State Office of General Services (OGS), and maintains a directory of the NYS Certified SDVOBs. For assistance with engaging SDVOB vendors in your contracts, please contact the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development at the following email address: <u>VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov</u>, or the DOS Division of Affirmative Action Programs – SDVOB Program at <u>Catherine.Traina@dos.ny.gov</u> or <u>Api.Ohouo@dos.ny.gov</u>. The directory of certified SDVOB vendors can be found at: <u>https://ogs.ny.gov/Veterans/Docs/CertifiedNYS_SDVOB.pdf</u>.

II. Program Specific Clauses – Smart Growth (4/23/22)

- A. This Agreement has been entered into pursuant to the following understandings:
 - 1. Title 3 of the Environmental Protection Fund Act provides State assistance to municipalities and notfor-profit organizations to establish, update or implement comprehensive plans in a manner consistent with smart growth.
 - 2. The Department of State (Department) is authorized by such Act to evaluate and determine eligibility of applications for funding of projects.
 - 3. Based upon information, representations and certifications contained in Contractor's application for funding, including the Program Work Plan as set forth in Attachment C, the Department has made a determination of eligibility of funding for Contractor's project under such Act.
 - 4. State funds (Funding Amount set forth on the Face Page) for this Project (Attachment C Program Work Plan) are provided pursuant to a reappropriation of funds originally made by Title 3 of the Environmental Protection Fund Act.
 - 5. The Contractor shall request payment and reimbursement of eligible and supportable costs incurred under this Agreement, on an interim basis, and each such payment request will be processed by the Department in accordance with relevant provisions set forth herein, together with the following terms:
 - a. The Department, upon approving each payment request, shall make an interim payment for eligible and supportable costs incurred by the Contractor.
 - b. The final payment request will not be processed by the Department prior to satisfactory completion of the Project.
 - c. The Department can withhold the final 10% of the total amount that may be funded by the State in accordance with this Agreement, until the satisfactory completion of the Project.
 - 6. No liabilities are to be incurred beyond the contract period and no costs will be reimbursed for such liabilities unless all of the following conditions have been met: 1) funds have been reappropriated for the Project in the subsequent State fiscal year, 2) the Department determines that it is in the best interest of the Department and the State to provide additional time to complete the Project and 3) an extension agreement is approved in accordance with Section IA. of the Agreement.
 - 7. Subject to the availability of funds, determination by the Department that it is in the best interest of the State, and upon mutual written consent of the parties, the State may provide a no-cost time extension. The parties shall revise or complete the appropriate appendix form(s), which may be subject to approval of the Office of the State Comptroller.
 - 8. The Contractor has demonstrated its ability to finance its share of the Project and has agreed to fund its portion of the cost of the Project.

B. Contractors Insurance Requirements

- 1. Prior to the commencement of the work, the Contractor shall file with the Department of State, current Certificates of Insurance evidencing compliance with all requirements contained in this Agreement. Such certificate shall be of form and substance acceptable to the Department.
- 2. Acceptance and/or approval by the Department does not and shall not be construed to relieve Contractor of any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities under the Agreement.
- 3. All insurance required by the Agreement shall be obtained at the sole cost and expense of the Contractor; shall be maintained with insurance carriers licensed to do business in New York State; shall be primary and non-contributing to any insurance or self insurance maintained by the Department; shall be endorsed to provide written notice be given to the Department, at least thirty (30) days prior to the cancellation, non-renewal, or material alteration of such policies, which notice, evidenced by return receipt of United States Certified Mail which shall be sent to New York State Department of State, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231-0001; and shall name the People of the State of New York and their directors officers, agents, and employees as additional insureds thereunder.
- 4. The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject.
- 5. Each insurance carrier must be rated at least "A" Class "VII" in the most recently published Best's Insurance Report. If, during the term of the policy, a carrier's rating falls below "A" Class "VII", the insurance must be replaced no later than the renewal date of the policy with an insurer acceptable to the Department and rated at least "A" Class "VII" in the most recently published Best's Insurance Report.
- 6. The Contractor shall cause all insurance to be in full force and effect as of the date of this Agreement and to remain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement and as further required by this Agreement. The Contractor shall not take any action, or omit to take any action that would suspend or invalidate any of the required coverages during the period of time such coverages are required to be in effect.
- 7. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date or renewal date, the Contractor shall supply the Department updated replacement Certificates of Insurance, and amendatory endorsements.
- 8. Unless the Contractor is self-insured, Contractor shall, throughout the term of the Agreement or as otherwise required by this Agreement, obtain and maintain in full force and effect the following insurance with limits not less than those described below and as required by the terms of this Agreement, or as required by law, whichever is greater (limits may be provided through a combination of primary and umbrella/excess policies). Where Contractor is self-insured, the Contractor shall provide suitable evidence of such to the Department relating to the risks and coverage amounts as provided hereunder.
 - a. Comprehensive Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. Such liability shall be written on the Insurance Service Office's (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01, or a substitute form providing equivalent coverages and shall cover liability arising from premises operations, independent contractors, products-completed operations, broad form property damage,

personal & advertising injury, owners & contractors protective, cross liability coverage, liability assumed in a contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a contract) and explosion, collapse & underground coverage.

- 1) If such insurance contains an aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this location.
- 2) Products and Completed Operations coverage shall include a provision that coverage will extend for a period of at least twelve (12) months from the date of final completion and acceptance by the owner of all of contractors work.
- b. Where the Project described in Attachment C includes the construction of any structure or building, a Builder's Risk Policy until the Project is completed and accepted in the amount of the total project cost.
- c. Workers Compensation, Employers Liability, and Disability Benefits as required by New York State. Workers Compensation Policy shall include the U.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act endorsement.
- d. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any automobile including owned, leased, hired and non owned automobiles.
- e. Commercial Property Insurance covering at a minimum, the perils insured under the ISO Special Clauses of Loss Form (CP 10 30), or a substitute form providing equivalent coverages, for loss or damage to any owned, borrowed, leased or rented capital equipment, tools, including tools of their agents and employees, staging towers and forms, and property of the Department held in their care, custody and/or control.
- f. An Owner's Protective Liability Policy with limits no less than \$1,000,000 in the name of the Contractor.
- 9. Professional consultants retained by the Contractor in connection with the Project shall show evidence of professional liability insurance with limits no less than \$1,000,000.
- C. Contractor Property Interest

Contractor warrants that it has fee simple or such other estate or interest in the site of the Project, where the Project is undertaken at a site, including easements and /or rights-of-way sufficient to assure undisturbed use and possession for the purposes of construction and operation for the estimated life of the Project. Contractor further acknowledges that where such project is undertaken on or involves the use of lands for active or passive recreational use, it is a material term of this Agreement that such lands shall be available for such recreational use by the People of the State of New York. Additionally, Contractor shall not limit access or discriminate on the operation of the facilities against any person on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status or status as a victim of domestic violence.

