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CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Title	:	Group – 79107 Electronic Online Database Access (Grolier Online)	Classification Code(s): 83
Award Number	:	<u>NEG-21095</u>	(Partially Replaces Award S950168)
Contract Period	:	February 13, 2008 through February 12, 2013	
Bid Opening Date	:	November 15, 2007	
Date of Issue	:	February 13, 2008	
Specification Reference	:	As Incorporated	
Contractor Information	:	Appears on Page 2 of this Award	

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The Procurement Services Group values your input.
Complete and return "Contract Performance Report" at end of document.

Description

This electronic on-line database contract provides for an on-line computer based information subscription service for encyclopedic information on a large variety of subjects. The services are similar to the publisher's printed material, except that it is provided in electronic format directly on-line, with multi-media dimensions not available in the print publications.

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<u>CONTRACT #</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR & ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE #</u>	<u>FED.IDENT.#</u>
PS63782	Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc. d/b/a Grolier Online 90 Old Sherman Turnpike Danbury, CT 06816 Pamela Erhart perhart@scholastic.com	800-387-1437 ext. 247 877-242-5865 Fax	06-1226353
Sales & Billing	Customer Service 90 Old Sherman Turnpike Danbury, CT 06816	888-326-6546	

Cash Discount, If Shown, Should be Given Special Attention.
INVOICES MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE ORDERING AGENCY FOR PAYMENT.
 (See "Contract Payments" and "Electronic Payments" in this document.)

AGENCIES SHOULD NOTIFY THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES GROUP PROMPTLY IF THE CONTRACTOR FAILS TO MEET DELIVERY OR OTHER TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT. PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS OR ARE OTHERWISE UNSATISFACTORY TO THE AGENCY SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES GROUP.

SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES:

The letters SB listed under the Contract Number indicate the contractor is a NYS small business. Additionally, the letters MBE and WBE indicate the contractor is a Minority-owned Business Enterprise and/or Woman-owned Business Enterprise.

RECYCLED, REMANUFACTURED AND ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS:

The Procurement Services Group supports and encourages the purchase of recycled, remanufactured, energy efficient and "energy star" products. If one of the following codes appears as a suffix in the Award Number or is noted under the individual Contract Number(s) in this Contract Award Notification, please look at the individual awarded items for more information on products meeting the suffix description.

RS,RP,RA	Recycled
RM	Remanufactured
SW	Solid Waste Impact
EE	Energy Efficient
E*	EPA Energy Star
ES	Environmentally Sensitive

NOTE TO ALL CONTRACT USERS:

The terms and conditions of the bid solicitation which apply to the award appear at the end of this document. We strongly advise all contract users to familiarize themselves with all terms and conditions before issuing a purchase order.

After contacting vendor to set up programs, contract users will issue purchase orders addressed to contractor at the address shown herein. Terms are effective and binding on both parties once a purchase order is mailed to the contractor.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS:

The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) offers an "electronic payment" option in lieu of issuing checks. To obtain an electronic payment authorization form visit the OSC website at www.osc.state.ny.us or contact them by e-mail at epunit@osc.state.ny.us or by phone at 518-474-4032.

NOTE TO CONTRACTOR:

This Contract Award Notification is not an order. Do not take any action under this contract except on the basis of purchase order(s) from the agency or agencies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**Q. What type services are available from Grolier Online under this contract?**

- A. The services consist of on-line access to encyclopedic information, basically electronic access to **Encyclopedia Americana** and other specialized encyclopedias.

Q. What services are available other than Encyclopedia Americana?

- A. There are also a **The New Book of Knowledge** a general reference encyclopedia with weekly news coverage for Elementary & Middle School students; **Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia**, a reference source with extensive multimedia content geared toward upper elementary school and beyond; **La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre**, a Spanish language encyclopedia suitable to grades 5 and above; **The New Book of Popular Science** for middle school and lower high school students; **America the Beautiful** with social studies material introducing upper elementary students to States, Territories, and Possessions; **Lands and Peoples** containing up-to-date information on countries, cultures, and current events; **Amazing Animals of the World** covering wild animals and their habitats; **Special ancillary resources provided by Grolier Online** which includes an Interactive Atlas and seven Dictionaries and Thesauri.

Q. How do I use this contract?

- A. Read the enclosed Terms, Conditions and License Agreement.

Contact the Vendor to set up your individual program.

Contract users will issue purchase orders addressed to the Contractor at the address shown herein, becoming effective and binding on the Contractor when placed in the mail to the Contractor. **Note: The License Agreement and other Terms and Conditions are equally binding on the contract users.**

Exhibit A

**Copy of Actual contract between
Grolier Online
and
New York State**

**STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES**

**CENTRALIZED CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ELECTRONIC
ON-LINE DATABASE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AGREEMENT**

New York State Contract #

Contractor Reference #

PS63782

GROLIER ONLINE

DESIGNATED CONTACTS: Team #12

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The bid must be fully and properly executed by an authorized person. By signing you certify your express authority to sign on behalf of yourself, your company, or other entity and full knowledge and acceptance of this INVITATION FOR BIDS, Appendix A (Standard Clauses For New York State Contracts), Appendix B (OGS General Specifications), and State Finance Law §139-j and §139-k (Procurement Lobbying), and that all information provided is complete, true and accurate. By signing, bidder affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the OGS procedures relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6) (b). Information may be accessed at:
Procurement Lobbying: <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

THIS CONTRACT for the acquisition of electronic on-line database products and services is made between the People of the State of New York, acting by and through the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (hereinafter "State" or "OGS") whose principal place of business is the 41st Floor, Corning Tower, The Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, pursuant to authority granted under New York State Finance Law, § 163, and **Grolier Online** (hereinafter "Contractor"), with its principal place of business at **90 Old Sherman Turnpike, Danbury, CT 06816**.

PROCUREMENT LOBBYING TERMINATION:

OGS reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offerer/bidder in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, OGS may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Offerer/bidder in accordance with the written notification terms of this contract.

SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROHIBITIONS ON PROCUREMENT LOBBYING:

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OGS and an Offerer/bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers/bids through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OGS and, if applicable, the Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law §139-j (3) (a). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified on the first page of this solicitation. OGS employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four-year period, the Offerer/bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the OGS website:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>

NYS STANDARD VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE (Appendix 1):

Bidder agrees to fully and accurately complete the NYS Standard Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire, which is attached as Appendix 1 (hereinafter the "Questionnaire"). The Bidder acknowledges that the State's execution of the Contract will be contingent upon the State's determination that the Bidder is responsible, and that the State will be relying upon the Bidder's responses to the Questionnaire in making that determination. The Bidder agrees that if it is found by the State that the Bidder's responses to the Questionnaire were intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, on such finding, OGS may terminate the Contract by providing ten (10) days written notification to the Contractor. In no case shall such termination of the Contract by the State be deemed a breach thereof, nor shall the State be liable for any damages for lost profits or otherwise, which may be sustained by the Contractor as a result of such termination.

TAX LAW 5-A AMENDED APRIL 26, 2006 (Appendix 2):

Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded state contracts for commodities, services and technology valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law applies to contracts where the total amount of such contractors' sales delivered into New York State are in excess of \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made, and with respect to any affiliates and subcontractors whose sales delivered into New York State exceeded \$300,000 for the four quarterly periods immediately preceding the quarterly period in which the certification is made.

This law imposes upon certain contractors the obligation to certify whether or not the contractor, its affiliates, and its subcontractors are required to register to collect state sales and compensating use tax and contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold is registered with DTF to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. The law prohibits the State Comptroller, or other approving agency, from approving a contract awarded to a contractor meeting the registration requirements but who is not so registered in accordance with the law.

Contractor certification forms and instructions for completing the forms are attached to this bid. Form No. ST-220-TD must be filed with and returned directly to DTF. Unless the information upon which the ST-220-TD is based changes, this form only needs to be filed once with DTF. If the information changes for the contractor, its affiliate(s), or its subcontractor(s), a new Form No. ST-220-TD must be filed with DTF.

Form ST-220-CA must be filed with the bid and submitted to the procuring covered agency certifying that the contractor filed the ST-220-TD with DTF. Proposed contractors should complete and return the certification forms within two business days of request (if the forms are not completed and returned with bid submission). Failure to make either of these filings may render a bidder non-responsive and non-responsible. Bidders shall take the necessary steps to provide properly certified forms within a timely manner to ensure compliance with the law.

Vendors may call DTF at **1-800-698--2909** for any and all questions relating to Section 5-a of the Tax Law and relating to a company's registration status with the DTF. For additional information and frequently asked questions, please refer to the DTF web site: <http://www.nystax.gov>

INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT: Section 208 of the State Technology Law (STL) and Section 899-aa of the General Business Law (GBL) require that State entities and persons or businesses conducting business in New York who own or license computerized data which includes private information including an individual's unencrypted personal information plus one or more of the following: social security number, driver's license number or non-driver ID, account number, credit or debit card number plus security code, access code or password which permits access to an individual's financial account, must disclose to a New York resident when their private information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by a person without valid authorization. Disclosure of breach of that private information to all individuals affected or potentially affected must occur in the most expedient time possible without unreasonable delay, after necessary measures to determine the scope of the breach and to restore integrity, but with delay if law enforcement determines it impedes a criminal investigation. When notification is necessary, the State entity or person or business conducting business in New York must also notify the following New York State agencies: the Attorney General, the Office of Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) and the Consumer Protection Board (CPB). Information relative to the law and the notification process is available at: <http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/security/securitybreach/>

1. CONTRACT SCOPE / TERM

This document (hereinafter "Contract" or "Agreement") sets forth the terms and conditions governing the acquisition of electronic on-line database products and other incidental services (including, but not limited to, consulting and training). Terms used in this document shall have the meanings set forth in Appendix B. Amendments or modifications to the terms and conditions set forth herein may only be made with mutual written agreement of the parties and with the approval of the New York State Attorney General and Comptroller.

The term of this Contract shall be five (5) years commencing on the date of approval by the New York State Comptroller effective upon mailing by OGS (see Appendix B, Clause 38). The parties may renew the contract, upon approval of the NYS Comptroller, upon expiration of the original term for an additional five (5) year term. Upon termination of the Contract, all rights and obligations set forth herein shall survive in accordance with their terms as to procurements made or individual licenses granted to Authorized Users prior to such termination.

This Contract is available for use by all Authorized Users (See Appendix B, *Definitions*, and *Participation in Centralized Contracts*) and may be extended with the joint approval of the Contractor and the Commissioner for joint purchasing by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government and/or any state including political subdivisions thereof ("other authorized entities"). In the event that this Contract is so extended, such other authorized entities shall be solely responsible for liability and performance under the Contract, and Contractor agrees to hold them solely responsible for such liability and performance.

2. MERGER OF APPENDICES/CONFLICT OF CLAUSES

This Contract shall incorporate the following appendices as if set forth herein at length. Only documents expressly enumerated below shall be deemed a part of this Contract, and references contained in those documents to additional Contractor documents not enumerated below shall be of no force and effect. Conflicts between these documents shall be resolved in the following descending order of precedence, which supersedes the order of precedence stated in Appendix B:

Appendix A	<i>Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts</i>
Contract (This Document)	
Appendix B	OGS General Specifications
Appendix C	<u>Mandatory</u> : Contractor's Executive Law, Article 15-A (M/WBE) Requirements
Appendix D	Contract Update Form (For Product and Pricing Updates)
Appendix E	Required Contractor Submissions:
	# 1 Mandatory Contractor Questionnaire
	# 2 Contractor, Reseller & Distributor Information
	#2A Bidder Disclosure Form
	# 3 NYS Net Prices
	# 4 Consulting and Training (Description of Services & Course Offerings)

3. DEFINITIONS:

The definitions in Appendix B shall apply to this contract and shall be supplemented by the following additional definitions:

Archiving shall mean the establishment of a preservation copy of the material for a given Product which is accessible on-line at a given point in time.

Authentication shall mean a network (whether a standalone network or a virtual network within the Internet) that is accessible only to End Users, either through IP addressing or through other means of user authentication.

Concurrent Users shall mean the number of end users that have access to a Database at a given point in time and can mean either of the following:

- **Concurrent Sessions Definition:** Under this definition, concurrent user is interpreted to include any user station device which, at the point in time of measurement, has established a logical session path to the Licensor's on-line service, enabling an immediate search request to be made directly to the Licensor's search software. This is the common meaning of such expressions as being "signed on" or "logged on" to the on-line service. Under this definition, any signed on terminal or user station device is counted as part of the concurrent use total, regardless of whether the user is at the user station; formulating a new search request; waiting for the Licensor's system to respond to a search request; or digesting the results of a previous request.

- **Active Request Definition:** Under this definition, only users who have submitted a search request transaction to the Licensor's on-line service and have not yet received a response from the Licensor's system are considered to be active users.

Database shall refer to the specific electronic information or advisory services maintained by a Licensor in various categories. For the purposes of this Contract, a Database shall include all forms of electronic information including but not limited to journals, newspapers in electronic form, books, titles, legal case studies, etc.

End User shall mean those persons who bear a valid End User identification card or equivalent (faculty or student ID, employer ID, borrower card, etc.). In addition, non-affiliated patrons of End User's library site(s) ("walk-ins") will be permitted reasonable access to the Licensed Materials.

Fair Use shall mean acceptable use under the Copyright Revision Act 1976 as amended subsequently provided that such rights are exercised in accordance with Section 108 of the Act and with the guidelines developed by the National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works (CONTU Guidelines) and published in U.S. Copyright Office Circular 21.

Server shall mean the computer system(s) on which the Products reside and through which Authorized Users gain access to the Products, whether the server is maintained by the Contractor or by a third party designated by the Contractor.

User Station shall mean a personal computer, non-intelligent terminal, or other similar device to gain access to the Databases.

4. PRODUCT OFFERINGS

Products available under this Contract are set forth in Appendix E (Submission #3, and 4). These offerings may be updated during the Contract term to incorporate new Product offerings, and price revisions and to delete items. Offering updates must be submitted under the Contract as soon as possible after they are announced by Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide specified Databases on a non-exclusive basis pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor shall provide on line access to the Databases for the OGS Contract Administrator free of charge. The Contractor shall maintain and provide a highly stable and usable Product and Web server capable of serving the Authorized User population. The Contractor shall abide by an agreed upon schedule of publication testing. To the greatest extent possible, the Contractor shall adhere to the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) guidelines concerning statistics, technical issues and the purchase of electronic information resources.

A. Contractor's Product Line: Product(s) offered by Contractor either under Contractor's U.S. Commercial Price List or under a GSA Supply Schedule, may be included under this Contract.

B. Third Party Products: To the extent that the Contractor's U.S. Commercial Price List includes third party Products, which third party products overlap with offerings under other State Contracts, the State reserves the right, in its sole judgment, to exclude or delete overlapping items from this Contract, or to include such items under this Contract only if the Contractor offers it at or below the alternative Contract price. Only third party Products which are included in the Contractor's U.S. Commercial Price List may be sold under this Contract.

C. Services: Authorized Users may acquire services, including consulting and training, under this Contract. Consulting and training services as set forth in Appendix E (Submission #4) may be acquired from Contractor on a limited basis. Consulting and training services may not exceed twenty (20%) percent of the total order price for product. "Total order price" shall be defined as the aggregate purchase order amount for product placed by the Authorized User under this Contract in a twelve month period. Consulting and training which exceed twenty (20%) may be procured competitively using the OGS IT Services mini-bid process or another procurement process selected by the Authorized User. Note: Advisory services that are an integral part of the electronic on-line subscription service are not considered consulting services and are not limited by the "20% rule", however, any services not within the parameters of advisory services will be subject to the "20% rule". OGS reserves the sole right to determine what services fall within the parameters of advisory services.

5. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

A. Contract Administrator: Contractor must provide a dedicated Contract administrator to support the updating and management of the Contract on a timely basis. Information regarding the administrator shall be set forth in Appendix E (Submission #2).