D. Date/Time Warranty

- Contractor warrants that product(s) furnished pursuant to this contract shall, when used in accordance with the product documentation, be able to accurately process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) transitions, including leap year calculations. Where a Contractor proposes or an acquisition requires that specific products must perform as a package or system, this warranty shall apply to the products as a system.
- 2. Where Contractor is providing ongoing services, including but not limited to: i) consulting, integration, code or data conversion, ii) maintenance or support services, iii) data entry or processing, or iv) contract administration services (e.g. billing, invoicing, claim processing), Contractor warrants that services shall be provided in an accurate and timely manner without interruption, failure or error due to the inaccuracy of Contractor's business operations in processing date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing, and sequencing) various date/time transitions, including leap year calculations. Contractor shall be responsible for damages resulting from any delays, errors or untimely performance resulting there from, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.
- 3. This Date/Time Warranty shall survive beyond termination or expiration of this Contract through: a) ninety (90) days or b) the Contractor's or Product manufacturer/developer's stated date/time warranty term, whichever is longer. Nothing in this warranty statement shall be construed to limit any rights or remedies otherwise available under this Contract for breach of warranty.

E. Alienation

Where the project is undertaken on or involves parklands or public waterfront land, the following additional provisions apply:

- 1. The Contractor shall not at any time sell or convey any facility or any portion of the project acquired or developed pursuant to this Agreement or convert such facility or any portion of the project to other than public park or public waterfront purposes without the express authority of an act of the Legislature, which shall provide for the substitution of other lands of equal fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness and location to those to be discontinued, sold or disposed of, and such other requirements as shall be approved by State.
- 2. The Contractor agrees to own a property interest sufficient to maintain and operate the project in perpetuity. The Contractor shall not authorize the operation of the project, or any portion thereof, by any other person, entity, or organization pursuant to any management agreement, lease or other arrangement without first obtaining the written approval of the State.
- F. Requirements for Contract GIS Products (1/17/13)
 - 1. General Map Product Requirements -- The following general cartographic requirements must be adhered to by the Contractor:
 - a. Map Products and Supporting Data -- The Department requires delivery of digital map products, including all associated GIS and/or CAD digital files. Such materials must meet the specifications outlined in this General Map Product Requirements section and the Additional Digital Cartographic File Requirements section. Additionally, finished maps should also be provided in a

format suitable for viewing and printing (e.g. PDF). If analog map products are required by the contract, they must meet specifications outlined in this General Map Product Requirements section and the Additional Digital-Ready Map Product Requirements section.

- b. Deliverable Format -- All digital map and attribute table files must be provided in ESRI Shapefile or Geodatabase file format including all associated metadata on Recordable CD or DVD, external hard drive, via email attachment (preferably in a WinZIP file) or downloadable from an ftp site on the Internet. Alternatively, the digital products may be provided as ArcInfo/GIS coverages or CAD files on the same media types upon approval of the Department. All other digital formats require prior approval of the Department. Coordination with the Department prior to submission of digital media is required to ensure compatibility of the delivered materials.
- c. Documentation -- A data dictionary must be included along with the map files describing file contents and file names, as well as metadata for each file including map projection, horizontal and vertical datums used, coordinate system, RMS accuracy and log sheet, information sources and dates, the map maker and date of preparation, and creation methodology. Data provided under federal funds must be provided in a manner which meets Digital Geospatial Federal Geographic Data Committee Metadata Standard as executed by Executive Order 12906, April 11,1994, "Coordinating Geographic Data Acquisition and Access: the National Spatial Data Infrastructure".
- d. Map Accuracy -- All deliverable map products must conform to National Map Accuracy Standards for horizontal and vertical accuracy as established by the United States Bureau of the Budget, June 10, 1941, revised June 17, 1947. For example, for maps at 1:20,000 or smaller, not more than 10% of the well-defined map points tested must be more than 1/50 inch (0.508 mm) out of correct position. At 1:24,000, this tolerance translates to a required horizontal accuracy of 40 feet. If by prior agreement with the Department the map product does not conform to National Map Accuracy Standards, then a statement of actual map accuracy should be included in the Documentation above. Furthermore, hydrographic surveys and maps should conform to recommended accuracy standard proposed in the joint USGS, NOS, Coastal Mapping Handbook, 1978, Melvin Ellis editor, U.S. Government Printing Office, Appendix 6.
- e. Datums and Coordinate Systems-- All map products should be referenced to the North American Horizontal Datum of 1983 (NAD83) and the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1988 (NGVD88). Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, UTM Zone 18 shall be used for data at scales smaller than 1:10,000 and State Plan shall be used for data at 1:10,000 scale and larger.
- 2. Additional Digital Cartographic File Requirements -- The following cartographic construction requirements must be adhered to by the Contractor:
 - a. Edge-matching -- All map sheets must be both visually and coordinate edge-matched with adjacent map sheets. No edge-match tolerance will be allowed. Attributes for splitable features must also be identical.
 - b. Common Boundaries -- All features that share a common boundary, regardless of map layer, must have exactly the same coordinate position of that feature in all common layers.
 - c. Point Duplication -- No duplication of points that occur within a data string is permitted.

- d. Connectivity -- Where graphic elements visually meet, they must also digitally meet. All confluences of line and polygon data must be exact; "overshoots", "undershoots", "slivers", or "offshoots" are NOT permitted.
- e. Line Quality -- A high quality cartographic appearance must be achieved. Transitions from straight lines to curvilinear elements must be smooth, with angular inflections at the point of intersection. The digital representation must not contain extraneous data at a non-visible level. There should be no jags, hooks, or zero length segments. Any lines that are straight, or should be straight, should be digitized using only two points that represent the beginning and ending points of the line.
- f. Polygon Closure -- For area features being digitized, the last coordinate pair must be exactly (mathematically) equal to the first coordinate pair. No line or polygon must cross itself except to join at an actual confluence. All digitized features across map boundaries must be edited to effect smooth and continuous lines.
- g. Graphic Precision -- Positional coordinates for all digital graphic elements should not be reported to a level of precision greater than one thousandth (.001) of a foot.
- h. Digitizer Accuracy -- The required RMS error for digitizer accuracy must be 0.003 or better for digital map registration.
- 3. Digital-Ready Map Product Requirements -- The following requirements for large scale, non-digital map products must be followed to facilitate the future conversion of the maps to digital map products. All large format, non-digital map products must be provided on stable base material at a scale. The map products must include an index map to all map sheets and thorough descriptions of all the cartographic elements portrayed on the maps.
 - a. Base Map Media -- All maps must be created on mylar or other stable base material.
 - b. Map Scale -- All maps of a similar series should be created using the same base scale. Unless otherwise stated by the Department, all maps should be compiled at 1:24,000. If other map scales are approved by the Department, where possible they will conform to standard map scales such as 1:9600; 1:50,000; 1:75,000; or 1:100,000.
 - c. Map Registration -- The maps must provide a minimum of four (4) corner and four (4) interior ticks tied to USGS/NYSDOT quadrangle Lat/Long or NYTM coordinates. The maps must be geometrically correct and should register when overlaid on the appropriate USGS/NYSDOT quadrangle control ticks.
 - d. Map Title and Legend -- The maps must provide a title and legend block describing the information contained on the maps, and including the Documentation and Datums information requested in the General Map Product Requirements above and the map scale.
 - e. Cartographic Quality -- The quality of all map line work and symbolization must conform to items 1 - 6 in the map criteria set forth in the Additional Digital Cartographic File Requirements section outlined above.

- 4. Contract Database Standards
 - a. Delivery Media -- All database and tabular files must be provided on digital media as specified above in Deliverable Format.
 - b. Software Format -- Database and tabular files can be provided in Oracle, Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Access format. Other formats that are convertible to one of the aforementioned formats may be used with prior approval of the Department.
 - c. Geographic Attributes -- Database and tabular files that contain elements with a geographic reference must provide a corresponding data field and a geographic coordinate pair for each feature location.
- G. Notice of Public Proceedings

The Contractor agrees to provide the Department with prompt and timely written notice at least two weeks in advance of all public proceedings, including, but not limited to public meetings or hearings, relating to the Project.