B. "Toll Free" Number: Contractor must provide a toll free telephone number for order tracking/delivery schedule information, Contract administration issues, as well as other questions by Authorized Users related to the day to day operation and use of the Contract other than Product support. The toll free number must be available Monday through Friday on State business days between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time. The number shall be set forth in Appendix E (Submission #2).

Contractor may additionally offer an online e-mail or Internet site for order tracking/delivery schedule information for those customers who have electronic access.

C. Procedures for Updating Contract Price & Product Listings **NOTE: THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.** *Any implied or express request for changes in or additions to existing Contract terms and conditions, including new terms and conditions associated with a specific Product line being added to the Contract for the first time, requires a formal Contract amendment and requires the approval of OGS, the NYS Attorney General and the NYS Comptroller. New or revised Contract terms and conditions are subject to the restrictions set forth in Appendix B, Section 40.*

The following guidelines and Appendix D, Contract Update Form attached to this Contract are subject to change at the discretion of OGS.

(1) TYPES OF CONTRACT UPDATES: In order to expedite processing of a change request, where proposed changes involve more than one category below, they should be submitted to OGS as totally separate requests.

a) AUTO ADDS / DELETIONS – “Auto Adds/Deletions” are Contract changes and updates made in accordance with the previously approved Contract pricing formula; e.g., a “discount from list” or pricing based on an approved GSA-based price Schedule. “Auto Adds” do not include any price increases. “Auto Adds/Deletions” include: i) adding new products within the established, previously approved pricing structure, ii) lowering pricing for Products previously incorporated under the Contract, and iii) deleting Products previously incorporated under the Contract. For categories (i) and (ii) Auto Adds: Contractor shall automatically update the Contract price list and may proceed with selling Products without prior approval of either OGS or the Comptroller. Contractor should note, however, that all “Auto Adds” approved by OGS are subject to a post audit by the Office of the State Comptroller. For category (iii) Auto Deletions, at the end of and subject to the period specified in Appendix B, Clause 84 (“Changes in Product or Service Offerings”), Contractor may automatically update the Contract price list by deleting the Product(s), without prior approval of either OGS or the Comptroller.

All “auto adds” must be immediately posted electronically by the Contractor at the Contract web site.

b) REGULAR ADD - “Regular Adds” are requests for i) price increases for Products which are already incorporated under the Contract, and ii) addition of new products to the Contract which do not fall under the previously established price structure or discounts for Product types previously approved under the Contract. Regular Adds include rebundled Products or Services. Regular Adds must be submitted to OGS for prior approval, and must be accompanied by a justification of reasonableness of price. Regular Adds are subject to pre-audit by the Comptroller. If approved, OGS staff will notify Contractor in writing. Price increases or new product offerings may not be electronically posted by Contractor until after receipt of OGS approval of the “Regular Add”.

When the Contract pricing is based on GSA prices, the revised prices or prices of new Products must reflect current GSA prices adjusted as necessary for any additional discounts.

c) SPECIAL ADD – Contract changes and updates that do not fall within either of the above categories, will be processed as “Special Adds”. Special Adds are changes that are not specifically covered by the terms of the Contract but inclusion is found to be in the best interest of the State. Contractor must provide a justification of reasonableness of the prices offered and a statement explaining why it is in the best interest of the State to approve the new Products. Special Adds are subject to pre-audit by the Office of the State Comptroller. If approved, OGS staff will notify Contractor in writing. New offerings may not be electronically posted by Contractor until after receipt of OGS approval of the “Special Add”.

d) CHANGES IN RESELLER LIST - If the Contractor allows resellers to participate in the Contract in accordance with the Use of Resellers/Distributors clause of this Contract, requests to add or delete resellers or to modify reseller information must be submitted for prior approval of the State. Contractor may request changes to the designated Reseller List by submission of a completed, revised Appendix E, Submission # 2.

(2) CONTRACTOR’S SUBMISSION OF CONTRACT UPDATES: In connection with any Contract update, OGS reserves the right to:

- request additional information
- reject Contract updates
- remove Products from Contracts
- remove Products from Contract updates
- request additional discounts for new or existing Products

(3) **PRICE JUSTIFICATION – FORMAT:** Contractor is required to submit the Product and price information for the update in an Excel spreadsheet format in hard copy in triplicate and on a floppy disk or electronically via e-mail to the OGS Purchasing Officer. The list must be dated and the format should be consistent with the format of the price list(s) included in the NYS Net Price appendix of this Contract. The price list should separately include and identify (e.g., by use of separate worksheets or by using italics, bold and/or color fonts):

- Price increases
- Products being added

The State reserves the right to require a revised NYS Net Price List at any time during the Contract period, and it will be requested if there have been numerous updates since the last complete update. Each updated price list must include the date the price list was prepared.

(4) **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Each update request must include the current U.S. commercial price list relevant to the Products included in the update. If the NYS Net Prices are based on a GSA Schedule, the current GSA Schedule must also be included with the update request. Requested price increases not based on an approved GSA schedule must also include a copy of the current National Consumer Price Index as described in the “Payments/Pricing” section of the Contract.

(5) **COVER LETTERS:** A Contract update must be accompanied by three (3) copies of the Contract Update Form set forth in Appendix D. Contractor should briefly describe the nature and purpose of the update (e.g., update requested in order to reflect a recently approved GSA schedule, to restructure the pricing to its Licensees generally, and/or for new Products or services which fall into a new group or category that did not exist at the time of approval of the Contract by the New York State Comptroller, etc.). Each of the three copies of the Contract Update Form must contain original signatures by an individual authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor, and an original corporate acknowledgment.

6. PAYMENTS/PRICING

Prices shall be calculated and paid in accordance with this section and Appendix E (Submission # 3) in effect at the time of order placement. Pricing set forth in Appendix E (Submission # 3) includes all applicable documentation, media, shipping, delivery and handling charges. (Hereinafter “NYS Net Price”) Contractor may, however, upon mutual agreement of the Authorized User, negotiate more advantageous pricing for particular orders.

A. Travel, Meals & Lodging Unless expressly set forth to the contrary in Appendix E (Submission # 3), NYS net prices set forth in the Contract shall be deemed inclusive of travel, meals and lodging, wherever applicable. Where travel, meals and lodging are allowed over and above the NYS Net Prices, reimbursement to Contractor for such costs for employees who do not reside in the local commuting area for the work site, shall be made in accordance with the State’s Travel Reimbursement Manual published by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. It will be the responsibility of the Authorized User to provide Contractor the most recently published reimbursement guidelines and rates.

B. Subsequent Changes to Product Offerings All changes must be in accordance with the procedures set forth below and require the advance approval of OGS.

(1) **Adding New Products:** Where future Products become commercially available during the Contract term and are offered to New York State, the Contract may be updated to include such offerings.

(2) **Deletion of Products:** OGS reserves the right to delete any Product from the Contract at its discretion at any time.

(3) **Price Decreases:** Shall be calculated in accordance with Appendix B, Clause 24.

(4) **Price Increases: (Pricing not Benchmarked to GSA Supply Schedule)** Additionally, where pricing submitted for Products or services is **not** benchmarked to an approved GSA Supply Schedule:

- a) **First Twelve Months Fixed Pricing** offered shall be fixed for the first twelve (12) months of the Contract term from the date of Comptroller approval.
- b) **Price Increase Requests** Contractor may thereafter request an increase in the pricing contained in Appendix E a maximum of once in any twelve month period provided that Contractor certifies in writing that the price change for Product applies to its U.S. Commercial Price List, and that Contractor documents the request to the satisfaction of the State.
- c) **Escalation Cap** Contractor has the sole responsibility to submit to OGS a rate adjustment request which must include a copy of the index or other supporting documentation necessary to support the request. Such adjustment shall in no event exceed the lesser of five (5) percent or the percent increase in the latest copy of the “National Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)”, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212. In no event can prices exceed the Contractor’s published U.S. Commercial List price.
- d) **Effective Date of Increase** Price increases shall be effective upon final approval by the State, and may not be posted on the Internet prior to receipt of final approval.

C. **GSA Benchmarked Pricing** Additionally, where the NYS Net Price is based upon an approved GSA Supply Schedule:

(1) **Associated Discounts** The State is entitled to all associated discounts enumerated in the GSA Supply Schedule (including, but not limited to, discounts for additional sites and volume discounts), as well as any other pricing or discount terms as are expressly enumerated in this NYS Contract or GSA schedule, when calculating the NYS Net Price; and

(2) **Industrial Funding Fee** GSA pricing incorporates a sum referred to as the "GSA Industrial Funding Fee". OGS reserves the right to require either that: the IFF is remitted directly to OGS, or the state contract prices be reduced, by an amount equivalent to the IFF. If the latter, the NYS Net Price shall be calculated by reducing the published GSA price, after the discounts, if any, set forth in paragraph (1), above, downward by the amount of the Industrial Funding Fee, currently set at .75%. Therefore, the "NYS Net Price" shall be calculated by multiplying 0.9925 times the GSA price, and

(3) **Pricing Increases** Price increases shall be effective upon final approval by the State, and may not be electronically posted by Contractor prior to receipt of final approval.

D. **Third Party Agreements** Contractor may change the rates to certain Databases, features and third party gateway charges in an amount equal to the increase from said third party, or make them excluded charges if Contractor is contractually bound or otherwise required to do so by a third party contributor of data to Contractor. Third party vendor contract price increases pursuant to this paragraph may be passed through to the Licensee provided that the charges have been documented by the Vendor. Such documentation shall be deemed shown upon OGS receipt of the following:

- (1) Notice of said increase shall be furnished to the State at the address for the issuing officer at least thirty (30) days prior to such change going into effect; and
- (2) Contractor shall furnish from said third party vendor a written statement of an independent auditor verifying: a) the date on which such price increase from third party shall be deemed effective as against Contractor; and b) the percentage increase in the charge which the third party vendor is charging to Contractor as a gateway for vendor's services.

7. DISTRIBUTION OF CONTRACTOR PRICE LIST AND CONTRACT APPENDICES

Contractor shall bear the cost of and shall effect distribution of copies of the Contract, including price lists and appendices, upon request. Contractor shall not, however, distribute Contract information unless OGS has approved it in advance. Contractor shall also be required to furnish OGS with additional copies of the approved price lists (paper copy or diskette, at the State's discretion) upon request as may be necessary in the normal course of business.

8. CURRENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CONTRACTOR AND ELIGIBLE AUTHORIZED USERS

Eligible Authorized Users, including educational institutions of the State of New York, with independent contracts for Contractor products and services may, at any time, convert any existing contract(s) with Contractor to participate under this Contract and upon doing so shall have all rights of an "Authorized User", provided that notice of such migration shall be forwarded to the Contractor.

Contractor has an affirmative responsibility to inform eligible Authorized Users, via e-mail or other formal communications, of the terms, conditions and pricing of this Contract at the earliest opportunity after approval of this Contract by all parties.

9. ACCESS TO PRODUCTS; ARCHIVING; AUTHORIZED USERS:

- A. **Access:** Access to the Products, such as the Databases, by Authorized Users shall be either via electronic media or the World Wide Web from the Contractor's server(s). The Contractor shall insure that the Products are highly stable and usable (including average response time of less than 5 seconds, and uptime, except for scheduled maintenance, of 96.9%), and shall insure that the Web server(s) is (are) fully capable of serving Authorized Users. The Contractor will provide sufficient additional bandwidth and servers to ensure no degradation of services if necessary. Access shall be controlled by IP addresses, passwords or other appropriate authentication technology.
- B. **Archiving:** If at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor should cease its on-line delivery of the Products, the Contractor shall provide to The State of New York a preservation copy of the material accessible online if offered by either Contractor or Publisher to any other commercial customers.

The Contractor may charge a non-exorbitant fee for the archival copy(ies). Such fee(s) to be included in Appendix E.

- C. **Authorized Users** will prepare and submit to the Contractor a list of End Users that shall include name, address, and contact information.

D. License Scope:

(1) **Database Access Systems:** The Contractor and the State agree that the hardware and software portions of the Product and Documentation provided to the Authorized Users that allows or permits access to the Database(s) shall be governed by Appendix B, paragraph 78, Software License Grant

(2) **Database License:** The Contractor and the State agree that the license for the Databases portion of the Product shall be governed as set forth below:

a) Authorized User is granted a non-exclusive, transferable, term license to access and use the Databases in accordance with this Contract. The license term for the Database license shall commence upon the License Effective Date, provided, however, that where an acceptance or trial period applies to the Product, the License Term shall be extended by the time period for testing, acceptance or trial

b) Contractor warrants and represents (i) full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or (ii) the right to grant a non-exclusive term license to access and use any Database(s), provided to Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor fully indemnifies the Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.

c) Though Contractor uses extensive procedures to keep its Databases current and promote data accuracy, Authorized User acknowledges that the Databases may contain a degree of error. ALL DATABASES ARE PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS," "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS. OTHER THAN AS EXPLICITLY STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE FOR THE DATABASE(S).

d) Permitted License Transfers: As Licensee's business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, Databases licenses may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated site not originally specified in the license, including transfers between Agencies ("permitted license transfers"). Licensee(s) do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for permitted license transfers, but must give thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor of such move(s) and must certify in writing that the Database is not in use at the prior site. There shall be no additional license or other transfer fees due Contractor.

E. **Concurrent Use License:** Where licensing of Products is based upon "Concurrent Users", Contractor hereby grants license rights to the specified number of concurrent users actually executing the licensed programs, without reference to location or named users (hereinafter "Concurrent Users"). Upon written notice to Contractor, Licensee reserves the right, without penalty or termination of the existing license, to increase or diminish the number of Concurrent User licenses.

F. Notwithstanding the term of the Agreement, an individual Authorized User may subscribe annually within the term of the Agreement, renewable by the Authorized User annually. By mutual agreement, the annual subscription period may be for a stated annual term for all Authorized Users, provided however; that additional End Users may be added any time during the Contract period on a prorated basis.

10. CONTRACTOR'S PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS:

A. The Contractor will provide and maintain help files and other appropriate user documentation for the Products to be accessible to all Authorized Users free of charge.

B. The Contractor will offer reasonable levels of continuing support to assist Authorized Users and their End Users in their use of the Products. Contractor will make its personnel available by email, phone or fax during regular business hours, Monday through Friday for feedback, problem solving, or general questions free of charge.

C. The Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that the Contractor's server or servers have sufficient capacity and rate of connectivity to provide all Authorized Users and their End Users with a quality of service comparable to current standards in the on-line information provision industry in the Authorized User's locale. The Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to restore access to the Products as soon as possible in the event of an interruption or suspension of service. In the event that access to the Products is not restored in a reasonable time, the Contractor will provide appropriate reimbursement to the Authorized User in an amount proportional to the total fee for the Products had they been available to the Authorized User.

D. Authorized User understands that from time to time the Products may be added to, modified, or deleted by the Contractor and/or that portions of the Products may migrate to other formats. The Contractor shall give prompt notice of any such changes to Authorized User. Failure by the Contractor to provide such reasonable notice shall be grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement by Authorized User.

E. The Contractor will ensure regular system and project updates to Authorized Users as they become available. The Contractor will provide additional training to Authorized User staff made necessary by any updates or modifications to the Products or any of the Contractor software.

F. The Contractor will offer free on-line help to the End User. Prompts will be available for the End User to guide the End User through the steps in acquiring information. Training materials must also be available in print and/or electronic form.

11. AUTHORIZED USER PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS:

- A. Authorized Users acknowledge that the copyright and title to the information content and organization of the Products are and remain with the Contractor. Authorized User shall use reasonable efforts to inform its End Users and walk-in patrons of any restrictions on the use of the Products. Authorized User shall use reasonable efforts to protect the Products from any use that is not permitted under this Agreement, and shall notify the Contractor of any such use of which it learns or is notified. In the event of any unauthorized use of the Products, (a) the Contractor may terminate the access of the Internet Protocol ("IP") address (es) from which such unauthorized use occurred, and/or (b) the Contractor may request that Authorized User terminate access of the persons making such unauthorized use to the Products. The Contractor shall take none of the steps described in this paragraph without first providing reasonable notice to Authorized User and working with the Authorized User to avoid recurrence of any unauthorized use.
- B. **Authorized Uses.** End Users may make all use of the Products, including Databases, as is consistent with the Fair Use Provisions of United States and international copyright laws. In addition, the Products may be used as follows:
- (1) End Users may display, download, copy and/or print portions of the Products for use in research, education, or other non-commercial purposes.
 - (2) End Users may use a reasonable portion of the Products in the preparation of educational materials.
 - (3) End User may fulfill occasional requests from other institutions, a practice commonly called Interlibrary Loan. End User agrees to maintain records respecting End User's use of Materials in such Interlibrary Loan and to provide such records to the Contractor upon request.

12. SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PRODUCTS:

- A. Authorized User shall not knowingly permit anyone other than End Users to use the Products.
- B. Authorized User may not utilize the Products for commercial purposes, including but not limited to the sale of the Products, fee-for-service use of the Products, or bulk reproduction or distribution of the Products in any form; nor may Authorized User impose special charges on End Users for use of the Products beyond reasonable printing or administrative costs.
- C. End Users may not disseminate or redistribute the Products via electronic bulletin boards, e-mail, intranets, the Internet or similar medium or service.

13. REPORTING/MONITORING CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

Contractor shall electronically provide the State with verified semi-annual reports in the format required by the State showing the dollar volume of any and all sales under this Contract for the prior six-month period. Said report shall include a break out of participation by individual Authorized Users, including State and non-State governmental entities and others authorized by law. The Industrial Funding Fee payable to the New York State Office of General Services Finance Office will also be due on the same schedule. Reports and Industrial Funding Fee payments shall be delivered within thirty (30) days of the close of the semi-annual period. Semi-annual periods will end on December 31st and June 30th. If the contract period begins or ends in a fractional portion of a reporting period only the actual contract sales for this fractional period should be reported in that semi-annual report. Similarly the Industrial Funding Fee payable to the New York State Office of General Services Finance Office will only be due for the actual contract sales reported in that reporting period. The amount of the Industrial Funding Fee Payment shall match the contract sales contained in the semi-annual report based on the percentage established by the GSA. This percentage is currently set at .75%. In the event that a Contractor utilizes resellers, it is the responsibility of Contractor to include all Contract revenues from these participants in the semi-annual report. Where third party Product is offered and delivered under this Contract, Contractor shall be required to separately report such sales volume on a semi-annual basis to the State.

The State shall have the right to verify said report and Industrial Funding Fee payments and to take any action(s) necessary to enforce its rights under this paragraph, including but not limited to the right to stop payments until such reports or Industrial Funding Fee payments are received, audit Contractor's applicable Contract books, to substitute, in its sole judgment, a good faith estimate of Contract usage upon failure of Contractor to deliver said report as required where pricing is based upon aggregate volume, or to terminate the Contract for cause or seek other judicial relief. In the event the contractor fails to submit reports the Industrial Funding Fee will become due based on the state's good faith estimate of sales.

14. TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Contractor is required at no extra charge to assist the Office of General Services and Authorized Users with training and implementation in use of the Contract. Training shall be limited to that information necessary for Authorized Users to properly understand contract terms and conditions, and pricing of products, etc. Any informational materials developed will be subject to approval by OGS. Contractor and OGS will jointly implement use of materials.

15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Contract and the referenced appendices constitute the entire agreement between the parties thereto and no statement, promise, condition, understanding, inducement or representation, oral or written, expressed or implied, which is not contained herein shall be binding or valid and the Contract shall not be changed, modified or altered in any manner except by an instrument in writing executed by both parties hereto, with the approval of the Attorney General and the Comptroller for the State of New York. Licensees shall not have the authority to modify the terms of the Contract, except as to better terms and pricing for a particular procurement than those set forth herein.

16. NOTICES

All notices, demands, designations, certificates, requests, offers, consents, approvals and other instruments given pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be validly given when mailed by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered, (i) if to the State, addressed to the State at its address set forth below, and (ii) if to Contractor, addressed to Contract Administrator at the address set forth in Appendix E. The parties may from time to time, specify any address in the United States as its address for purpose of notices under this Contract by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to the other party. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for purposes of this Contract. The New York State Contract Administrator for this Contract is:

Nicholas Jacobia
Procurement Services Group
38th Floor, Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12242
Phone: (518) 473-4651
Fax: (518) 486-6867
Email: nicholas.jacobia@ogs.state.ny.us

17. CAPTIONS

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

18. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is deemed invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall have no effect on the balance of the Contract, which shall be enforced and interpreted as if such provision was never included in the Contract.

19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

It is the policy of the Office of General Services Procurement Services Group (PSG) to provide vendors with an opportunity to administratively resolve disputes, complaints or inquiries related to PSG bid solicitations or contract awards. PSG encourages vendors to seek resolution of disputes through consultation with PSG staff. All such matters will be accorded impartial and timely consideration. Interested parties may also file formal written disputes. A copy of PSG's Dispute Resolution Procedures for Vendors may be obtained by contacting the person shown above under "Notices" or through the OGS website (www.ogs.state.ny.us).

20. Amendment to Main Agreement

The Parties agree that the Main Agreement (this document) is amended as follows:

A. Section 11 B (Authorized Uses) is hereby amended to add the paragraph as follows:

(4) Remote access is permitted under the terms of this Agreement to authorized members of the user community of the Licensee, solely as may be specified in the Purchase Order. If remote access is included it shall not be permitted from any public or private third-party educational facility or library institution other than those of the Licensee.

APPENDIX A

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STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NYS CONTRACTS

The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "the contract" or "this contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a contractor, licenser, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. **EXECUTORY CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. **NON-ASSIGNMENT CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, this 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 previous consent, in writing, of the State and any attempts to assign the contract without the State's written consent are null and void. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payment without the State's prior written consent unless this contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

3. **COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL.** In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if this contract is with the State University or City University of New York, Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if this contract exceeds \$50,000 (or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller for certain S.U.N.Y. and C.U.N.Y. contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount, or if, by this 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 State Comptroller and filed in his office. Comptroller's approval of contracts let by the Office of General Services is required when such contracts exceed \$85,000 (State Finance Law Section 163.6.a).

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

5. **NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. 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 this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, 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 this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, 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 this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. **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.

7. **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based upon the submission of bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. **INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION.** In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 et seq.) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2NYCRR 105.4).

9. **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 this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this 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 the State Comptroller.

10. RECORDS. The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the agency or agencies involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours 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. The State shall take reasonable steps to protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") 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 the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION. (a) FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER and/or FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. All invoices or New York State standard vouchers submitted for payment for the sale of goods or services or the lease of real or personal property to a New York State agency must include the payee's identification number, i.e., the seller's or lessor's identification number. The number is either the payee's Federal employer identification number or Federal social security number, or both such numbers when the payee has both such numbers. Failure to include this number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or New York State standard voucher, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) PRIVACY NOTIFICATION. (1) 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 principal 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.

(2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in New York State's Central Accounting System by the Director of Accounting Operations, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN. In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting 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 agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting 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:

(a) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, and will 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, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(b) at the request of the contracting agency, 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; and

(c) the Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State 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.

Contractor will include the provisions of "a", "b", and "c" above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State; or (iii) banking services, insurance policies or the sale of securities. The State shall consider compliance by a contractor or subcontractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The contracting agency 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 contracting agency shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Governor's Office of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Appendix A, the terms of this Appendix A shall control.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. LATE PAYMENT. Timeliness of payment 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.

16. NO ARBITRATION. Disputes involving this 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.

17. 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. Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS. The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165. (Use of Tropical Hardwoods) which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State.

In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in §165 State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State; otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certifications, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES. In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that the Contractor either (a) has no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165 of the New York State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. 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.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
30 South Pearl St -- 7th Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5220
Fax: 518-292-5884
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
30 South Pearl St -- 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5250
Fax: 518-292-5803
<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York 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 New York 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 this contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their 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 they offer will 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 they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of May 15, 2002, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

22. PURCHASES OF APPAREL. In accordance with State Finance Law 162 (4-a), the State shall not purchase any apparel from any vendor unable or unwilling to certify that: (i) such apparel was manufactured in compliance with all applicable labor and occupational safety laws, including, but not limited to, child labor laws, wage and hours laws and workplace safety laws, and (ii) vendor will supply, with its bid (or, if not a bid situation, prior to or at the time of signing a contract with the State), if known, the names and addresses of each subcontractor and a list of all manufacturing plants to be utilized by the bidder.

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APPENDIX B

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

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GENERAL

1. **APPLICABILITY** The terms and conditions set forth in this Appendix B are expressly incorporated in and applicable to the resulting procurement contracts let by the Office of General Services Procurement Services Group, or let by any other Authorized User where incorporated by reference in its Bid Documents. Captions are intended as descriptive and are not intended to limit or otherwise restrict the terms and conditions set forth herein.

2. **GOVERNING LAW** This procurement, the resulting contract and any purchase orders issued hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise, and actions or proceedings arising from the contract shall be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York.

3. **ETHICS COMPLIANCE** All Bidders/Contractors and their employees must comply with the requirements of Sections 73 and 74 of the Public Officers Law, other State codes, rules, regulations and executive orders establishing ethical standards for the conduct of business with New York State. In signing the Bid, Bidder certifies full compliance with those provisions for any present or future dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc., involving New York State and/or its employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the Bidding process, termination of contract, and/or other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

4. **CONFLICT OF TERMS** Unless otherwise set forth in the procurement or contract documents, conflicts among documents shall be resolved in the following order of precedence:

- a. **Appendix A** (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts)
- b. **Mini-Bid Project Definition** if applicable and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Back-Drop Contract.
- c. **Contract and other writing(s)** setting forth the final agreements, clarifications and terms between the Bid Documents and Contractor's Bid. In the latter circumstance, clarifications must specifically note in writing what was offered by the Contractor and what was accepted by the State. If not, such clarifications shall be considered last in the order of precedence under this paragraph.
- d. **Bid Documents** (Other than Appendix A).
 - i. Bid Specifications prepared by the Authorized User.
 - ii. Appendix B (General Specifications).
 - iii. Incorporated Contract Appendices, if any, following the order of precedence as stated for Contract above.
- e. **Contractor's Bid or Mini-Bid Proposal.**
- f. **Unincorporated Appendices** (if any).

5. **DEFINITIONS** Terms used in this Appendix B shall have the following meanings:

AFFILIATE Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) that effectively controls another company in which (a) the Bidder owns more than 50% of the ownership; or (b) any individual or other legal entity which owns more than 50% of the ownership of the Bidder. In addition, if a Bidder owns less than 50% of the ownership of another legal entity, but directs or has

the right to direct such entity's daily operations, that entity will be an Affiliate.

AGENCY OR AGENCIES The State of New York, acting by or through one or more departments, boards, commissions, offices or institutions of the State of New York.

ATTORNEY GENERAL Attorney General of the State of New York.

AUTHORIZED USER(S) Agencies, or any other entity authorized by the laws of the State of New York to participate in NYS centralized contracts (including but not limited to political subdivisions, public authorities, public benefit corporations and certain other entities set forth in law), or the State of New York acting on behalf of one or more such Agencies or other entities, provided that each such Agency or other entity shall be held solely responsible for liabilities or payments due as a result of its participation.

BID OR BID PROPOSAL An offer or proposal submitted by a Bidder to furnish a described product or a solution, perform services or means of achieving a practical end, at a stated price for the stated Contract term. As required by the Bid Documents, the Bid or proposal may be subject to modification through the solicitation by the Agency of best and final offers during the evaluation process prior to recommendation for award of the Contract.

BIDDER/OFFERER Any individual or other legal entity (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) which submits a Bid in response to a Bid Solicitation. The term Bidder shall also include the term "offeror." In the case of negotiated Contracts, "Bidder" shall refer to the "Contractor."

BID DOCUMENTS Writings by the State setting forth the scope, terms, conditions and technical specifications for a procurement of Product. Such writings typically include, but are not limited to: Invitation for Bids (IFB), Request for Quotation (RFQ), Request for Proposals (RFP), addenda or amendments thereto, and terms and conditions which are incorporated by reference, including but not limited to, Appendix A (Standard Clauses for NYS Contracts), Appendix B, (General Specifications). Where these General Specifications are incorporated in negotiated Contracts that have not been competitively Bid, the term "Bid Documents" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated Contract and associated documentation.

BID SPECIFICATION A written description drafted by the Authorized User setting forth the specific terms of the intended procurement, which may include: physical or functional characteristics, the nature of a commodity or construction item, any description of the work to be performed, Products to be provided, the necessary qualifications of the Bidder, the capacity and capability of the Bidder to successfully carry out the proposed Contract, or the process for achieving specific results and/or anticipated outcomes or any other requirement necessary to perform work. Where these General Specifications are incorporated in negotiated Contracts that have not been competitively Bid, the term "Bid Specifications" shall be deemed to refer to the terms and conditions set forth in the negotiated Contract and associated documentation.

COMMISSIONER Commissioner of OGS, or in the case of Bid Specifications issued by an Authorized User, the head of such Authorized User or their authorized representative.

COMPTROLLER Comptroller of the State of New York.

CONTRACT The writing(s) which contain the agreement of the Commissioner and the Bidder/Contractor setting forth the total legal obligation between the parties as determined by applicable rules of law, and which most typically include the following classifications of public procurements:

a. Agency Specific Contracts Contracts where the specifications for a Product or a particular scope of work are described and defined to meet the needs of one or more Authorized User(s).

b. Centralized Contracts Single or multiple award Contracts where the specifications for a Product or general scope of work are described and defined by the Office of General Services to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Centralized Contracts may be awarded through multiple awards or through adoption of another jurisdiction's contract or on a sole source, single source, emergency or competitive basis. Once established, procurements may be made from the selected Contractor(s) without further competition or Mini-Bid unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications or Contract Award Notification.

c. Back-Drop Contracts Multiple award Centralized Contracts where the Office of General Services defines the specifications for a Product or general scope of work to meet the needs of Authorized Users. Bids may be submitted either at a date and time certain or may be accepted on a continuous or periodic recruitment basis, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. Selection of a Contractor(s) from among Back-Drop contract holders for an actual Product, project or particular scope of work may subsequently be made on a single or sole source basis, or on the basis of a Mini-Bid among qualified Back-Drop contract holders, or such other method as set forth in the Bid Document.

d. Piggyback Contract A Contract let by any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States government, or any department, agency, office, political subdivision or instrumentality of any state or state(s) which is adopted and extended for use by the OGS Commissioner in accordance with the requirements of the State Finance Law.

e. Contract Letter A letter to the successful Bidder(s) indicating acceptance of its Bid in response to a solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issuance of a Letter of Acceptance forms a Contract but is not an order for Product, and Contractor should not take any action with respect to actual Contract deliveries except on the basis of Purchase Orders sent from Authorized User(s).

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION An announcement to Authorized Users that a Contract has been established.

CONTRACTOR Any successful Bidder(s) to whom a Contract has been awarded by the Commissioner.

DOCUMENTATION The complete set of manuals (e.g., user, installation, instruction or diagnostic manuals) in either hard or electronic copy, which are necessary to enable an Authorized User to properly test, install, operate and enjoy full use of the Product.

EMERGENCY An urgent and unexpected requirement where health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk.

ENTERPRISE The total business operations in the United States of Authorized User (s) without regard to geographic location where such operations are performed or the entity actually performing such operations on behalf of Authorized User.

ENTERPRISE LICENSE A license grant of unlimited rights to deploy, access, use and execute Product anywhere within the Enterprise up to the maximum capacity stated on the Purchase Order or in the Contract.

ERROR CORRECTIONS Machine executable software code furnished by Contractor which corrects the Product so as to conform to the applicable warranties, performance standards and/or obligations of the Contractor.

GROUP A classification of Product, services or technology which is designated by OGS.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) A type of Bid Document which is most typically used where requirements can be stated and award will be made based on lowest price to the responsive and responsible Bidder(s).

LICENSED SOFTWARE Software transferred upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract. "Licensed Software" includes error corrections, upgrades, enhancements or new releases, and any deliverables due under a maintenance or service contract (e.g., patches, fixes, PTFs, programs, code or data conversion, or custom programming).

LICENSEE One or more Authorized Users who acquire Product from Contractor by issuing a Purchase Order in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; provided that, for purposes of compliance with an individual license, the term "Licensee" shall be deemed to refer separately to the individual Authorized User(s) who took receipt of and who is executing the Product, and who shall be solely responsible for performance and liabilities incurred. In the case of acquisitions by State Agencies, the Licensee shall be the State of New York.

LICENSE EFFECTIVE DATE The date Product is delivered to an Authorized User. Where a License involves Licensee's right to copy a previously licensed and delivered Master Copy of a Program, the license effective date for additional copies shall be deemed to be the date on which the Purchase Order is executed.

LICENSOR A Contractor who transfers rights in proprietary Product to Authorized Users in accordance with the rights and obligations specified in the Contract.

MINI-BID PROJECT DEFINITION A Bid Document containing project specific Bid Specifications developed by or for an Authorized User which solicits Bids from Contractors previously qualified under a Back-Drop Contract.

MULTIPLE AWARD A determination and award of a Contract in the discretion of the Commissioner to more than one responsive and responsible Bidder who meets the requirements of a specification, where the multiple award is made on the grounds set forth in the Bid Document in order to satisfy multiple factors and needs of Authorized Users (e.g., complexity of items, various manufacturers, differences in performance required to

accomplish or produce required end results, production and distribution facilities, price, compliance with delivery requirements, geographic location or other pertinent factors).

NEW PRODUCT RELEASES (Product Revisions) Any commercially released revisions to the licensed version of a Product as may be generally offered and available to Authorized Users. New releases involve a substantial revision of functionality from a previously released version of the Product.

OGS The New York State Office of General Services.

PROCUREMENT RECORD Documentation by the Authorized User of the decisions made and approach taken during the procurement process and during the contract term.

PRODUCT A deliverable under any Bid or Contract which may include commodities, services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

PROPRIETARY Protected by secrecy, patent, copyright or trademark against commercial competition.

PURCHASE ORDER The Authorized User's fiscal form or format that is used when making a purchase (e.g., formal written Purchase Order, Procurement Card, electronic Purchase Order, or other authorized instrument).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) A type of Bid Document that is used for procurements where factors in addition to cost are considered and weighted in awarding the contract and where the method of award is "best value," as defined by the State Finance Law.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) A type of Bid Document that can be used when a formal Bid opening is not required (e.g., discretionary, sole source, single source or emergency purchases).

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER A Bidder that is determined to have financial and organizational capacity, legal authority, satisfactory previous performance, skill, judgment and integrity, and that is found to be competent, reliable and experienced, as determined by the Commissioner. For purposes of being deemed responsible, a Bidder must also be determined to be in compliance with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law relative to restrictions on contacts during the procurement process and disclosure of contacts and prior findings of non-responsibility under these statutes.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER A Bidder meeting the specifications or requirements prescribed in the Bid Document or solicitation, as determined by the OGS Commissioner.

SINGLE SOURCE A procurement where two or more Bidders can supply the required Product, and the Commissioner may award the contract to one Bidder over the other.

SITE The location (street address) where Product will be executed or services delivered.

SOLE SOURCE A procurement where only one Bidder is capable of supplying the required Product.

SOURCE CODE The programming statements or instructions written and expressed in any language understandable by a

human being skilled in the art which are translated by a language compiler to produce executable machine Object Code.

STATE State of New York.

SUBCONTRACTOR Any individual or other legal entity, (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, limited liability company, firm or corporation) who has entered into a contract, express or implied, for the performance of a portion of a Contract with a Contractor.

TERMS OF LICENSE The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract that are in effect and applicable to a Purchase Order at the time of order placement.

VIRUS Any computer code, whether or not written or conceived by Contractor, that disrupts, disables, harms, or otherwise impedes in any manner the operation of the Product, or any other associated software, firmware, hardware, or computer system (such as local area or wide-area networks), including aesthetic disruptions or distortions, but does not include security keys or other such devices installed by Product manufacturer.

BID SUBMISSION

6. INTERNATIONAL BIDDING All offers (tenders), and all information and Product required by the solicitation or provided as explanation thereof, shall be submitted in English. All prices shall be expressed, and all payments shall be made, in United States Dollars (\$US). Any offers (tenders) submitted which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected.

7. BID OPENING Bids may, as applicable, be opened publicly. The Commissioner reserves the right at any time to postpone or cancel a scheduled Bid opening.

8. BID SUBMISSION All Bids are to be packaged, sealed and submitted to the location stated in the Bid Specifications. Bidders are solely responsible for timely delivery of their Bids to the location set forth in the Bid Specifications prior to the stated Bid opening date/time.

A Bid return envelope, if provided with the Bid Specifications, should be used with the Bid sealed inside. If the Bid response does not fit into the envelope, the Bid envelope should be attached to the outside of the sealed box or package with the Bid inside. If using a commercial delivery company that requires use of their shipping package or envelope, Bidder's sealed Bid, labeled as detailed below, should be placed within the shipper's sealed envelope to ensure that the Bid is not prematurely opened.

All Bids must have a label on the outside of the package or shipping container outlining the following information:

"BID ENCLOSED (bold print, all capitals)

- Group Number
- IFB or RFP Number
- Bid Submission date and time"

In the event that a Bidder fails to provide such information on the return Bid envelope or shipping material, the receiving entity reserves the right to open the shipping package or envelope to determine the proper Bid number or Product group, and the date and time of Bid opening. Bidder shall have no claim against the receiving entity arising from such opening and such opening shall not affect the validity of the Bid or the procurement.

Notwithstanding the receiving agency's right to open a Bid to ascertain the foregoing information, Bidder assumes all risk of late delivery associated with the Bid not being identified, packaged or labeled in accordance with the foregoing requirements.

All Bids must be signed by a person authorized to commit the Bidder to the terms of the Bid Documents and the content of the Bid (offer).

9. FACSIMILE SUBMISSIONS Unless specifically prohibited by the terms of the Bid Specifications, facsimile Bids may be SUBMITTED AT THE SOLE OPTION AND RISK OF THE BIDDER. Only the FAX number(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications may be used. Access to the facsimile machine(s) is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the Commissioner bears no liability or responsibility and makes no guarantee whatsoever with respect to the Bidder's access to such equipment at any specific time. Bidders are solely responsible for submission and receipt of the entire facsimile Bid by the Authorized User prior to Bid opening and must include on the first page of the transmission the total number of pages transmitted in the facsimile, including the cover page. Incomplete, ambiguous or unreadable transmissions in whole or in part may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. Facsimile Bids are fully governed by all conditions outlined in the Bid Documents and must be submitted on forms or in the format required in the Bid Specifications, including the executed signature page and acknowledgment.

10. AUTHENTICATION OF FACSIMILE BIDS The act of submitting a Bid by facsimile transmission, including an executed signature page or as otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, shall be deemed a confirming act by Bidder which authenticates the signing of the Bid.

11. LATE BIDS For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by OGS, a Bid must be received in such place as may be designated in the Bid Documents or if no place is specified in the OGS Mailroom located in the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12242, at or before the date and time established in the Bid Specifications for the Bid opening. For purposes of Bid openings held and conducted by Authorized Users other than OGS, the term late Bid is defined as a Bid not received in the location established in the Bid Specifications at or before the date and time specified for the Bid opening.

Any Bid received at the specified location after the time specified will be considered a late Bid. A late Bid shall not be considered for award unless: (i) no timely Bids meeting the requirements of the Bid Documents are received or, (ii) in the case of a multiple award, an insufficient number of timely Bids were received to satisfy the multiple award; and acceptance of the late Bid is in the best interests of the Authorized Users. Bids submitted for continuous or periodic recruitment contract awards must meet the submission requirements associated with their specifications. Delays in United States mail deliveries or any other means of transmittal, including couriers or agents of the Authorized User shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Similar types of delays, including but not limited to, bad weather, or security procedures for parking and building admittance shall not excuse late Bid submissions. Determinations relative to Bid timeliness shall be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner.

12. BID CONTENTS Bids must be complete and legible. All Bids must be signed. All information required by the Bid

Specifications must be supplied by the Bidder on the forms or in the format specified. No alteration, erasure or addition is to be made to the Bid Documents. Changes may be ignored by the Commissioner or may be grounds for rejection of the Bid. Changes, corrections and/or use of white-out in the Bid or Bidder's response portion of the Bid Document must be initialed by an authorized representative of the Bidder. Bidders are cautioned to verify their Bids before submission, as amendments to Bids or requests for withdrawal of Bids received by the Commissioner after the time specified for the Bid opening, may not be considered.

13. EXTRANEOUS TERMS Bids must conform to the terms set forth in the Bid Documents, as extraneous terms or material deviations (including additional, inconsistent, conflicting or alternative terms) may render the Bid non-responsive and may result in rejection of the Bid.

Extraneous term(s) submitted on standard, pre-printed forms (including but not limited to: product literature, order forms, license agreements, contracts or other documents) that are attached or referenced with submissions shall not be considered part of the Bid or resulting Contract, but shall be deemed included for informational or promotional purposes only.

Only those extraneous terms that meet all the following requirements may be considered as having been submitted as part of the Bid:

- a. Each proposed extraneous term (addition, deletion, counter-offer, deviation, or modification) must be specifically enumerated in a writing which is not part of a pre-printed form; and
- b. The writing must identify the particular specification requirement (if any) that Bidder rejects or proposes to modify by inclusion of the extraneous term; and
- c. The Bidder shall enumerate the proposed addition, counter offer, modification or deviation from the Bid Document, and the reasons therefore.

No extraneous term(s), whether or not deemed "material," shall be incorporated into a Contract or Purchase Order unless submitted in accordance with the above and the Commissioner or Authorized User expressly accepts each such term(s) in writing. Acceptance and/or processing of the Bid shall not constitute such written acceptance of Extraneous Term(s).

14. CONFIDENTIAL/TRADE SECRET MATERIALS

a. **Contractor** Confidential, trade secret or proprietary materials as defined by the laws of the State of New York must be clearly marked and identified as such upon submission by the Bidder. Marking the Bid as "confidential" or "proprietary" on its face or in the document header or footer shall not be considered by the Commissioner or Authorized User to be sufficient without specific justification as to why disclosure of particular information in the Bid would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the Bidder. Bidders/Contractors intending to seek an exemption from disclosure of these materials under the Freedom of Information Law must request the exemption in writing, setting forth the reasons for the claimed exemption. Acceptance of the claimed materials does not constitute a determination on the exemption request, which determination will be made in accordance with statutory procedures. Properly identified information that has been designated confidential, trade secret, or proprietary by the Bidder

will not be disclosed except as may be required by the Freedom of Information Law or other applicable State and federal laws.

b. Commissioner or Authorized User Contractor further warrants, covenants and represents that any confidential information obtained by Contractor, its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees in the course of performing its obligations, including without limitation, security procedures, business operations information, or commercial proprietary information in the possession of the State or any Authorized User hereunder or received from another third party, will not be divulged to any third parties. Contractor shall not be required to keep confidential any such material that is publicly available through no fault of Contractor, independently developed by Contractor without reliance on confidential information of the Authorized User, or otherwise obtained under the Freedom of Information Act or other applicable New York State laws and regulations. This warranty shall survive termination of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to take appropriate steps as to its agents, Subcontractors, officers, distributors, resellers or employees regarding the obligations arising under this clause to insure such confidentiality.

15. RELEASE OF BID EVALUATION MATERIALS

Requests concerning the evaluation of Bids may be submitted under the Freedom of Information Law. Information, other than statistical or factual tabulations or data such as the Bid Tabulation, shall only be released as required by law after Contract award. Bid Tabulations are not maintained for all procurements. Names of Bidders may be disclosed after Bid opening upon request. Written requests should be directed to the Commissioner.

16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW During the evaluation process, the content of each Bid will be held in confidence and details of any Bid will not be revealed (except as may be required under the Freedom of Information Law or other State law). The Freedom of Information Law provides for an exemption from disclosure for trade secrets or information the disclosure of which would cause injury to the competitive position of commercial enterprises. This exception would be effective both during and after the evaluation process. If the Bid contains any such trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information, it must be accompanied in the Bid with a written request to the Commissioner to not disclose such information. Such request must state with particularity the reasons why the information should not be available for disclosure and must be provided at the time of submission of the Bid. Notations in the header, footer or watermark of the Bid Document will not be considered sufficient to constitute a request for non-disclosure of trade secret or other confidential or proprietary information. Where a Freedom of Information request is made for trademark or other confidential or proprietary information, the Commissioner reserves the right to determine upon written notice to the Bidder whether such information qualifies for the exemption from disclosure under the law. Notwithstanding the above, where a Bid tabulation is prepared and Bids publicly opened, such Bid tabulation shall be available upon request.

17. PREVAILING WAGE RATES - PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDING SERVICES CONTRACTS If any portion of work being Bid is subject to the prevailing wage rate provisions of the Labor Law, the following shall apply:

- a. “Public Works” and “Building Services” - Definitions**
- i. Public Works** Labor Law Article 8 applies to contracts for public improvement in which laborers, workers or mechanics

are employed on a “public works” project (distinguished from public “procurement” or “service” contracts). The State, a public benefit corporation, a municipal corporation (including a school district), or a commission appointed by law must be a party to the Contract. The wage and hours provision applies to any work performed by Contractor or Subcontractors.

ii. Building Services Labor Law Article 9 applies to Contracts for building service work over \$1,500 with a public agency, that: (i) involve the care or maintenance of an existing building, or (ii) involve the transportation of office furniture or equipment to or from such building, or (iii) involve the transportation and delivery of fossil fuel to such building, and (iv) the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through use of building service employees.

b. Prevailing Wage Rate Applicable to Bid Submissions A copy of the applicable prevailing wage rates to be paid or provided are annexed to the Bid Documents. Bidders must submit Bids which are based upon the prevailing hourly wages, and supplements in cash or equivalent benefits (i.e., fringe benefits and any cash or non-cash compensation which are not wages, as defined by law) that equal or exceed the applicable prevailing wage rate(s) for the location where the work is to be performed. Bidders may not submit Bids based upon hourly wage rates and supplements below the applicable prevailing wage rates as established by the New York State Department of Labor. Bids that fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified.

c. Wage Rate Payments / Changes During Contract Term The wages to be paid under any resulting Contract shall not be less than the prevailing rate of wages and supplements as set forth by law. It is required that the Contractor keep informed of all changes in the Prevailing Wage Rates during the Contract term that apply to the classes of individuals supplied by the Contractor on any projects resulting from this Contract, subject to the provisions of the Labor Law. Contractor is solely liable for and must pay such required prevailing wage adjustments during the Contract term as required by law.

d. Public Posting & Certified Payroll Records In compliance with Article 8, Section 220 of the New York State Labor Law:

i. Posting The Contractor must publicly post on the work site, in a prominent and accessible place, a legible schedule of the prevailing wage rates and supplements.

ii. Payroll Records Contractors and Subcontractors must keep original payrolls or transcripts subscribed and affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury as required by law. For public works contracts over \$25,000 where the Contractor maintains no regular place of business in New York State, such records must be kept at the work site. For building services contracts, such records must be kept at the work site while work is being performed.

iii. Submission of Certified Payroll Transcripts for Public Works Contracts Only Contractors and Subcontractors on public works projects must submit monthly payroll transcripts to the Authorized User that has prepared or directs the preparation of the plans and specifications for a public works project, as set forth in the Bid Specifications. For Mini-Bid solicitations, the payroll records must be submitted to the entity preparing the agency Mini-Bid project specification. For “agency specific” Bids, the payroll records should be submitted

to the entity issuing the purchase order. For all other OGS Centralized Contracts, such records should be submitted to the individual agency issuing the purchase order(s) for the work. Upon mutual agreement of the Contractor and the Authorized User, the form of submission may be submitted in a specified disk format acceptable to the Department of Labor provided: 1) the Contractor/Subcontractor retains the original records; and, (2) an original signed letter by a duly authorized individual of the Contractor or Subcontractor attesting to the truth and accuracy of the records accompanies the disk. This provision does not apply to Article 9 of the Labor Law building services contracts.

iv. Records Retention Contractors and Subcontractors must preserve such certified transcripts for a period of three years from the date of completion of work on the awarded contract.