H. Environmental Review

1. Contractor agrees to provide the Department, in a timely manner, with all documentation, including but not limited to, permit applications, environmental assessments, designs, plans, studies, environmental impact statements, findings, and determinations, relating to the Project.

2. Contractor acknowledges that compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act is a material term and condition of this Agreement. In no event shall any payments be made under this Agreement until Contractor has provided the Department with appropriate documentation that Contractor has met any requirements imposed on Contractor by the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

APPENDIX B PAGE 048 ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET

Budget Summary:		Total Budget	
A. Salaries	\$	0.00	
B. Travel	\$	0.00	
C. Supplies	\$	0.00	
D. Equipment	\$	0.00	
E. Contractual Services	\$	70,000.00	
F. Other	\$	0.00	
Total Budget		70,000.00	
Local Match (10%)		7,000.00	
State Funds (90%)		63,000.00	

MWBE Goals:			
Grant Award:		\$	63,000.00
MBE Goal	15%	\$	9,450.00
WBE Goal	15%	\$	9,450.00

A. SALARIES (including fringe benefits)	Т	otal Budget
	\$	0.00

B. TRAVEL	Tota	al Budget
	\$	0.00

C. SUPPLIES	Total Bud	get
	\$	0.00

D. EQUIPMENT	Total Budget
	\$ 0.00

E. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		Total Budget
Planning services for the development of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan	\$	70,000.00
Subcontractor: To be determined	Ψ	,0,000.00
	\$	70,000.00

F. OTHER	Tota	l Budget
	\$	0.00

APPENDIX B PAGE 050 ATTACHMENT C - WORK PLAN

Town of Boston Comprehensive Plan Update

1. Project Description

The Town of Boston (Contractor) and its Comprehensive Planning Committee will prepare a Comprehensive Plan pursuant to General City Law § 28 / Town Law § 272-a / Village Law 7-722. The Comprehensive Plan will establish the objectives that the community wants to achieve, and will guide future sustainable growth within the municipality, enhance the local cultural identity, and protect natural and cultural local resources.

The Comprehensive Plan must address the following general Smart Growth principles, in addition to the elements suggested by the New York State statutes:

- Promote mixed land uses in focus areas.
- Create an adequate range of housing opportunities and choices.
- Promote development and redevelopment where infrastructure is adequate and sustainable.
- Build on traits that make a distinctive and attractive community with a strong sense of place.
- Promote well-planned and well-placed public spaces
- Promote sustainable compact neighborhoods
- Increase mobility and circulation within jurisdictional lines and improve connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines.
- Promote sustainable mass transit that reduces the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions
- Promote walkable/bikeable neighborhood designs
- Promote and integrate clean energy resources and related incentives.
- Improve green infrastructure and resident's participation to this effort
- Increase resiliency to extreme weather events.
- Encourage social diversity and integration.
- Expand planning and implementation efforts across jurisdictional lines, to increase effectiveness, sustainability, and resiliency.
- Promote community and stakeholder collaboration in planning

The Contractor will use the funding/grant for consultant services necessary for the coordination of the planning process and preparation of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Project Attribution and Number of Copies

The Contractor must ensure that all materials printed, constructed, and/or produced acknowledge the contributions of the Department to the project. All final and public facing materials must include the Department of State logo and the following acknowledgment:

"This [document, report, map, etc.] was prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund."

The contributions of the Department must also be acknowledged in community press releases and other notices issued for the project, including web site postings and other forms of digital distribution. Project press releases and other notices shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to release, to ensure appropriate attribution.

The Contractor must submit to the Department all required products, clearly labeled with the NYS Comptroller's contract number as indicated on the Face Page of this Contract and where applicable, the related task number from this Work Plan.

Unless otherwise specified in the Work Plan tasks, the Contractor shall submit products in the following formats:

- Draft products: one digital copy of each product must be submitted in Microsoft Word and Adobe® Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF), created using 300 dpi scanning resolution.
- Final products: one electronic copy of each product must be submitted in Microsoft Word, PDF (20 MB maximum), created using 300 dpi scanning resolution. In addition, one paper copy of each final product (including reports, designs, maps, drawings, and plans) must be submitted.
- Electronic data for all Geographic Information System-based mapping products and associated spatial data must be submitted in either ArcGIS format, or similar product acceptable to the Department, and comply with the requirements for Contract GIS Products. Formal metadata must be provided with all digital GIS data which includes, at minimum, a file summary/abstract, intended use, data, source data, and author information.
- Electronic data for all designs, drawings, and plans must be submitted in the original software that they were created (such as CAD format or other similar product acceptable to the Department), as well as in JPG format.
- Photographs and images must be submitted in JPG format with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, must be dated and captioned with the location and a brief description of the activity being documented, and include any associated metadata (including the photo's GPS location where available).

3. Compliance with Procurement Requirements

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the municipality shall certify in writing to the Department that applicable provisions of General Municipal Law were fully complied with.

4. Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Training

As part of the Smart Growth Planning Grant Program, the Contractor will participate in a virtual training session or sessions focused on developing smart growth strategies. The purpose of this training session is to build knowledge and provide support to community leaders to advance smart growth planning efforts and advance grant priorities.

5. Project Components

Task 1: Project Initiation Meeting

The Contractor, the Department, and any partners responsible for managing the project, shall hold an initial meeting to review and agree upon the project scope and schedule, project requirements, budget, roles and responsibilities, the selection process for procuring consultants, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compliance requirements, MWBE requirements, the number of public meetings and techniques for public involvement proposed for the project, and any other information which would assist in project completion. In addition, the composition and role of the Comprehensive Planning Committee shall be discussed during the project initiation meeting. The Contractor, or a designated project partner, shall prepare and distribute to all project partners a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the agreements reached at

the meeting. Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department review of the proposed approach as outlined in the meeting summary.

Products: Project initiation meeting held with appropriate parties. Written meeting summary outlining agreements reached.

Task 2: Comprehensive Planning Committee

Establish a Comprehensive Planning Committee, as a special municipal board (if applicable), to conduct/oversee the development of the Comprehensive Plan in cooperation with municipal officials, other municipal boards, and the project consultant(s), if applicable. The Comprehensive Planning Committee shall have at least one member from the planning board and shall include representatives from a large range of ethnic, social, and cultural backgrounds and a diverse range of stakeholders, such as residents, civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, environmental experts, municipal board members.

The members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) conduct/oversee the planning process and the development of the Comprehensive Plan, participate in meetings, generate ideas and build consensus, provide the consultant team with relevant information reflective of the community's current condition and needs (including a list of completed and ongoing local planning efforts and initiatives), review materials drafted by the consultant team and provide constructive feedback, support each of the proposed public participation and outreach efforts, and set the stage for cooperation and the plan's implementation.

Products: Draft and final list of proposed members of Comprehensive Planning Committee. Project advisory committee established.

Task 3: Procurement of Consultant (if applicable)

Prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) or similar instrument (if applicable) including a complete project description with site conditions, expected final results, a schedule for completion, MWBE requirements, and criteria for selecting a preferred proposal. Consultant services requested shall include all applicable tasks, activities and responsibilities outlined in the "Project Components" section of this work program.

The Contractor must actively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MWBEs which can be identified using the NYS Directory of Certified Firms (https://ny.newnycontracts.com/). The Contractor must retain records of the procurement process including direct solicitation to MWBEs; results; and any actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals. To demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve MWBE contract goals the following should be retained:

- Evidence of outreach to MWBEs: mail, email, phone calls and follow-up.
- Written responses by MWBEs to the grantee/vendor's outreach.
- Copies of search(es) of the directory and advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications.
- Attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the grantee with MWBEs including dates and location.
- Description of how the scope of work maximizes opportunities for MWBE participation.
- Description of how non-MWBE subcontractors' have engaged MWBEs to undertake part of the project's work or to procure equipment/ materials/supplies.

NYS Department of State requires a licensed professional engineer, architect or landscape architect licensed to practice in New York State for preparation and certification of final designs and construction documents, and for supervision of construction.

Submit the RFP or similar instrument to the Department for review and approval prior to release for solicitation of proposals.

Products: Approved RFP or similar instrument released through advertisement in local papers, the New York State Contract Reporter, or other appropriate means. Documentation of procurement including direct solicitation to MWBEs and actions taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals.

Task 4: Subcontract and Compliance with Local Procurement Requirements

Prepare the draft subcontract(s) to conduct project work with the selected consultant(s). The subcontract(s) shall contain a detailed work plan with adequate opportunity for review at appropriate stages of product completion, a payment schedule with payments tied to receipt of products, and project costs.

Incorporate the Department's comments on the subcontract work plan, or scope of services, prior to execution of the final subcontract(s).

The municipal attorney, chief legal officer or financial administrator of the municipality shall certify in writing to the Department that the Contractor fully complied with applicable provisions of General Municipal Law and with local procurement procedures. A procurement certification form will be supplied by the Department.

The Contractor's procurement record and consultant selection are subject to approval by the Department.

The Contractor remains responsible for the legal sufficiency of the subcontract in accordance with the requirements in the Master Grant Contract and Attachment A-1.

Products: Consultant(s) selected and approved by the Department. Executed subcontracts and written certification of compliance with procurement procedures.

Task 5: Comprehensive Planning Committee Meetings

The Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet on a regular basis during the planning process to advance the preparation, review, and approval of the Comprehensive Plan, and to organize and conduct community participation events.

During the first meeting, the Comprehensive Plan Committee will review project requirements and roles and responsibilities, transfer necessary information to the team of consultants (if applicable), and identify new information needs and next steps. The Comprehensive Plan Committee or the consultant (if applicable) will prepare and distribute a brief meeting summary clearly indicating the understandings reached at the meeting.

All subsequent meetings will advance the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and assess the evolution of the project, the new information needed, changes in roles and responsibilities, and next steps.

Work on subsequent tasks shall not proceed prior to Department review.

Products: Meetings held with appropriate parties. Written meeting summaries outlining what has been discussed and understandings reached and identifying the participants to the meeting.

Task 6: Community Participation Plan

Prepare a Community Participation Plan that describes the public outreach and participation efforts that will be conducted during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to the local and State statutes. At a minimum, the Community Participation Plan shall include (in-person or virtual) interviews with local and regional stakeholders, a community survey, a public information meeting, one or more public workshops, one or more public hearings, and a webpage with links to announcements, presentations and documents prepared during the planning process. The Community Participation Plan shall identify key individuals, organizations, and entities to be involved, and shall identify roles and responsibilities in coordinating the entire outreach process, logistics, and the proposed schedule of the proposed public outreach and participation efforts.

All public outreach and participation efforts will be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, and any other appropriate means. Public access must be provided to each public meeting or workshop. Outreach efforts should encourage participation from populations who are frequently underrepresented in this process, including immigrants, refugees, and minorities. A summary of each public outreach and participation efforts will be made available to the public in written form and through other appropriate means, such as websites.

Products: Draft and final Community Participation Plan.

Task 7: Community Survey and Stakeholder Interviews

Develop a relevant and realistic community survey about current local conditions and issues. The survey should be made available to the public as hard copy and online. In addition, identify a set of topics that shall be discussed with stakeholders to obtain additional relevant information and elicit stakeholder reactions and suggestions. Following the completion of the survey, develop a summary of results and analysis.

Products: Draft and final Community Survey. Draft and final list of topics to be discussed during the stakeholder interviews. Summary of survey and interviews responses and analysis.

Task 8: Review Local and Regional Planning Efforts and Ongoing Initiatives

Identify and review existing local and regional planning documents and ongoing initiatives. This review process will also include consultation with community leaders and with neighboring communities, if applicable, to identify common issues and assess if Smart Growth principals are the basis for addressing those issues.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee and the consultant(s), if applicable, shall develop a written findings report describing and assessing existing planning documents and the issues and opportunities identified by community leaders.

Products: Written findings report.

Task 9: Community Profile

Draft a Community Profile consisting in an inventory and analysis of existing conditions, including narrative, maps, and relevant data. The inventory will be used to assist in the identification of local issues and potential opportunities. The analysis of the local conditions and issues will be conducted from a Smart Growth perspective and identify potential solutions to existing issues and potential opportunities. A chart of smart growth principles will be provided to be included in the comprehensive plan which will summarize the opportunities and challenges to addressing each principle. The inventory and analysis of existing conditions may include the following, at a minimum:

- History of the municipal jurisdiction and boundaries.
- Description of previous comprehensive plan development and adoption processes.
- Demographic characteristics (population and growth trends, age distribution, average household size, ethnic composition, average household income, social diversity and integration, demographic trends).
- Local and regional economic characteristics (unemployment rates and trends, work force characterization, dominant business sector type, major employers and industries, sales tax information, property tax rates, economic trends and jobs range.
- Housing characteristics (the age, type, and condition of structures, type of occupancy renters versus owners, vacancy rates and trends in the community and length of residency percentage of residents five years in home, the extent and availability of low-income housing throughout the community and in identified neighborhoods, assessment of housing opportunities and choices, housing trends and access to jobs).
- Local and regional economies and development trends (including housing, commercial, industrial and agricultural development).
- Land use and smart growth focus areas.
- Agricultural and forest lands, uses, and districts.
- Infrastructure and public utilities (i.e., drinking water supply, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, stormwater management and green infrastructure, communications, gas and electricity) extent, capacity, age, and maintence.
- Transportation systems, local levels of greenhouse gas emissions, levels of mobility and circulation, walkable/bikeable neighborhood, connectivity with areas outside jurisdictional lines, distance to jobs.
- Natural resources and climate (air quality, watercourses, wetlands, floodplains, aquifers, forests/tree cover, steep slopes, soil types, and rare plant and animal habitats, precipitations, winds, temperatures, etc.).
- Extreme weather events, flooding, erosion hazards, and local resiliency.
- Health and emergency services and facilities.
- Parks and public spaces, recreation facilities, range of passive and active recreation, capacity and maintence, accessibility etc.
- Historic, cultural, and scenic resources.
- Waterfront resources and public access.
- Zoning and other relevant local development controls.
- Fiscal resources.

The draft Community Profile shall be submitted to the Department for review before being used to design workshop activities and prepare materials needed to conduct community visioning workshops or to draft the Comprehensive Plan.