Day's Labor Eight hours shall constitute a legal day's work for all classes of employees in this state except those engaged in farm and domestic service unless otherwise provided by law.

No laborers, workmen or mechanics in the employ of the Contractor, Subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to do all or part of the work contemplated by the Contract shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day or more than five calendar days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. "Extraordinary emergency" shall be deemed to include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the NYS Commissioner of Labor for the preservation of the Contract site or for the protection of the life and limb of the persons using the Contract site.

18. TAXES

a. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or Contract, the quoted Bid price includes all taxes applicable to the transaction.

b. Purchases made by the State of New York and certain non-State Authorized Users are exempt from New York State and local sales taxes and, with certain exceptions, federal excise taxes. To satisfy the requirements of the New York State Sales tax exemption, either the Purchase Order issued by a State Agency or the invoice forwarded to authorize payment for such purchases will be sufficient evidence that the sale by the Contractor was made to the State, an exempt organization under Section 1116 (a) (1) of the Tax Law. Non-State Authorized Users must offer their own proof of exemption upon request. No person, firm or corporation is, however, exempt from paying the State Truck Mileage and Unemployment Insurance or Federal Social Security taxes, which remain the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Contractor.

c. Pursuant to Revised Tax Law 5-a, Contractor will be required to furnish sales tax certification on its behalf and for its affiliates, and subcontractors for Contracts with a value greater than \$100,000 in accordance with provisions of the law.

d. Purchases by Authorized Users other than the State of New York may be subject to certain taxes which were not included in the Bid price, and in those instances the tax should be computed based on the Contract price and added to the invoice submitted to such entity for payment.

19. EXPENSES PRIOR TO CONTRACT EXECUTION

The Commissioner and any Authorized User(s) are not liable for any costs incurred by a Vendor, Bidder or Contractor in the preparation and production of a Bid, Mini-Bid or best and final offers or for any work performed prior to Contract execution.

20. ADVERTISING RESULTS The prior written approval of the Commissioner is required in order for results of the Bid to be used by the Contractor as part of any commercial advertising. The Contractor shall also obtain the prior written approval of the Commissioner relative to the Bid or Contract for press or other media releases.

21. PRODUCT REFERENCES

a. "**Or Equal**" In all Bid Specifications the words "or equal" are understood to apply where a copyrighted, brand name, trade name, catalog reference, or patented Product is referenced. References to such specific Product are intended as descriptive, not restrictive, unless otherwise stated. Comparable Product will be considered if proof of compatibility is provided, including appropriate catalog excerpts, descriptive literature, specifications and test data, etc. The Commissioner's decision as to acceptance of the Product as equal shall be final.

b. **Discrepancies in References** In the event of a discrepancy between the model number referenced in the Bid Specifications and the written description of the Products which cannot be reconciled, with respect to such discrepancy, then the written description shall prevail.

22. REMANUFACTURED, RECYCLED, RECYCLABLE OR RECOVERED MATERIALS

Upon the conditions specified in the Bid Specifications and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, Contractors are encouraged to use recycled, recyclable or recovered materials in the manufacture of Products and packaging to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product or packaging unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or in the Bid Specifications. Contractors are further encouraged to offer remanufactured Products to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the performance or intended end use of the Product and unless such use is precluded due to health, welfare, safety requirements or by the Bid Specifications. Where such use is not practical, suitable, or permitted by the Bid Specifications, Contractor shall deliver new materials in accordance with the "Warranties" set forth below.

Items with recycled, recyclable, recovered, refurbished or remanufactured content must be identified in the Bid or Bidder will be deemed to be offering new Product.

23. PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Bids offering Products that are manufactured or produced in public institutions will be rejected.

24. PRICING

a. **Unit Pricing** If required by the Bid Specifications, the Bidder should insert the price per unit specified and the price extensions in decimals, not to exceed four places for each item unless otherwise specified, in the Bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price shall govern unless, in the sole judgment of the Commissioner, such unit pricing is obviously erroneous.

b. Net Pricing Unless otherwise required by the Bid Specifications, prices shall be net, including transportation, customs, tariff, delivery and other charges fully prepaid by the Contractor to the destination(s) indicated in the Bid Specifications, subject to the cash discount.

c. “No Charge” Bid When Bids are requested on a number of Products as a Group or Lot, a Bidder desiring to Bid “no charge” on a Product in the Group or Lot must clearly indicate such. Otherwise, such Bid may be considered incomplete and be rejected, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commissioner.

d. Educational Pricing All Products to be supplied for educational purposes that are subject to educational discounts shall be identified in the Bid and such discounts shall be made available to qualifying institutions.

e. Third Party Financing If Product acquisitions are financed through any third party financing, Contractor may be required as a condition of Contract Award to agree to the terms and conditions of a “Consent & Acknowledgment Agreement” in a form acceptable to the Commissioner.

f. Best Pricing Offer During the Contract term, if substantially the same or a smaller quantity of a Product is sold by the Contractor outside of this Contract upon the same or similar terms and conditions as that of this Contract at a lower price to a federal, state or local governmental entity, the price under this Contract, at the discretion of the Commissioner, shall be immediately reduced to the lower price.

Price decreases shall take effect automatically during the Contract term and apply to Purchase Orders submitted on or after:

(i) GSA Changes: Where NYS Net Prices are based on an approved GSA Schedule, the date the approved GSA Schedule pricing decreases during the Contract term; or

(ii) Commercial Price List Reductions: Where NYS Net Prices are based on a discount from Contractor’s list prices, the date Contractor lowers its pricing to its customers generally or to similarly situated government customers during the Contract term; or

(iii) Special Offers/Promotions Generally: Where Contractor generally offers more advantageous special price promotions or special discount pricing to other customers during the Contract term for a similar quantity, and the maximum price or discount associated with such offer or promotion is better than the discount or Net Price otherwise available under this Contract, such better price or discount shall apply for similar quantity transactions under this Contract for the life of such general offer or promotion; and

(iv) Special Offers/Promotions to Authorized Users: Contractor may offer Authorized Users, under either this Contract or any other Contracting vehicle, competitive pricing which is lower than the NYS Net Price set forth herein at any time during the Contract term and such lower pricing shall not be applied as a global price reduction under the Contract pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (iii).

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications, Contractor may offer lower prices or better terms (see Modification of Contract Terms) on any specific Purchase Order(s) from any Authorized User without being in conflict with, or obligation to comply on a global basis, with the terms of this clause.

g. Best and Final Prices As specified in the Bid Documents and Contract, a Contractor may be solicited at the time of issuance of a Purchase Order or Mini-Bid award for best and final pricing for the Product or service to be delivered to the Authorized User. Contractors are encouraged to reduce their pricing upon receipt of such request.

25. DRAWINGS

a. Drawings Submitted With Bid When the Bid Specifications require the Bidder to furnish drawings and/or plans, such drawings and/or plans shall conform to the mandates of the Bid Documents and shall, when approved by the Commissioner, be considered a part of the Bid and of any resulting Contract. All symbols and other representations appearing on the drawings shall be considered a part of the drawing.

b. Drawings Submitted During the Contract Term Where required to develop, maintain and deliver diagrams or other technical schematics regarding the scope of work, Contractor shall do so on an ongoing basis at no additional charge, and must, as a condition of payment, update drawings and plans during the Contract term to reflect additions, alterations, and deletions. Such drawings and diagrams shall be delivered to the Authorized User’s representative.

c. Accuracy of Drawings Submitted All drawings shall be neat and professional in manner and shall be clearly labeled as to locations and type of product, connections and components. Drawings and diagrams are to be in compliance with accepted drafting standards. Acceptance or approval of such plans shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for design or other errors of any sort in the drawings or plans, or from its responsibility for performing as required, furnishing product, services or installation, or carrying out any other requirements of the intended scope of work.

26. SITE INSPECTION Where a site inspection is required by the Bid Specifications or Project Definition, Bidder shall be required to inspect the site, including environmental or other conditions for pre-existing deficiencies that may affect the installed Product, equipment, or environment or services to be provided and, which may affect Bidder’s ability to properly deliver, install or otherwise provide the required Product. All inquiries regarding such conditions shall be made in writing. Bidder shall be deemed to have knowledge of any deficiencies or conditions which such inspection or inquiry might have disclosed. Bidder must provide a detailed explanation with its Bid if additional work is required under this clause in order to properly complete the delivery and installation of the required Product or provide the requested service.

27. PROCUREMENT CARD The State has entered into an agreement for purchasing card services. The Purchasing Card enables Authorized Users to make authorized purchases directly from a Contractor without processing a Purchase Order or Purchase Authorizations. Purchasing Cards are issued to selected employees authorized to purchase for the Authorized User and having direct contact with Contractors. Cardholders can make purchases directly from any Contractor that accepts the Purchasing Card.

The Contractor shall not process a transaction for payment through the credit card clearinghouse until the purchased products have been shipped or services performed. Unless the

cardholder requests correction or replacement of a defective or faulty Product in accordance with other Contract requirements, the Contractor shall immediately credit a cardholder's account for products returned as defective or faulty.

28. SAMPLES

a. Standard Samples Bid Specifications may indicate that the Product to be purchased must be equal to a standard sample on display in a place designated by the Commissioner and such sample will be made available to the Bidder for examination prior to the opening date. Failure by the Bidder to examine such sample shall not entitle the Bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed by the Bid Specifications.

b. Bidder Supplied Samples The Commissioner reserves the right to request from the Bidder/Contractor a representative sample(s) of the Product offered at any time prior to or after award of a contract. Unless otherwise instructed, samples shall be furnished within the time specified in the request. Untimely submission of a sample may constitute grounds for rejection of Bid or cancellation of the Contract. Samples must be submitted free of charge and be accompanied by the Bidder's name and address, any descriptive literature relating to the Product and a statement indicating how and where the sample is to be returned. Where applicable, samples must be properly labeled with the appropriate Bid or Contract reference.

A sample may be held by the Commissioner during the entire term of the Contract and for a reasonable period thereafter for comparison with deliveries. At the conclusion of the holding period the sample, where feasible, will be returned as instructed by the Bidder, at the Bidder's expense and risk. Where the Bidder has failed to fully instruct the Commissioner as to the return of the sample (i.e., mode and place of return, etc.) or refuses to bear the cost of its return, the sample shall become the sole property of the receiving entity at the conclusion of the holding period.

c. Enhanced Samples When an approved sample exceeds the minimum specifications, all Product delivered must be of the same enhanced quality and identity as the sample. Thereafter, in the event of a Contractor's default, the Commissioner may procure a Product substantially equal to the enhanced sample from other sources, charging the Contractor for any additional costs incurred.

d. Conformance with Sample(s) Submission of a sample (whether or not such sample is tested by, or for, the Commissioner) and approval thereof shall not relieve the Contractor from full compliance with all terms and conditions, performance related and otherwise, specified in the Bid Specifications. If in the judgment of the Commissioner the sample or product submitted is not in accordance with the specifications or testing requirements prescribed in the Bid Specifications, the Commissioner may reject the Bid. If an award has been made, the Commissioner may cancel the Contract at the expense of the Contractor.

e. Testing All samples are subject to tests in the manner and place designated by the Commissioner, either prior to or after Contract award. Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, Bidder samples consumed or rendered useless by

testing will not be returned to the Bidder. Testing costs for samples that fails to meet Contract requirements may be at the expense of the Contractor.

f. Requests For Samples By Authorized Users Requests for samples by Authorized Users require the consent of the Contractor. Where Contractor refuses to furnish a sample, Authorized User may, in its sole discretion, make a determination on the performance capability of the Product or on the issue in question.

BID EVALUATION

29. BID EVALUATION The Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, or separable portions of offers, and waive technicalities, irregularities, and omissions if the Commissioner determines the best interests of the State will be served. The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, may accept or reject illegible, incomplete or vague Bids and his/her decision shall be final. A conditional or revocable Bid which clearly communicates the terms or limitations of acceptance may be considered, and Contract award may be made in compliance with the Bidder's conditional or revocable terms in the offer.

30. CONDITIONAL BID Unless the Bid Specifications provides otherwise, a Bid is not rendered non-responsive if the Bidder specifies that the award will be accepted only on all or a specified group of items or Product included in the specification. It is understood that nothing herein shall be deemed to change or alter the method of award contained in the Bid Documents.

31. CLARIFICATIONS / REVISIONS Prior to award, the Commissioner reserves the right to seek clarifications, request Bid revisions, or to request any information deemed necessary for proper evaluation of Bids from all Bidders deemed to be eligible for Contract award. Failure to provide requested information may result in rejection of the Bid.

32. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS While prompt payment discounts will not be considered in determining the low Bid, the Commissioner may consider any prompt payment discount in resolving Bids which are otherwise tied. However, any notation indicating that the price is net, (e.g., net 30 days), shall be understood to mean only that no prompt payment discount is offered by the Bidder. The imposition of service, interest, or other charges, except pursuant to the provisions of Article 11-A of the State Finance Law, which are applicable in any case, may render the Bid non-responsive and may be cause for its rejection.

33. EQUIVALENT OR IDENTICAL BIDS In the event two offers are found to be substantially equivalent, price shall be the basis for determining the award recipient. If two or more Bidders submit substantially equivalent Bids as to pricing or other factors, the decision of the Commissioner to award a Contract to one or more of such Bidders shall be final.

34. PERFORMANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS The Commissioner reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time whether or not the Product, services, qualifications or facilities offered by the Bidder/Contractor meet the requirements set forth in the Bid Specifications/Contract or as set forth during Contract negotiations. Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible and responsive. A Bidder/Contractor must be prepared, if requested by the Commissioner, to present evidence of legal authority to do business in New York State,

integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, organizational and financial capacity as well as where applicable, a statement as to supply, plant, machinery and capacity of the manufacturer or source for the production, distribution and servicing of the Product offered/Bid. If the Commissioner determines that the conditions and terms of the Bid Documents, Bid Specifications or Contract are not complied with, or that items, services or Product proposed to be furnished do not meet the specified requirements, or that the legal authority, integrity experience, ability, prior performance, organization and financial capacity or facilities are not satisfactory, the Commissioner may reject such Bid or terminate the Contract.

35. DISQUALIFICATION FOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND FINDINGS OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY Bidder may be disqualified from receiving awards if Bidder, or anyone in Bidder's employment, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public Bidding or contracts or is deemed non-responsible.

36. QUANTITY CHANGES PRIOR TO AWARD The Commissioner reserves the right, at any time prior to the award of a specific quantity Contract, to alter in good faith the quantities listed in the Bid Specifications. In the event such right is exercised, the lowest responsible Bidder meeting Bid Specifications will be advised of the revised quantities and afforded an opportunity to extend or reduce its Bid price in relation to the changed quantities. Refusal by the low Bidder to so extend or reduce its Bid price may result in the rejection of its Bid and the award of such Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who accepts the revised qualifications.

37. TIMEFRAME FOR OFFERS The Commissioner reserves the right to make awards within sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid opening or such other period of time as set forth in the Bid Documents, during which period, Bids must remain firm and cannot be withdrawn. Pursuant to Section 163(9)(e) of the State Finance Law and Section 2-205 of the Uniform Commercial Code when applicable, where an award is not made within the sixty (60) day period or other time specified as set forth in the Bid Documents, the Bids shall remain firm until such later time as either a Contract is awarded or the Bidder delivers to the Commissioner written notice of the withdrawal of its Bid. Any Bid which expressly states therein that acceptance must be made within a shorter specified time, may at the sole discretion of the Commissioner, be accepted or rejected.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

38. CONTRACT CREATION / EXECUTION Except for contracts governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law, subject to and upon receipt of all required approvals as set forth in the Bid Specifications a Contract shall be deemed executed and created with the successful Bidder(s), upon the Commissioner's mailing or electronic communication to the address on the Bid/Contract of: (i) the final Contract Award Notice; (ii) a fully executed Contract; or (iii) a Purchase Order authorized by the Commissioner.