Products: Community Profile report, including a comprehensive inventory and analysis in the form of relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics.

Task 10: Community Visioning Workshops

Conduct at least two public workshops that will inform the public about the findings of the planning process conducted up to this point, present a clear assessment of how Smart Growth policies are integrated in the municipality's planning efforts, governmental decisions, and ongoing initiatives, and will solicit public input on existing resources, community character, and future growth. The workshops are also intended to identify Smart Growth solutions to current issues and future growth.

Each workshop shall be advertised with generous advance notice to garner maximum publicity, awareness, and participation. The site of the workshops must be accessible to the public.

Products: Published workshops announcements and fliers. Materials prepared for each public workshop. Workshops held.

Task 11: Draft Comprehensive Plan

Assemble the draft comprehensive plan that addresses each of the Smart Growth policies and establishes a long-term strategy for future growth and protection of resources, and may include the following topics commensurate with the community's needs and vision for future actions:

- Goals, objectives, principles, policies, and standards upon which proposals for the immediate and long-range enhancement, growth, and development of the community.
- Consideration of regional needs and the official plans of other government units and agencies within the region.
- The existing and proposed location and intensity of land uses.
- Consideration and recommendations for the protection of agricultural and forest lands, historic and cultural resources, natural resources, and sensitive environmental areas.
- Consideration of population, demographic and socio-economic trends and future projections.
- Location and types of transportation facilities that reduce the local levels of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Existing and proposed general location of public and private utilities and infrastructure, including clean energy generation.
- Existing housing resources and future housing needs, including affordable housing.
- The present and potential future general location of educational and cultural facilities, historic sites, health facilities, and facilities for emergency services.
- Existing and proposed recreation facilities and parkland.
- The present and potential future general location of commercial and industrial facilities.
- Specific policies and strategies for improving the local economy in coordination with other plan topics.
- Proposed measures, programs, devices, and instruments to implement the goals and objectives of the various topics within the comprehensive plan.
- All or part of applicable plans of other public agencies.
- Any and all other items which are consistent with the orderly growth and development of the community.

A detailed strategy implementing the community's policies, concepts, projects, and programs shall be identified in the plan. This includes phased implementation approach (short-term, mid, and long-term), as well as anticipated costs, and priorities.

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Department for review and approval and incorporate the Department's comments in the final plan.

Products: Draft Comprehensive Plan, including relevant data, narrative, maps, and graphics.

Task 12: Review by the Local Municipal Board

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the local municipal board, for review, comments, and recommendations. The comments received from the local municipal board shall be addressed before the initiation of the SEQRA compliance process.

The comments and recommendations prepared by the local governing board/local legislature shall be addressed and incorporated into the final plan and prior to making the draft available for public review.

Products: Comments and recommendations received from the local municipal board submitted to the Department.

Task 13: Environmental Quality Review

Prepare materials necessary for compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The adoption of a new or amended Comprehensive Plan is classified as a Type I action, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and 6 NYCRR Part 617. The Comprehensive Planning Committee or the consultant(s) shall prepare the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to provide a review of land use actions proposed in the comprehensive plan. The local municipal board shall declare to be the Lead Agency for the action of adopting the new or amended comprehensive plan.

Copies of all SEQR documents shall be submitted to the Department.

Products: SEQRA documents

Task 14: County Planning Board Review

Submit the draft Comprehensive Plan to the County Planning Board for review and recommendations pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law. Comments received from the County Planning Board shall be addressed in the final version of the Comprehensive Plan that will be locally adopted.

Comments received from the County Planning Board shall be submitted to Department.

Products: Comments and recommendations prepared by the County Planning Board.

Task 15: Final Comprehensive Plan

Address all comments and recommendations received from the public and involved local, regional and State agencies and incorporate into the Final Comprehensive Plan and schedule a public hearing and the local adoption of the plan.

The final Comprehensive Plan and the date of the public hearing and local adoption of the plan shall be submitted to Department.

Products: Final Comprehensive Plan ready for local adoption.

Task 16: Public Hearing and Local Adoption

Conduct a public hearing prior to adoption of the comprehensive plan. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the community at least ten calendar days in advance of the hearing. The proposed comprehensive plan shall be made available for public review during said period at the office of the municipal clerk and public library and shall be posted on the municipal website. The public hearings may also be publicized in the community through press releases, announcements, individual mailings, and any other appropriate means.

Copies of the public hearing minutes and the local adoption resolution shall be submitted to the Department.

Products: Minutes from the public hearings and record of decision submitted to Department.

Task 17: MWBE Reporting

Comply with MWBE Reporting Requirements by completing the following actions:

- Submit Form C Workforce Employment Utilization to report the actual work force utilized for this contract broken down by specified categories (every March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31).
- Submit Form D MWBE Utilization Plan to indicate any state-certified MWBE firms selected to work on this contract. Form D must be updated and submitted to the Department whenever changes to the selected MWBE firms occur (addition or removal).
- Record payments to MWBE subcontractors using DOS funds through the New York State Contract System (NYSCS).

Technical assistance for use of the NYSCS system can be obtained through the NYSCS website at <u>https://ny.newnycontracts.com</u> by clicking on the "Contact Us & Support" link.

Products: Ongoing reporting through NYSCS during the life of the contract. Form C submitted on a quarterly basis and Form D submitted as necessary.

Task 18: Project Status Reports

Submit project status reports semi-annually (every June 30 and December 31) on the form provided, including a description of the work accomplished, the status of all tasks in this work plan, schedule of completion of remaining tasks, and an explanation of any problems encountered.

Products: Completed project status reports submitted during the life of the contract.

Task 19: Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results

Submit the Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results electronically at: <u>https://forms.office.com/g/eZERFeEeKM</u>.

Products: Final Project Summary Report and Measurable Results submitted to the Department

5. Project Responsibilities

The Contractor shall administer the grant, execute a contract with the Department, and ensure the completion of work in accordance with the approved Work Plan and budget.

The Contractor:

- will be responsible for conducting all project work in conformance with the Work Plan included in the executed contract with the Department.
- will be responsible for all project activities including drafting request for proposals and managing subcontracts with consultants and sub consultants.
- will certify to the Department that the procurement record for project consultants and subcontractors complies with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law.
- will receive approval from the Department for any and all consultant subcontracts before beginning project work.
- will be responsible for submission of all products and payment requests.
- will be responsible for coordinating participation and soliciting comments from local government personnel, project volunteers, and the public.
- will keep the Department informed of all important meetings for the duration of this contract.
- will receive approval from the Department before purchase of any equipment.
- will secure all necessary permits and perform all required environmental reviews.
- will ensure that all materials printed, constructed, and/or produced acknowledge the contributions of the Department to the project.
- will ensure that all products prepared as a part of this contract shall include the NYS Comptroller's contract # as indicated on the Face Page of this contract.
- will ensure the project objectives are being achieved.
- will ensure that comments received from the Department and the project advisory committee, or other advisory group, are satisfactorily responded to and reflected in subsequent work.
- will recognize that payments made to consultants or subcontractors covering work carried out or products produced prior to receiving approval from the Department will not be reimbursed unless and until the Department finds the work or products to be acceptable.

The Department:

- will review and approve or disapprove of subcontracts between the Contractor and consultant(s) and any other subcontractor(s).
- will participate in project initiation meeting and attend meetings that are important to the project.
- will review all draft and final products and provide comments as necessary to meet the objectives.
- must approve or disapprove any and all design, site plan, and preconstruction documents. Department approval must be obtained before construction may begin.

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ATTACHMENT D PAYMENT AND REPORTING SCHEDULE

I. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

In full consideration of contract services to be performed the State Agency agrees to pay and the contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the face page hereof. All payments shall be in accordance with the budget contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget), which is attached hereto.

A. Advance Payment and Recoupment Language (if applicable):

- 1. The State agency will make an advance payment to the Contractor, during the initial period, in the amount of <u>\$0</u> (<u>0% of the budget</u>) as set forth in the most recently approved applicable Attachment B form (Budget).
- 2. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting <u>100%</u> of subsequent claims and such claims will be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the contract period.
- 3. Scheduled advance payments shall be due in accordance with an approved payment schedule as follows:

Period:	Amount:	Due Date:
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Period:	Amount:	Due Date:
Period:	Amount:	Due Date:

B. Interim and/or Final Claims for Reimbursement

Claiming Schedule (select applicable frequency):

☑ Quarterly Reimbursement Due Date: <u>3/31, 6/30, 9/30, 12/31</u>

Monthly Reimbursement
 Due Date: ______

Biannual Reimbursement
 Due Date: ______

Fee for Service Reimbursement Due Date: ______

□ Rate Based Reimbursement	
Due Date:	

Fifth Quarter Reimbursement
 Due Date:

Milestone/Performance Reimbursement Due Date/Frequency: ______

Scheduled Reimbursement Due Date/Frequency: ______

II. REPORTING PROVISIONS

A. Expenditure-Based Reports (select the applicable report type):

- □ Narrative/Qualitative Report
- The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than <u>days</u> from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(i) of the Master Contract.
- □ Statistical/Quantitative Report
- The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than <u>days</u> from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(ii) of the Master Contract.
- Expenditure Report
- The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than <u>30 days</u> after the end date for which reimbursement is being claimed, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iii) of the Master Contract.
- ⊠ Final Report
- The Contractor will submit the final report as described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iv) of the Master Contract, no later than <u>60 days</u> after the end of the contract period.

Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)¹

The Contractor will submit the CFR on an annual basis, in accordance with the timeframes designated in the CFR manual. For New York City contractors, the due date shall be May 1 of each year; for Upstate and Long Island contractors, the due date shall be November 1 of each year.

¹The Consolidated Fiscal Reporting System is a standardized electronic reporting method accepted by Office of Alcoholism & Substance Services, Office of Mental Health, Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and the State Education Department, consisting of schedules which, in different combinations, capture financial information for budgets, quarterly and/or mid-year claims, an annual cost report, and a final claim. The CFR, which must be submitted annually, is both a year-end cost report and a year-end claiming document.

B. Progress-Based Reports

1. Progress Reports

The Contractor shall provide the report described in Section III(G)(2)(b)(i) of the Master Contract in accordance with the forms and in the format provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the contract period (see Table 1 below for the annual schedule).

2. Final Progress Report

Final scheduled payment will not be due until $\underline{60 \text{ days}}$ after completion of the agency's audit of the final expenditures report/documentation showing total grant expenses submitted by vendor with its final invoice. Deadline for submission of the final report is <u>at project completion</u>. The agency shall complete its audit and notify vendor of the results no later than $\underline{60 \text{ days}}$ later. The Contractor shall submit the report not later than $\underline{60 \text{ days}}$ from the end of the contract.

C. Other Reports

The Contractor shall provide reports in accordance with the form, content and schedule as set forth in Table 1.

TABLE I – REPORTING SCHEDULE

PROGRESS REPORT	PERIOD COVERED	DUE DATE
Project Status Form	Contract period, as amended	6/30* 12/31*
MWBE Utilization Plan	Contract period, as amended	Within 2 weeks of MWBE hire
MWBE Utilization Report (via NYSCS)	Contract period, as amended	3/31* 6/30* 9/30* 12/31*
MWBE Workforce Utilization Report	Contract period, as amended	3/31* 6/30* 9/30* 12/31*
	*Due every year during the contract period, as amended.	



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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 10, 2021

Supervisor Keding Town of Boston 8500 Boston State Road Boston, NY 14025

RE: Erie County Office of Agriculture Funding Application

Dear Supervisor Keding:

On behalf of the Erie County Office of Agriculture, I am pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to update the Town of Boston's Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Erie County Legislature on November 4, 2021.

In order to start the project, we will need the following from the Town of Boston by **December 3**:

- 1. Resolution from the Town Board authorizing the Town to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Erie County to accept the funding.
- Complete "Exhibit A Scope of Work". The intermunicipal agreement is attached and Exhibit B can be found on
 page six. Complete "Exhibit B Project Budget". The intermunicipal agreement is attached and Exhibit B can be
 found on page seven.
- 3. The Town should provide insurance/ worker comp as stipulated in the attached contract (Exhibit C)
- 4. Three signed hard copies of the contract including the Equal Pay Certification (Exhibit D) sent by mail to the below address.

Attn: Sarah Gatti, 10th Floor Erie County Environment and Planning 95 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202

5. One scanned digital version of the signed contract sent to <u>sarah.gatti@erie.gov</u>.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gatti, Senior Planner, at 716-858-6014 or sarah.gatti@erie.gov.

Sincerely,

DANIEL CASTLE, AICP COMMISSIONER

Enclosures: 2

cc: Mark Rountree, Principal Planner; Sarah Gatti, Senior Planner; Connie Miner, Town of Boston Grantwriter

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ERIE AND THE TOWN OF BOSTON

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this <u>day of</u>, 2021 between the **COUNTY OF ERIE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, with principal offices located at 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and the **TOWN OF BOSTON**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, located at 8500 Boston State Road, Boston, NY 14025 (hereinafter referred to as the "Town").

WHEREAS, the County established the Office of Agriculture in 2020 to address the loss of farmland, improve the viability of farming, and assist rural municipalities with planning for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to aid the Town with updating its Comprehensive Plan to better address agricultural land use planning within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has applied for and been awarded funds from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature allocated funding for this Agreement via resolution Comm. 20E-10 passed on November 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on ______, 2021, the Town of Boston adopted a resolution agreeing to accept the funding and enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the County and Town (collectively the "Parties") agree as follows:

- 1. **<u>RECITALS</u>**: The foregoing recitals are incorporated into the terms of this Agreement.
- 2. <u>SCOPE OF SERVICES</u>: The Town shall undertake an update of their Comprehensive Plan, further described and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.
- 3. <u>**TIME OF PERFORMANCE**</u>: The term of this Agreement and the provisions herein shall continue for one (1) year from the date of the Agreement above.
- 4. **<u>BUDGET</u>**: The project budget is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B** of this Agreement. The County may require a more detailed budget breakdown than the one contained herein, and the Town shall provide such supplementary budget information in a timely fashion in the form and content prescribed by the County. Any amendments to this budget must be approved in writing by both the County and the Town.
- 5. **<u>PAYMENT</u>**: It is expressly agreed and understood that in exchange for the services described herein, the total amount to be paid by the County to the Town under this Agreement shall not exceed \$25,000.