39. PARTICIPATION IN CENTRALIZED CONTRACTS The following shall not limit or inhibit the OGS Commissioner's authority under State Finance Law, Section 163 (10) (e) (Authority backing):

a. Agencies All State Agencies may utilize and purchase under any state Centralized Contract let by the Commissioner,

unless the Bid Documents limit purchases to specific State Agencies.

b. Non-State Agency Authorized Users Authorized Users other than State Agencies are permitted to make purchases through state Centralized Contracts where permitted by law, the Contract or the Commissioner.

c. Voluntary Extension Purchase Orders issued against a State Centralized Contract by any Authorized User not provided for in the Bid Specifications shall be honored by the Contractor at its discretion and only with the approval of the OGS Commissioner and any other approvals required by law. Contractors are encouraged to voluntarily extend service Contracts to those additional entities authorized to utilize commodity Contracts under Section 163 (3) (iv) of the State Finance Law.

d. Responsibility for Performance Participation in state Centralized Contracts by Authorized Users is permitted upon the following conditions: (i) the responsibility with regard to performance of any contractual obligation, covenant, condition or term thereunder by any Authorized User other than State Agencies shall be borne and is expressly assumed by such Authorized User and not by the State; (ii) a breach of the Contract by any particular Authorized User shall neither constitute nor be deemed a breach of the Contract as a whole which shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not affect the validity of the Contract nor the obligations of the Contractor thereunder respecting non-breaching Authorized Users, whether State or otherwise; (iii) for a breach by an Authorized User other than a State Agency, the State specifically and expressly disclaims any and all liability for such breach; and (iv) each non-state agency Authorized User and Contractor guarantees to save the State, its officers, agents and employees harmless from any liability that may be or is imposed by their failure to perform in accordance with its obligations under the Contract.

e. Contract Migration Authorized Users holding individual Contracts with a Contractor at the time that Contractor is awarded a Centralized Contract for the same Products or services shall be permitted to migrate to that Centralized Contract effective with its commencement date. Such migration shall not operate to diminish, alter or eliminate any right that the Authorized User otherwise had under the terms and conditions of their individual Contract.

40. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS The terms and conditions set forth in the Contract shall govern all transactions by Authorized User(s) under this Contract. The Contract may only be modified or amended upon mutual written agreement of the Commissioner and Contractor.

The Contractor may, however, offer Authorized User(s) more advantageous pricing, payment, or other terms and conditions than those set forth in the Contract. In such event, a copy of such terms shall be furnished to the Authorized User(s) and Commissioner by the Contractor at the time of such offer.

Other than where such terms are more advantageous for the Authorized User(s) than those set forth in the Contract, no alteration or modification of the terms of the Contract, including substitution of Product, shall be valid or binding against Authorized User(s) unless authorized by the Commissioner or specified in the Contract Award Notification. No such alteration or modification shall be made by unilaterally affixing such terms to Product upon delivery (including, but not limited to,

attachment or inclusion of standard pre-printed order forms, product literature, "shrink wrap" terms accompanying software upon delivery, or other documents) or by incorporating such terms onto order forms, purchase orders or other documents forwarded by the Contractor for payment, notwithstanding Authorized User's subsequent acceptance of Product, or that Authorized User has subsequently processed such document for approval or payment.

41. SCOPE CHANGES The Commissioner reserves the right, unilaterally, to require, by written order, changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the Bid Specifications, such changes to be within the general scope of the Contract. The Commissioner may make an equitable adjustment in the Contract price or delivery date if the change affects the cost or time of performance. Such equitable adjustments require the consent of the Contractor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

42. ESTIMATED / SPECIFIC QUANTITY CONTRACTS Estimated quantity contracts are expressly agreed and understood to be made for only the quantities, if any, actually ordered during the Contract term. No guarantee of any quantity(s) is implied or given. Purchases by Authorized Users from Contracts for services and technology are voluntary.

With respect to any specific quantity stated in the contract, the Commissioner reserves the right after award to order up to 20% more or less (rounded to the next highest whole number) than the specific quantities called for in the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner may purchase greater or lesser percentages of Contract quantities should the Commissioner and Contractor so agree. Such agreement may include an equitable price adjustment.

43. EMERGENCY CONTRACTS In the event that a disaster emergency is declared by Executive Order under Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, or the Commissioner determines pursuant to his/her authority under Section 163 (10) (b) of the State Finance Law that an emergency exists requiring the prompt and immediate delivery of Product, the Commissioner reserves the right to obtain such Product from any source, including but not limited to this Contract(s), as the Commissioner in his/her sole discretion determines will meet the needs of such emergency. Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim or lost profits for Product procured from other sources pursuant to this paragraph. The reasons underlying the finding that an emergency exists shall be included in the procurement record.

44. PURCHASE ORDERS Unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Commissioner, no Product is to be delivered or furnished by Contractor until transmittal of an official Purchase Order from the Authorized User. Unless terminated or cancelled pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner, Purchase Orders shall be effective and binding upon the Contractor when placed in the mail or electronically transmitted prior to the termination of the contract period, addressed to the Contractor at the address for receipt of orders set forth in the Contract or in the Contract Award Notification.

All Purchase Orders issued pursuant to Contracts let by the Commissioner must bear the appropriate Contract number and, if necessary, required State approvals. As deemed necessary, the Authorized User may confirm pricing and other Product information with the Contractor prior to placement of the Purchase Order. The State reserves the right to require any other information from the Contractor which the State deems necessary

in order to complete any Purchase Order placed under the Contract. Unless otherwise specified, all Purchase Orders against Centralized Contracts will be placed by Authorized Users directly with the Contractor and any discrepancy between the terms stated on the vendor's order form, confirmation or acknowledgment, and the Contract terms shall be resolved in favor of the terms most favorable to the Authorized User. Should an Authorized User add written terms and conditions to the Purchase Order that conflict with the terms and conditions of the Contract, the Contractor has the option of rejecting the Purchase Order within five business days of its receipt but shall first attempt to negotiate the additional written terms and conditions in good faith with the Authorized User, or fulfill the Purchase Order. Notwithstanding the above, the Authorized User reserves the right to dispute any discrepancies arising from the presentation of additional terms and conditions with the Contractor.

If, with respect to an Agency Specific Contract let by the OGS Commissioner, a Purchase Order is not received by the Contractor within two weeks after the issuance of a Contract Award Notification, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request in writing that the appropriate Authorized User forward a Purchase Order. If, thereafter, a Purchase Order is not received within a reasonable period of time, the Contractor shall promptly notify in writing the appropriate purchasing officer in OGS. Failure to timely notify such officer may, in the discretion of the OGS Commissioner and without cost to the State, result in the cancellation of such requirement by the OGS Commissioner with a corresponding reduction in the Contract quantity and price.

45. PRODUCT DELIVERY Delivery must be made as ordered to the address specified on the Purchase Order and in accordance with the terms of the Contract or Contract Award Notice. Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, delivery shall be made within thirty calendar days after receipt of a Purchase Order by the Contractor. The decision of the Commissioner as to compliance with delivery terms shall be final. The burden of proof for delay in receipt of Purchase Order shall rest with the Contractor. In all instances of a potential or actual delay in delivery, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Commissioner and the Authorized User, and confirm in writing the explanation of the delay, and take appropriate action to avoid any subsequent late deliveries. Any extension of time for delivery must be requested in writing by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Authorized User. Failure to meet such delivery time schedule may be grounds for cancellation of the order or, in the Commissioner's discretion, the Contract.

46. WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY DELIVERIES Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Specifications or by an Authorized User, deliveries will be scheduled for ordinary business hours, Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays observed by the State of New York). Deliveries may be scheduled by mutual agreement for Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays observed by the State of New York where the Product is for daily consumption, an emergency exists, the delivery is a replacement, delivery is late, or other reasonable circumstance in which event the convenience of the Authorized User shall govern.

47. SHIPPING/RECEIPT OF PRODUCT

a. Packaging Tangible Product shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage and stocking in appropriate, clearly labeled shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without any extra charges for packing materials, cases or other types of containers. The container shall become and remain the property of the Authorized User unless otherwise specified in the Contract documents.

b. Shipping Charges Unless otherwise stated in the Bid Specifications, all deliveries shall be deemed to be freight on board (F.O.B.) destination tailgate delivery at the dock of the Authorized User. Unless otherwise agreed, items purchased at a price F.O.B. Shipping point plus transportation charges shall not relieve the Contractor from responsibility for safe and proper delivery notwithstanding the Authorized User's payment of transportation charges. Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the Bill of Lading states "charges prepaid" for all shipments.

c. Receipt of Product The Contractor shall be solely responsible for assuring that deliveries are made to personnel authorized to accept delivery on behalf of the Authorized User. Any losses resulting from the Contractor's failure to deliver Product to authorized personnel shall be borne exclusively by the Contractor.

48. TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS Notwithstanding the form of shipment, title or other property interest, risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Authorized User until the Products have been received, inspected and accepted by the receiving entity. Acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time or in accordance with such other defined acceptance period as may be specified in the Bid Specifications or Purchase Order. Mere acknowledgment by Authorized User personnel of the delivery or receipt of goods (e.g., signed bill of lading) shall not be deemed or construed as acceptance of the Products received. Any delivery of Product that is substandard or does not comply with the Bid Specifications or Contract terms and conditions, may be rejected or accepted on an adjusted price basis, as determined by the Commissioner.

49. RE-WEIGHING PRODUCT Deliveries are subject to re-weighing at the point of destination by the Authorized User. If shrinkage occurs which exceeds that normally allowable in the trade, the Authorized User shall have the option to require delivery of the difference in quantity or to reduce the payment accordingly. Such option shall be exercised in writing by the Authorized User.

50. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION In the event a specified manufacturer's Product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Contractor for any reason (except as provided for in the Savings/Force Majeure Clause) a Product deemed in writing by the Commissioner to be equal to or better than the specified Product must be substituted by the Contractor at no additional cost or expense to the Authorized User. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of Product prior to the Commissioner's written approval may be cause for cancellation of Contract.

51. REJECTED PRODUCT When Product is rejected, it must be removed by the Contractor from the premises of the Authorized User within ten calendar days of notification of rejection by the Authorized User. Upon notification of rejection, risk of loss of rejected or non-conforming Product shall remain with Contractor. Rejected items not removed by the Contractor within ten calendar days of notification shall be regarded as abandoned by the Contractor, and the Authorized User shall have the right to dispose of Product as its own property. The Contractor shall promptly reimburse the Authorized User for any and all costs and expenses incurred in storage or effecting removal or disposition after the ten-calendar day period.

52. INSTALLATION Where installation is required, Contractor shall be responsible for placing and installing the Product in the required locations. All materials used in the installation shall be of good quality and shall be free from any and all defects that would mar the appearance of the Product or render it structurally unsound. Installation includes the furnishing of any equipment, rigging and materials required to install or place the Product in the proper location. The Contractor shall protect the site from damage for all its work and shall repair damages or injury of any kind caused by the Contractor, its employees, officers or agents. If any alteration, dismantling or excavation, etc. is required to effect installation, the Contractor shall thereafter promptly restore the structure or site. Work shall be performed to cause the least inconvenience to the Authorized User(s) and with proper consideration for the rights of other Contractors or workers. The Contractor shall promptly perform its work and shall coordinate its activities with those of other Contractors. The Contractor shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish from its work as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the building and surrounding area of work shall be left clean and in a neat, unobstructed condition, and everything in satisfactory repair and order.

53. REPAIRED OR REPLACED PARTS / COMPONENTS Where the Contractor is required to repair, replace or substitute Product or parts or components of the Product under the Contract, the repaired, replaced or substituted Products shall be subject to all terms and conditions for new parts and components set forth in the Contract including Warranties, as set forth in the Additional Warranties Clause herein. Replaced or repaired Product or parts and components of such Product shall be new and shall, if available, be replaced by the original manufacturer's component or part. Remanufactured parts or components meeting new Product standards may be permitted by the Commissioner or Authorized User. Before installation, all proposed substitutes for the original manufacturer's installed parts or components must be approved by the Authorized User. The part or component shall be equal to or of better quality than the original part or component being replaced.

54. ON-SITE STORAGE With the written approval of the Authorized User, materials, equipment or supplies may be stored at the Authorized User's site at the Contractor's sole risk.

55. EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS & AGENTS All employees, Subcontractors or agents performing work under the Contract must be trained staff or technicians who meet or exceed the professional, technical and training qualifications set forth in the Bid Specifications or the Bid Documents, whichever is more restrictive, and must comply with all security and administrative requirements of the Authorized User. The Commissioner reserves the right to conduct a security background check or otherwise approve any employee, Subcontractor or agent furnished by Contractor and to refuse access to or require replacement of any personnel for cause based on, including but not limited to, professional, technical or training qualifications, quality of work or change in security status or non-compliance with Authorized User's security or other requirements. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to perform all work in compliance with the Contract terms. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject and/or bar from the facility for cause any employee, Subcontractor, or agents of the Contractor.

56. ASSIGNMENT The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or its right, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any other person, company, firm or corporation in performance

of the contract without the prior written consent of the Commissioner or Authorized User (as applicable). Failure to obtain consent to assignment from the Authorized User shall revoke and annul such Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State shall not hinder, prevent or affect assignment of money by a Contractor for the benefit of its creditors. Prior to a consent to assignment of monies becoming effective, the Contractor shall file a written notice of such monies assignment(s) with the Comptroller. Prior to a consent to assignment of a Contract, or portion thereof, becoming effective, the Contractor shall submit the request to assignment to the Commissioner and seek written agreement from the Commissioner which will be filed with the Comptroller. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed assignee in his/her discretion.

Upon notice to the Contractor, the Contract may be assigned without the consent of the Contractor to another State Agency or subdivision of the State pursuant to a governmental reorganization or assignment of functions under which the functions are transferred to a successor Agency or to another Agency that assumes OGS responsibilities for the Contract.

57. SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any proposed Subcontractor or supplier for bona fide business reasons, which may include, but are not limited to: they are on the Department of Labor's list of companies with which New York State cannot do business; the Commissioner determines that the company is not qualified; the Commissioner determines that the company is not responsible; the company has previously provided unsatisfactory work or services; the company failed to solicit minority and women's business enterprises (M/WBE) Bidders as required by prior Contracts.

58. PERFORMANCE / BID BOND The Commissioner reserves the right to require a Bidder or Contractor to furnish without additional cost, a performance, payment or Bid bond or negotiable irrevocable letter of credit or other form of security for the faithful performance of the Contract. Where required, such bond or other security shall be in the form prescribed by the Commissioner.

59. SUSPENSION OF WORK The Commissioner, in his/her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, in the best interests of the Authorized User. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Examples of the reason for such suspension include, but are not limited to, a budget freeze or reduction on State spending, declaration of emergency, contract compliance issues or other such circumstances. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor is not to accept any Purchase Orders, and shall comply with the suspension order. Activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

An Authorized User may issue a formal written notice for the suspension of work for which it has engaged the Contractor for reasons specified in the above paragraph. The written notice shall set forth the reason for such suspension and a copy of the written notice shall be provided to the Commissioner.