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- A. <u>Payment Requests</u>: Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis upon proof submitted by the Town for eligible expenses actually incurred by the Town.
- B. <u>Final Payment Request</u>: The Town shall only receive final payment upon proof that Municipal Action has been taken regarding this Agreement. "Municipal Action" shall be constituted by approval and adoption of the final planning document by the Town's governing board. The Town shall certify that Municipal Action has been taken by submitting a final payment request with a certified resolution.
- 6. **INDEMNIFICATION**: To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Town shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its agents, employees, representatives and successors, against any and all claims, losses, damages and injuries including death, property damage, lawsuits or other disputes, arising out of any act or omission by any person or persons who are officials, professionals affiliated with or employees of the Town, or its agents, related to the activities described herein.
- 7. **INSURANCE**: During the term of this Contract, the Town agrees to procure and maintain insurance coverage naming the County as additional insured in the amounts and limits attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit C**.
- 8. **EXECUTORY**: This Agreement shall be deemed executory only to the extent of funds available as determined by the Budget Director and appropriated by the County for the performance of the terms hereof, and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by the County beyond such funds. Funds provided pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used for any purpose prohibited by law.
- 9. **<u>RECORDS</u>**: The Town shall maintain complete, accurate and current records of all financial transactions relating to its operation and the services performed pursuant to this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement and at any time within six (6) years thereafter, the Town shall make such records available, upon request, to the County for review. The County shall have the right, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, to inspect the books and records of the Town, its offices and facilities, for the purpose of verifying information supplied to the County or for any other purpose reasonably related to monitoring the services to be performed by the Town pursuant to this Agreement.
- 10. ASSIGNMENT and SUBCONTRACTS: The Town shall not delegate any duties or assign any of its rights under this Agreement without the prior express written consent of the County. The Town shall not subcontract any part of the services without the written consent of the County, subject to any necessary legal approvals. Any purported delegation of duties, assignment of rights or subcontracting of services under this Agreement without the prior express written consent of the County is void. All subcontracts that have received such prior written consent shall provide that subcontracts are subject to all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. It is recognized and understood by the Town that for the purposes of this Agreement, all services performed on an approved subcontract shall be deemed services performed by the Town and the Town shall insure that such subcontracted service is subject to the material terms and conditions of this Agreement.

11. **NOTICES**: All notices of any nature referred to in this Agreement shall be in writing and either sent by registered or certified mail postage pre-paid, or delivered by hand or overnight courier, as set forth below or to such other addresses as the respective parties hereto may designate in writing. Notice shall be effective on the date of receipt. Notices shall be sent to the following:

To the **TOWN**:

Town Attorney 8500 Boston State Road Boston, NY 14025

To the <u>COUNTY</u>:

Commissioner Department of Environment and Planning 95 Franklin Street, Rm. 1012 Buffalo, NY 14202

with a copy to:

Erie County Attorney 95 Franklin Street, Rm. 1634 Buffalo, NY 14202

Or at any such other address of such person as the Parties may designate.

- 12. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**: It is mutually understood and agreed by the Parties that an independent contractor relationship be hereby established under the terms of this Agreement and that the Town and any employees of the Town are not, nor shall they be deemed to be, employees of the County. Similarly, the County and any employees of the County are not, nor shall they be deemed to be, employees of the Town.
- 13. **COUNTY RECOGNITION:** The Town shall insure recognition of the role of the County in providing services through this Agreement. All activities, facilities and items utilized pursuant to this Agreement shall be prominently labeled as to funding source. In addition, the Town will include a reference to the support provided herein in all publications made possible with funds made available under this Agreement.
- 14. **SEVERABILITY**: If any provision of this Agreement proves to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected by such finding, and each provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Agreement shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the law of the State of New York.

- 16. **TERMINATION**: In the event of a breach or default by the Town of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the County may terminate this Agreement on ten (10) days written notice to the Town and request such other remedy as may be reasonable and appropriate in view of the circumstances of such breach or default, including but not limited to, reimbursement to the County by the Town of all or part of the funds granted to the Town under this Agreement.
- 17. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>: This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.
- 18. <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>: This Agreement constitutes the sole and complete agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the rights granted herein and supersede all prior written or oral agreements and understandings with respect to the rights granted herein.
- 19. EQUAL PAY: The Town shall comply with Erie County Executive Order 13 (2014) and agrees to complete the Certificate collectively attached hereto as Exhibit D and made a part hereof. The Town shall make such records available, upon request, to the County's Division of Equal Employment Opportunity for review. The County shall have the right, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, to inspect the books and records of the Town, its offices and facilities, for the purpose of verifying information supplied in the Erie County Equal Pay Certification and for any other purpose reasonably related to confirming the Town's compliance with Erie County Executive Order 13 (2014). Notwithstanding the termination provisions contained herein, violation of the provisions of Executive Order 13 (2014), may constitute grounds for the immediate termination of this Agreement and may constitute grounds for determining that the Town is not qualified to participate in future County contracts.
- 20. <u>AMENDMENT</u>: This Agreement shall not be changed, amended or altered in anyway except in writing and executed by both Parties.

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank and signature pages to follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

COUNTY OF ERIE

TOWN OF BOSTON

By:

Mark C. Poloncarz/Maria R. Whyte County Executive/Deputy County Executive Date:

Jason Keding Supervisor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

Daniel Castle, AICP Commissioner, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning

APPROVED AS TO FORM

KRISTEN M. WALDER Assistant County Attorney

Doc. No.: ______ Dated:

EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF WORK

<u>EXHIBIT B</u>

PROJECT BUDGET

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNTY OF ERIE STANDARD INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

L Insurance shall be procured and certificates delivered before commencement of work or delivery of merchandize or equipment.

IL CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

- A. Shall be made to the "County of Erie, 95 Franklin St, Buffalo NY, 14202"
- B. Coverage must comply with all specifications of the contract.
- C. Must be executed by an insurance company, agency or broker, which is licensed by the Insurance Department of the State of New York. If executed by a broker, notarised copy of authorization to bind or certify coverage must be attached.

III. Forward the completed certificate to: County of Erie, (Department or Division) responsible for entering into the agreement for construction, purchase, lease or service.

IV.	Minimum cov	erage with	limits	200 2d	follows

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Vendor Classification	A Construction and Maintenance	8 Purchase or Lease of Merchandise or Equipment	C Protessional Services	D Property Leased To Others Or Use Of Facilities Or Grounds	E Concession- ares Services	F Livery Services	G All Purposes Public Entity Contracts
Commercial Gen. Liab.	\$1,000,000 per occ.	\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 CSL
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Products Completed Operations Ltability	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Blanket Broad Form Contractual Liabitiy	INCLUDE						
Contractual Liability		INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE
Broad Form P.D.	INCLUDE						
X.C.U. (explosion, collapse, Underground)	INCLUDE						
Uquor Law	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			INCLUDE	INCLUDE		
Auto Liab.	\$1,000,000 CSL		\$1,000,000 CSL	_\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000 CSL	\$1,000,000 C3L
Owned	INCLUDE		INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE
Hired	INCLUDE		INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE
Non-Owned	INCLUDE			INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE	INCLUDE
Eccess/Umbrelia Liab.	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
Worker's Compensation	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY
& Employers Liabity							
Disability Benefits	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY	STATUTORY
Professional Liability			\$5,000,000				
Ene County, To Be Named Addit Insd.	Gen. Llab., Auto Llab., & Encess	Broad Form Vendors May Be Reguired	Gen. Llab., Alto Llab., & Excess	Gen: Liab., Auto Liab., & Excess	Gen. Llab., Auto Llab., & Excess	Gen. Liab., Auto Liab., & Excess	Gen. Llab., Auto Llab., & Excess

V. Construction contracts require excess Umbrella Liability limits of \$5,000,000.

VI. Coverage must be provided on a primary-noncontributory bases.

VII. Designated Construction Project General Aggregate Limit Per Project Endorsement CG 25 03 is required.

VII. If the concessionaire is required to have a N.Y.S. license to dispense alcoholic beverages an endorsement for liquor liability is required.

- D. Waiver of Subrogation: Required on all lines unless noted.
- X. Transportation of people in buses, vans or station wagons requires \$5,000,000 excess liability.
- XI. Workers Compensation: State Workers' Compensation / Disability Benefits Law Use Applicable Certificates Below:

Workers Compensation Forms		DBL (Disability Benefita Law) Forms		
CE-200	Exemption	CE-200	Exemption	
_C105.2	Commercial Insurer	DB-120.1	Insurers	
SI-12	Self Insurer	DB-155	Self Insured	
GSI-105.2	Group Self Insured			
U-26.3	New York State Insurance Fund			

XII. The "ACORD" form certificate may be used in place of the County of Erie Standard Insurance Certificate, provided that all of the above referenced requirements are incorporated into the "ACORD" form certificate.

EXHIBIT D

ERIE COUNTY EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATION



MARK C. POLONCARZ

Executive Order #13 Pay Equity Certification on County Contracts

WHEREAS, federal law, including the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Federal Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 (Equal Employment Opportunity) (together 'Federal Equal Pay Law'), requires that men and women in the same workplace he given equal pay for equal work; and

WHEREAS, Section 194 of New York State Labor Law ('NYS Equal Pay Law') prohibits compensating men and women differently for the same work; and

WHEREAS, on average, a full-time working woman in New York State earns just 85 cents for every dollar that a man earns and the pay gap is even greater for African-American and Latina women; and

WHEREAS, females make up nearly fifty-two percent of Eric County's population; and

WHEREAS, women make up nearly half of the U.S. labor force and are a growing number of breadwinners in their families; and

WHEREAS, this pay differential shortchanges women and their families by thousands of dollars a year, and potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars over a lifetime, presenting a lifeting threat to those families' economic security and reducing their earnings through Social Security and other post retirement plans; and

WHEREAS, poverty is recognized as a leading cause of or contributing factor to many social problems, including but not limited to substance abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, improper nutrition, obesity, improper health care and criminal conduct; and

WHEREAS, the impact of pay differentials is exacerbated as workers age, causing underpaid workers to disproportionally rely upon various forms of public support in their retirement years; and

WHEREAS, pay inequity can significantly impact the County, necessitating the provision of various public subsidies for low income residents and leading to the lack of receipt of income by women residents which would be spent in our local economy; and

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WHEREAS, through the enforcement of current state and federal laws that ban unequal pay for equal work, Eric County can help ameliorate the many negative consequences of pay inequality, thereby improving the lives of those who might otherwise be underpaid, strengthening families and protecting children, and reducing the demand for public services, all positively impacting county, state and federal budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MARK C. POLONCARZ, Eric County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Eric County Charter § 302, do hereby order as follows:

1. It is ordered that on and after January 1, 2015, all Erie County offices, departments and administrative units, including but not limited to the Division of Purchase, fully implement a requirement in all bids, requests for proposals and other contract solicitations that the contractor submit an Erie County Equal Pay Certification which certifies the contractor's compliance with Federal Equal Pay Law and New York State Equal Pay Law (together, the "Equal Pay Laws"). Such certification shall be required prior to execution of the contract; and it is,

 Further ordered that such certification shall include a representation by the contractor that it has not been the subject of an adverse finding under the Equal Pay Laws within the previous five years and shall include disclosure of any currently pending claims against the contractor; and it is,

Further ordered that violation of any provision of the Equal Pay Laws during the
effective period of such a contract or the filing of a false or misleading Erie County Equal Pay
Certificate may constitute grounds for immediate termination of such a contract; and it is,

4. Further ordered that violation of any provision of the Equal Pay Laws during the effective period of such a contract or the filing of a false or misleading Erie County Equal Pay Certificate may constitute grounds for determining a bidder or responder is not qualified to participate in future County contracts; and it is,

5. Further ordered that the Law Department prepare an Erie County Equal Pay Certification for use by Erie County offices, departments and administrative units and assure compliance with this Executive Order in the contract approval process; and it is,

 Further ordered that the County Division of Equal Employment Opportunity ("EEO") establish a procedure for compliance monitoring and periodic suditing of certification records; and it is,

GIVEN, under my hand and the Privy Seal of the County of Erie in the City of Buffalo this 6th day of November, in the year two thousand fourteen.



COUNTY OF ERIE

BY: MARK C. FOLONCARZ

MARK C. POLONCARZ ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Erie County Equal Pay Certification

In order to comply with Executive Order 13 dated November 6, 2014, we hereby certify that we are in compliance with federal law, including the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Federal Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and New York State Labor Law Section 194 (together "Equal Pay Law"). The average compensation for female employees is not consistently below the average compensation for male employees, taking into account mitigating factors. We understand that this certification is a material component of this contract. Violation of the provisions of Executive Order 13, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, can constitute grounds for the immediate termination of this contract and may constitute grounds for determining that a bidder is not qualified to participate in future county contracts.

We have evaluated wages and benefits to ensure compliance with the Federal Equal Pay Law.

Signature

Verification

STATE OF _____) COUNTY OF _____) SS:

A)

_____, being duly sworn, states he or she is the owner of (or a partner in) ______, and is making the foregoing Certification and that the statements and representations made in the Certification are true to his or her own knowledge.

B)

_____, being duly sworn, states that he or she is the

(Name of Corporate Officer) (Title of Corporate Officer) (Name of Corporation) (Name of Corporate Officer)

the enterprise making the foregoing Certification, that he or she has read the Certification and knows its contents, that the statements and representations made in the Certification are true to his or her own knowledge, and that the Certification is made at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Sworn to before me this _____ Day of _____, 20____

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

BUFFALO, N.Y., November 4, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at the 20th Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers, in the City of Buffalo, on the 4th day of November, 2021 A.D., a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, the agricultural sector is a significant contributor to Erie County's economy, annually contributing nearly \$130 million to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2017, the number of farms in Erie County dropped at the alarming rate of nearly 22%; and

WHEREAS, the adopted *Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan* noted the need for communities to specifically plan for agriculture to address land use decisions which place development pressure on Erie County Farms; and

WHEREAS, many Eric County towns planning documents do not adequately address planning for agriculture and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to aid the Towns of Boston, Evans, Hamburg, and Wales in the updating of planning and zoning documents to address to preserve agriculture and the siting of renewable energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Erie County Budget allocated \$75,000 to be utilized for the Office of Agriculture – Farmland Protection Planning Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Boston in the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Evans in the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Hamburg in the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into intermunicipal agreements, contracts, agreements as necessary with the Town of Wales in the amount of \$20,000, for the purpose of administration of planning and zoning document updates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of these funds shall be in A.21152; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Comptroller; Daniel Castle, A.I.C.P, Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; Mark P. Rountree, Principal Planner, Department of Environment and Planning and the County Attorney.

REFERENCE:

COMM. 20E-10 (2021)

ATTEST

ROBERT M. GRABER Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County