60. TERMINATION

a. For Cause: For a material breach that remains uncured for more than thirty (30) days or other specified period after written notice to the Contractor, the Contract or Purchase Order may be terminated by the Commissioner or Authorized User at the

Contractor's expense where Contractor becomes unable or incapable of performing, or meeting any requirements or qualifications set forth in the Contract, or for non-performance, or upon a determination that Contractor is non-responsible. Such termination shall be upon written notice to the Contractor. In such event, the Commissioner or Authorized User may complete the contractual requirements in any manner it may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

b. For Convenience: By written notice, this Contract may be terminated at any time by the State for convenience upon sixty (60) days written notice or other specified period without penalty or other early termination charges due. Such termination of the Contract shall not affect any project or Purchase Order that has been issued under the Contract prior to the date of such termination. If the Contract is terminated pursuant to this subdivision, the Authorized User shall remain liable for all accrued but unpaid charges incurred through the date of the termination. Contractor shall use due diligence and provide any outstanding deliverables.

c. For Violation of the Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law: The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the Contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Bidder in accordance with Section 139-k of the State Finance Law was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of the Contract.

d. For Violation of Revised Tax Law 5a: The Commissioner reserves the right to terminate the contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Contractor in accordance with §5-a of the Tax Law is not timely filed during the term of the Contract or the certification furnished was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Commissioner may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor.

61. SAVINGS/FORCE MAJEURE A force majeure occurrence is an event or effect that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to, acts of God, acts of war, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, explosions, actions of the elements, floods, or other similar causes beyond the control of the Contractor or the Commissioner in the performance of the Contract which non-performance, by exercise of reasonable diligence, cannot be prevented. Contractor shall provide the Commissioner with written notice of any force majeure occurrence as soon as the delay is known.

Neither the Contractor nor the Commissioner shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance under the Contract due to a force majeure occurrence. Any such delay in or failure of performance shall not constitute default or give rise to any liability for damages. The existence of such causes of such delay or failure shall extend the period for performance to such extent as determined by the Contractor and the Commissioner to be necessary to enable complete performance by the Contractor if reasonable diligence is exercised after the cause of delay or failure has been removed.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Commissioner where the delay or failure will significantly impair the value of the Contract to the State or to Authorized Users, the Commissioner may:

a. Accept allocated performance or deliveries from the Contractor. The Contractor, however, hereby agrees to grant preferential treatment to Authorized Users with respect to Product subjected to allocation; and/or

b. Purchase from other sources (without recourse to and by the Contractor for the costs and expenses thereof) to replace all or part of the Products which are the subject of the delay, which purchases may be deducted from the Contract quantities without penalty or liability to the State; or

c. Terminate the Contract or the portion thereof which is subject to delays, and thereby discharge any unexecuted portion of the Contract or the relative part thereof.

In addition, the Commissioner reserves the right, in his/her sole discretion, to make an equitable adjustment in the Contract terms and/or pricing should extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace affect pricing or the availability of supply. "Extreme and unforeseen volatility in the marketplace" is defined as market circumstances which meet the following criteria: (i) the volatility is due to causes outside the control of Contractor; (ii) the volatility affects the marketplace or industry, not just the particular Contract source of supply; (iii) the effect on pricing or availability of supply is substantial; and (iv) the volatility so affects Contractor's performance that continued performance of the Contract would result in a substantial loss.

62. CONTRACT BILLINGS Contractor and the distributors/resellers designated by the Contractor, if any, shall provide complete and accurate billing invoices to each Authorized User in order to receive payment. Billings for Authorized Users must contain all information required by the Contract and the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller shall render payment for Authorized User purchases, and such payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary State procedures and practices. Payment of Contract purchases made by Authorized Users, other than Agencies, shall be billed directly by Contractor on invoices/vouchers, together with complete and accurate supporting documentation as required by the Authorized User.

Submission of an invoice and payment thereof shall not preclude the Commissioner from reimbursement or demanding a price adjustment in any case where the Product delivered is found to deviate from the terms and conditions of the Contract or where the billing was inaccurate.

Contractor shall provide, upon request of the Commissioner, any and all information necessary to verify the accuracy of the billings. Such information shall be provided in the format requested by the Commissioner and in a media commercially available from the Contractor. The Commissioner may direct the Contractor to provide the information to the State Comptroller or to any Authorized User of the Contract.

63. DEFAULT – AUTHORIZED USER

a. Breach of Authorized User Not Breach of Centralized Contract. An Authorized User's breach shall not be deemed a breach of the Centralized Contract, rather it shall be deemed a breach of the Authorized User's performance under the terms and conditions of the Centralized Contract.

b. Failure to Make Payment. In the event a participating Authorized User fails to make payment to the Contractor for Products delivered, accepted and properly invoiced, within 60 days of such delivery and acceptance, the Contractor may, upon 10 days advance written notice to both the Commissioner and the

Authorized User's purchasing official, suspend additional shipments of Product or provision of services to such entity until such time as reasonable arrangements have been made and assurances given by such entity for current and future Contract payments.

c. Notice of Breach. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor shall, at least 10 days prior to declaring a breach of Contract by any Authorized User, by certified or registered mail, notify both the Commissioner and the purchasing official of the breaching Authorized User of the specific facts, circumstances and grounds upon which a breach will be declared.

d. It is understood, however, that if the Contractor's basis for declaring a breach is insufficient, the Contractor's declaration of breach and failure to service an Authorized User shall constitute a breach of its Contract and the Authorized User may thereafter seek any remedy available at law or equity.

64. INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENTS

a. **State Agencies** The payment of interest on certain payments due and owed by Agency may be made in accordance with Article 11-A of the State Finance Law (SFL §179-d et. Seq.) and Title 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Part 18 (Implementation of Prompt Payment Legislation -2 NYCRR §18.1 et seq.).

b. **By Non-State Agencies** The terms of Article 11-A apply only to procurements by and the consequent payment obligations of Agencies. Neither expressly nor by any implication is the statute applicable to Non-State Authorized Users. Neither OGS nor the State Comptroller is responsible for payments on any purchases made by a Non-State Agency Authorized User.

c. **By Contractor** Should the Contractor be liable for any payments to the State hereunder, interest, late payment charges and collection fee charges will be determined and assessed pursuant to Section 18 of the State Finance Law.

65. REMEDIES FOR BREACH It is understood and agreed that all rights and remedies afforded below shall be in addition to all remedies or actions otherwise authorized or permitted by law:

a. **Cover/Substitute Performance** In the event of Contractor's material breach, the Commissioner may, with or without formally Bidding: (i) Purchase from other sources; or (ii) If the Commissioner is unsuccessful after making reasonable attempts, under the circumstances then existing, to timely obtain acceptable service or acquire replacement Product of equal or comparable quality, the Commissioner may acquire acceptable replacement Product of lesser or greater quality.

Such purchases may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be deducted from the Contract quantity and payments due Contractor.

b. **Withhold Payment** In any case where a question of non-performance by Contractor arises, payment may be withheld in whole or in part at the discretion of the Commissioner. Should the amount withheld be finally paid, a cash discount originally offered may be taken as if no delay in payment had occurred.

c. **Bankruptcy** In the event that the Contractor files a petition under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code during the term of this Centralized Contract, Authorized Users may, at their discretion, make application to exercise its right to set-off against monies due the Debtor or, under the Doctrine of Recoupment, credit the

Authorized User the amounts owed by the Contractor arising out of the same transactions.

d. Reimbursement of Costs Incurred The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Authorized User promptly for any and all additional costs and expenses incurred for acquiring acceptable services, and/or replacement Product. Should the cost of cover be less than the Contract price, the Contractor shall have no claim to the difference. The Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event suit is successfully prosecuted for any default on the part of the Contractor, all costs and expenses expended or incurred by the Authorized User in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid by the Contractor.

Where the Contractor fails to timely deliver pursuant to the guaranteed delivery terms of the Contract, the ordering Authorized User may rent substitute equipment temporarily. Any sums expended for such rental shall, upon demand, be reimbursed to the Authorized User promptly by the Contractor or deducted by the Authorized User from payments due or to become due the Contractor on the same or another transaction.

e. Deduction/Credit Sums due as a result of these remedies may be deducted or offset by the Authorized User from payments due, or to become due, the Contractor on the same or another transaction. If no deduction or only a partial deduction is made in such fashion the Contractor shall pay to the Authorized User the amount of such claim or portion of the claim still outstanding, on demand. The Commissioner reserves the right to determine the disposition of any rebates, settlements, restitution, liquidated damages, etc., which arise from the administration of the Contract.

66. ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM Contractor hereby assigns to the State any and all its claims for overcharges associated with this Contract which may arise under the antitrust laws of the United States, 15 USC Section 1, et. seq. and the antitrust laws of the State of New York, General Business Law Section 340, et. seq.

67. TOXIC SUBSTANCES Each Contractor furnishing a toxic substance as defined by Section 875 of the Labor Law, shall provide such Authorized User with not less than two copies of a material safety data sheet, which sheet shall include for each such substance the information outlined in Section 876 of the Labor Law.

Before any chemical product is used or applied on or in any building, a copy of the product label and Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided to and approved by the Authorized User agency representative.

68. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR It is understood and agreed that the legal status of the Contractor, its agents, officers and employees under this Contract is that of an independent Contractor, and in no manner shall they be deemed employees of the Authorized User, and therefore are not entitled to any of the benefits associated with such employment. The Contractor agrees, during the term of this Contract, to maintain at Contractor's expense those benefits to which its employees would otherwise be entitled by law, including health benefits, and all necessary insurance for its employees, including worker's compensation, disability and unemployment insurance, and to provide the Authorized User with certification of such insurance upon request. The Contractor remains responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, and all FICA contributions.

69. SECURITY Contractor warrants, covenants and represents that it will comply fully with all security procedures of the Authorized User(s) in performance of the Contract including but not limited to physical, facility, documentary and cyber security rules, procedures and protocols.

70. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES The Contractor shall be responsible for fully cooperating with any third party, including but not limited to other Contractors or Subcontractors of the Authorized User, as necessary to ensure delivery of Product or coordination of performance of services.

71. CONTRACT TERM - RENEWAL In addition to any stated renewal periods in the Contract, any Contract or unit portion thereof let by the Commissioner may be extended by the Commissioner for an additional period(s) of up to one year with the written concurrence of the Contractor and Comptroller. Such extension may be exercised on a month to month basis or in other stated periods of time during the one year extension.

72. ADDITIONAL WARRANTIES Where Contractor, product manufacturer or service provider generally offers additional or more advantageous warranties than set forth below, Contractor shall offer or pass through any such warranties to Authorized Users. Contractor hereby warrants and represents:

a. Product Performance Contractor warrants and represents that Products delivered pursuant to this Contract conform to the manufacturer's specifications, performance standards and documentation, and the documentation fully describes the proper procedure for using the Products.

b. Title and Ownership Warranty Contractor warrants, represents and conveys (i) full ownership, clear title free of all liens, or (ii) the right to transfer or deliver perpetual license rights to any Products transferred to Authorized User under this Contract. Contractor shall be solely liable for any costs of acquisition associated therewith. Contractor fully indemnifies the Authorized User for any loss, damages or actions arising from a breach of said warranty without limitation.

c. Contractor Compliance Contractor represents and warrants to pay, at its sole expense, for all applicable permits, licenses, tariffs, tolls and fees to give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the Bid/Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, insurance coverage, licensing, proof of coverage for worker's compensation, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to do so may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

d. Product Warranty Unless recycled or recovered materials are available in accordance with the "Recycled or Recovered Materials" clause, Product offered shall be standard new equipment, current model or most recent release of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; and no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to the manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.

Contractor further warrants and represents that components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor shall individually, and where specified and furnished as a system, be substantially uninterrupted or error-free in operation and guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for the warranty period, or for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of acceptance, whichever is longer ("Project warranty period"). During the Project warranty period, defects in the materials or workmanship of components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor shall be repaired or replaced by Contractor at no cost or expense to the Authorized User. Contractor shall extend the Project warranty period for individual component(s), or for the System as a whole, as applicable, by the cumulative period(s) of time, after notification, during which an individual component or the System requires servicing or replacement (down time) or is in the possession of the Contractor, its agents, officers, Subcontractors, distributors, resellers or employees ("extended warranty").

Where Contractor, the Independent Software Vendor "ISV," or other third party manufacturer markets any Project Deliverable delivered by or through Contractor with a standard commercial warranty, such standard warranty shall be in addition to, and not relieve the Contractor from, Contractor's warranty obligations during the project warranty and extended warranty period(s). Where such standard commercial warranty covers all or some of the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s), Contractor shall be responsible for the coordination during the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s) with ISV or other third party manufacturer(s) for warranty repair or replacement of ISV or other third party manufacturer's Product.

Where Contractor, ISV or other third party manufacturer markets any Project Deliverable with a standard commercial warranty which goes beyond the Project warranty or extended warranty period(s), Contractor shall notify the Authorized User and pass through the manufacturer's standard commercial warranty to Authorized User at no additional charge; provided, however, that Contractor shall not be responsible for coordinating services under the third party extended warranty after expiration of the Project warranty and extended warranty period(s).

e. Replacement Parts Warranty If during the regular or extended warranty period's faults develop, the Contractor shall promptly repair or, upon demand, replace the defective unit or component part affected. All costs for labor and material and transportation incurred to repair or replace defective Product during the warranty period shall be borne solely by the Contractor, and the State or Authorized User shall in no event be liable or responsible therefor.

Any part of component replaced by the Contractor under the Contract warranty shall be replaced at no cost to the Authorized User and guaranteed for the greater of: a) the warranty period under paragraph (d) above; or b) if a separate warranty for that part or component is generally offered by the manufacturer, the standard commercial warranty period offered by the manufacturer for the individual part or component.

f. Virus Warranty The Contractor represents and warrants that Licensed Software contains no known viruses. Contractor is not responsible for viruses introduced at Licensee's site.

g. 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.

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 therefrom, including but not limited to the failure or untimely performance of such services.

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.

h. Workmanship Warranty Contract warrants that all components or deliverables specified and furnished by or through Contractor under the Project Definition/Work Order meet the completion criteria set forth in the Project Definition/Work Order and any subsequent statement(s) of work, and that services will be provided in a workmanlike manner in accordance with industry standards.

i. Survival of Warranties All warranties contained in this Contract shall survive the termination of this Contract.

73. LEGAL COMPLIANCE Contractor represents and warrants that it shall secure all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental entity in conjunction with the performance of obligations under the Contract. Prior to award and during the Contract term and any renewals thereof, Contractor must establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it meets or exceeds all requirements of the Bid and Contract and any applicable laws, including but not limited to, permits, licensing, and shall provide such proof as required by the Commissioner. Failure to comply or failure to provide proof may constitute grounds for the Commissioner to cancel or suspend the Contract, in whole or in part, or to take any other action deemed necessary by the Commissioner. Contractor also agrees to disclose information and provide affirmations and certifications to comply with Sections 139-j and 139-k of the State Finance Law.

74. INDEMNIFICATION Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and save harmless the Authorized Users from suits, actions, damages and costs of every name and description relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property caused by any intentional act or negligence of Contractor, its agents, employees, partners or Subcontractors, without limitation; provided, however, that the Contractor shall not indemnify for that portion of any claim, loss or damage arising hereunder due to the negligent act or failure to act of the Authorized Users.

75. INDEMNIFICATION RELATING TO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

The Contractor will also indemnify and hold the Authorized Users harmless from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs that may be finally assessed against the Authorized Users in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or other third party proprietary right except to the extent such claims arise from the Authorized Users gross negligence or willful misconduct, provided that the State shall give Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor.

If usage shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the Authorized User the right to continue Usage (ii) to modify the service or Product so that Usage becomes non-infringing, and is of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said service or Product or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing service or Product of at least equal quality and performance. If the above remedies are not available, the parties shall terminate the Contract, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable, provided the Authorized User is given a refund for any amounts paid for the period during which Usage was not feasible.

The foregoing provisions as to protection from third party rights shall not apply to any infringement occasioned by modification by the Authorized User of any Product without Contractor's approval.

In the event that an action at law or in equity is commenced against the Authorized User arising out of a claim that the Authorized User's use of the service or Product under the Contract infringes any patent, copyright or proprietary right, and Contractor is of the opinion that the allegations in such action in whole or in part are not covered by the indemnification and defense provisions set forth in the Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Authorized User and the Office of the Attorney General in writing and shall specify to what extent Contractor believes it is obligated to defend and indemnify under the terms and conditions of the Contract. Contractor shall in such event protect the interests of the Authorized User and secure a continuance to permit the Authorized User to appear and defend its interests in cooperation with Contractor, as is appropriate, including any jurisdictional defenses the Authorized User may have. This constitutes the Authorized User's sole and exclusive remedy for patent infringement, or for infringement of any other third party proprietary right.

76. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY Except as otherwise set forth in the Indemnification Paragraphs above, the limit of liability shall be as follows:

a. Contractor's liability for any claim, loss or liability arising out of, or connected with the Products and services provided, and whether based upon default, or other liability such as breach of contract, warranty, negligence, misrepresentation or otherwise, shall in no case exceed direct damages in: (i) an amount equal to two (2) times the charges specified in the Purchase Order for the Products and services, or parts thereof forming the basis of the Authorized User's claim, (said amount not to exceed a total of twelve (12) months charges payable under the applicable

Purchase Order) or (ii) one million dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater.

b. The Authorized User may retain such monies from any amount due Contractor as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, costs and the like asserted against the Authorized User unless Contractor at the time of the presentation of claim shall demonstrate to the Authorized User's satisfaction that sufficient monies are set aside by the Contractor in the form of a bond or through insurance coverage to cover associated damages and other costs.

c. Notwithstanding the above, neither the Contractor nor the Authorized User shall be liable for any consequential, indirect or special damages of any kind which may result directly or indirectly from such performance, including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or loss of profit by the Authorized User, the Contractor, or by others.

77. INSURANCE Contractor shall secure and maintain insurance coverage as specified in the Bid Documents and shall promptly provide documentation of specified coverages to the Authorized User. If specified, the Contractor may be required to add the Authorized User as an additional insured.

THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES PERTAIN TO TECHNOLOGY & NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS

78. SOFTWARE LICENSE GRANT Where Product is acquired on a licensed basis the following shall constitute the license grant:

a. **License Scope** Licensee is granted a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, or merge the Product within its business enterprise in the United States up to the maximum licensed capacity stated on the Purchase Order. Product may be accessed, used, executed, reproduced, displayed or performed up to the capacity measured by the applicable licensing unit stated on the Purchase Order (i.e., payroll size, number of employees, CPU, MIPS, MSU, concurrent user, workstation). Licensee shall have the right to use and distribute modifications or customizations of the Product to and for use by any Authorized Users otherwise licensed to use the Product, provided that any modifications, however extensive, shall not diminish Licensor's proprietary title or interest. No license, right or interest in any trademark, trade name, or service mark is granted hereunder.

b. **License Term** The license term shall commence upon the License Effective Date, provided, however, that where an acceptance or trial period applies to the Product, the License Term shall be extended by the time period for testing, acceptance or trial.

c. **Licensed Documentation** If commercially available, Licensee shall have the option to require the Contractor to deliver, at Contractor's expense: (i) one (1) hard copy and one (1) master electronic copy of the Documentation in a mutually agreeable format; (ii) based on hard copy instructions for access by downloading from the Internet (iii) hard copies of the Product Documentation by type of license in the following amounts, unless otherwise mutually agreed:

- Individual/Named User License - one (1) copy per License
- Concurrent Users - 10 copies per site
- Processing Capacity - 10 copies per site

Software media must be in a format specified by the Authorized User, without requiring any type of conversion.

Contractor hereby grants to Licensee a perpetual license right to make, reproduce (including downloading electronic copies of the Product) and distribute, either electronically or otherwise, copies of Product Documentation as necessary to enjoy full use of the Product in accordance with the terms of license.

d. Product Technical Support & Maintenance Licensee shall have the option of electing the Product technical support and maintenance (“maintenance”) set forth in the Contract by giving written notice to Contractor any time during the Centralized Contract term. Maintenance term(s) and any renewal(s) thereof are independent of the expiration of the Centralized Contract term and will not automatically renew.

Maintenance shall include, at a minimum, (i) the provision of error corrections, updates, revisions, fixes, upgrade and new releases to Licensee, and (ii) Help Desk assistance with locally accessible “800” or toll free, local telephone service, or alternatively on-line Help Desk accessibility. Contractor shall maintain the Products so as to provide Licensee with the ability to utilize the Products in accordance with the Product documentation without significant functional downtime to its ongoing business operations during the maintenance term.

Authorized User shall not be required to purchase maintenance for use of Product, and may discontinue maintenance at the end of any current maintenance term upon notice to Contractor. In the event that Authorized User does not initially acquire or discontinues maintenance of licensed Product, it may, at any time thereafter, reinstate maintenance for Product without any additional penalties or other charges, by paying Contractor the amount which would have been due under the Contract for the period of time that such maintenance had lapsed, at then current NYS net maintenance rates.

e. Permitted License Transfers As Licensee’s business operations may be altered, expanded or diminished, licenses granted hereunder may be transferred or combined for use at an alternative or consolidated site not originally specified in the license, including transfers between Agencies (“permitted license transfers”). Licensee(s) do not have to obtain the approval of Contractor for permitted license transfers, but must give thirty (30) days prior written notice to Contractor of such move(s) and certify in writing that the Product is not in use at the prior site. There shall be no additional license or other transfer fees due Contractor, provided that: i) the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is equal to the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site (e.g., named users, seats, or MIPS); or ii) if the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the individual license capacity being transferred, a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting access will be maintained within the computer system so as to restrict use and access to the Product to that unit of licensed capacity solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In the event that the maximum capacity of the consolidated machine is greater than the combined individual license capacity of all licenses running at the consolidated or transferred site, and a logical or physical partition or other means of restricting use is not available, the fees due Contractor shall not exceed the fees otherwise payable for a single license for the upgrade capacity.

f. Restricted Use By Outsourcers / Facilities Management, Service Bureaus / or Other Third Parties Outsourcers,

facilities management or service bureaus retained by Licensee shall have the right to use the Product to maintain Licensee’s business operations, including data processing, for the time period that they are engaged in such activities, provided that: 1) Licensee gives notice to Contractor of such party, site of intended use of the Product, and means of access; and 2) such party has executed, or agrees to execute, the Product manufacturer’s standard nondisclosure or restricted use agreement which executed agreement shall be accepted by the Contractor (“Non-Disclosure Agreement”); and 3) if such party is engaged in the business of facility management, outsourcing, service bureau or other services, such third party will maintain a logical or physical partition within its computer system so as to restrict use and access to the program to that portion solely dedicated to beneficial use for Licensee. In no event shall Licensee assume any liability for third party’s compliance with the terms of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, nor shall the Non-Disclosure Agreement create or impose any liabilities on the State or Licensee.

Any third party with whom a Licensee has a relationship for a state function or business operation, shall have the temporary right to use Product (e.g., JAVA Applets), provided that such use shall be limited to the time period during which the third party is using the Product for the function or business activity.

g. Archival Back-Up and Disaster Recovery Licensee may use and copy the Product and related Documentation in connection with: i) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product for archival backup and disaster recovery procedures in the event of destruction or corruption of the Product or disasters or emergencies which require Licensee to restore backup(s) or to initiate disaster recovery procedures for its platform or operating systems; ii) reproducing a reasonable number of copies of the Product and related Documentation for cold site storage. “Cold Site” storage shall be defined as a restorable back-up copy of the Product not to be installed until and after the declaration by the Licensee of a disaster; iii) reproducing a back-up copy of the Product to run for a reasonable period of time in conjunction with a documented consolidation or transfer otherwise allowed herein. “Disaster Recovery” shall be defined as the installation and storage of Product in ready-to-execute, back-up computer systems prior to disaster or breakdown which is not used for active production or development.

h. Confidentiality Restrictions The Product is a trade secret, copyrighted and proprietary product. Licensee and its employees will keep the Product strictly confidential, and Licensee will not disclose or otherwise distribute or reproduce any Product to anyone other than as authorized under the terms of Contract. Licensee will not remove or destroy any proprietary markings of Contractor.

i. Restricted Use by Licensee Except as expressly authorized by the terms of license, Licensee shall not:

- (i) Copy the Product;
- (ii) Cause or permit reverse compilation or reverse assembly of all or any portion of the Product;
- (iii) Export the Licensed Software in violation of any U.S. Department of Commerce export administration regulations.

79. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User(s) shall have thirty (30) days from the date of delivery to accept hardware products and sixty (60) days from the date of delivery to accept all other Product. Where the

Contractor is responsible for installation, acceptance shall be from completion of installation. Failure to provide notice of acceptance or rejection or a deficiency statement to the Contractor by the end of the period provided for under this clause constitutes acceptance by the Authorized User(s) as of the expiration of that period. The License Term shall be extended by the time periods allowed for trial use, testing and acceptance unless the Commissioner or Authorized User agrees to accept the Product at completion of trial use.

Unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Authorized User and the Contractor, Authorized User shall have the option to run testing on the Product prior to acceptance, such tests and data sets to be specified by User. Where using its own data or tests, Authorized User must have the tests or representative set of data available upon delivery. This demonstration will take the form of a documented installation test, capable of observation by the Authorized User, and shall be made part of the Contractor's standard documentation. The test data shall remain accessible to the Authorized User after completion of the test.

In the event that the documented installation test cannot be completed successfully within the specified acceptance period, and the Contractor or Product is responsible for the delay, Authorized User shall have the option to cancel the order in whole or in part, or to extend the testing period for an additional thirty (30) day increment. Authorized User shall notify Contractor of acceptance upon successful completion of the documented installation test. Such cancellation shall not give rise to any cause of action against the Authorized User for damages, loss of profits, expenses, or other remuneration of any kind.

If the Authorized User elects to provide a deficiency statement specifying how the Product fails to meet the specifications within the testing period, Contractor shall have thirty (30) days to correct the deficiency, and the Authorized User shall have an additional sixty (60) days to evaluate the Product as provided herein. If the Product does not meet the specifications at the end of the extended testing period, Authorized User, upon prior written notice to Contractor, may then reject the Product and return all defective Product to Contractor, and Contractor shall refund any monies paid by the Authorized User to Contractor therefor. Costs and liabilities associated with a failure of the Product to perform in accordance with the functionality tests or product specifications during the acceptance period shall be borne fully by Contractor to the extent that said costs or liabilities shall not have been caused by negligent or willful acts or omissions of the Authorized User's agents or employees. Said costs shall be limited to the amounts set forth in the Limitation of Liability Clause for any liability for costs incurred at the direction or recommendation of Contractor.

80. AUDIT OF LICENSED PRODUCT USAGE Contractor shall have the right to periodically audit, no more than annually, at Contractor's expense, use of licensed Product at any site where a copy of the Product resides provided that: (i) Contractor gives Licensee(s) at least thirty (30) days advance written notice, (ii) such audit is conducted during such party's normal business hours, (iii) the audit is conducted by an independent auditor chosen on mutual agreement of the parties. Contractor shall recommend a minimum of three (3) auditing/accounting firms from which the Licensee will select one (1). In no case shall the Business Software Alliance (BSA), Software Publishers Association (SPA), Software and Industry Information Association (SIIA) or Federation Against Software Theft (FAST) be used directly or indirectly to conduct audits, or be recommended by Contractor; (iv) Contractor and Licensee are

each entitled to designate a representative who shall be entitled to participate, and who shall mutually agree on audit format, and simultaneously review all information obtained by the audit. Such representatives also shall be entitled to copies of all reports, data or information obtained from the audit; and (v) if the audit shows that such party is not in compliance, Licensee shall be required to purchase additional licenses or capacities necessary to bring it into compliance and shall pay for the unlicensed capacity at the NYS Net Price in effect at time of audit, or if none, then at the Contractor's U.S. Commercial list price. Once such additional licenses or capacities are purchased, Licensee shall be deemed to have been in compliance retroactively, and Licensee shall have no further liability of any kind for the unauthorized use of the software.

81. OWNERSHIP/TITLE TO PROJECT DELIVERABLES

a. Definitions

(i) For purposes of this paragraph, "Products." A deliverable furnished under this Contract by or through Contractor, including existing and custom Products, including, but not limited to: a) components of the hardware environment, b) printed materials (including but not limited to training manuals, system and user documentation, reports, drawings), whether printed in hard copy or maintained on diskette, CD, DVD or other electronic media c) third party software, d) modifications, customizations, custom programs, program listings, programming tools, data, modules, components, and e) any properties embodied therein, whether in tangible or intangible form (including but not limited to utilities, interfaces, templates, subroutines, algorithms, formulas, source code, object code).

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Existing Products." Tangible Products and intangible licensed Products that exist prior to the commencement of work under the Contract. Contractor bears the burden of proving that a particular product was in existence prior to the commencement of the Project.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph, "Custom Products." Products, preliminary, final or otherwise, which are created or developed by Contractor, its Subcontractors, partners, employees or agents for Authorized User under the Contract.

b. Title to Project Deliverables Contractor acknowledges that it is commissioned by the Authorized User to perform the services detailed in the Purchase Order. Unless otherwise specified in writing in the Bid or Purchase Order, the Authorized User shall have ownership and license rights as follows:

(i) Existing Products:

1. Hardware - Title and ownership of Existing Hardware Product shall pass to Authorized User upon Acceptance.

2. Software - Title and ownership to Existing Software Product(s) delivered by Contractor under the Contract that is normally commercially distributed on a license basis by the Contractor or other independent software vendor proprietary owner ("Existing Licensed Product"), whether or not embedded in, delivered or operating in conjunction with hardware or Custom Products, shall remain with Contractor or the proprietary owner of other independent software vendor(s) (ISV). Effective upon acceptance, such Product shall be licensed to Authorized User in accordance with the Contractor or ISV owner's standard license agreement, provided, however, that such standard license, must, at a minimum: (a) grant Authorized User a non-exclusive, perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt (unless Contractor advises Authorized User as part of

Contractor's proposal that adaptation will violate existing agreements or statutes and Contractor demonstrates such to the Authorized User's satisfaction) and distribute Existing Licensed Product to the Authorized User up to the license capacity stated in the Purchase Order or work order with all license rights necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) stated in the Bid or Authorized User's Purchase Order or work order, including the financing assignment rights set forth in paragraph (c) below; and (b) recognize the State of New York as the licensee where the Authorized User is a state agency, department, board, commission, office or institution. Where these rights are not otherwise covered by the ISV's owner's standard license agreement, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining these rights at its sole cost and expense. The Authorized User shall reproduce all copyright notices and any other legend of ownership on any copies authorized under this paragraph.

(ii.) **Custom Products:** Effective upon creation of Custom Products, Contractor hereby conveys, assigns and transfers to Authorized User the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in Custom Product(s), whether preliminary, final or otherwise, including all trademark and copyrights. Contractor hereby agrees to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the Custom Products are protected against unauthorized copying, reproduction and marketing by or through Contractor, its agents, employees, or Subcontractors. Nothing herein shall preclude the Contractor from otherwise using the related or underlying general knowledge, skills, ideas, concepts, techniques and experience developed under a Purchase Order, project definition or work order in the course of Contractor's business. Authorized User may, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor, elect in the alternative to take a non-exclusive perpetual license to Custom Products in lieu of Authorized User taking exclusive ownership and title to such Products. In such case, Licensee on behalf of all Authorized Users shall be granted a non-exclusive perpetual license to use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, adapt and distribute Custom Product as necessary to fully effect the general business purpose(s) as stated in paragraph (b)(i)(2), above.

c. Transfers or Assignments to a Third Party Financing Agent It is understood and agreed by the parties that a condition precedent to the consummation of the purchase (s) under the Contract may be the obtaining of acceptable third party financing by the Authorized User. The Authorized User shall make the sole determination of the acceptability of any financing proposal. The Authorized User will make all reasonable efforts to obtain such financing, but makes no representation that such financing has been obtained as of the date of Bid receipt. Where financing is used, Authorized User may assign or transfer its rights in Licensed Products (existing or custom) to a third party financing entity or trustee ("Trustee") as collateral where required by the terms of the financing agreement. Trustee's sole rights with respect to transferability or use of Licensed Products shall be to exclusively sublicense to Authorized User all of its Licensee's rights under the terms and conditions of the License Agreement; provided, further, however, in the event of any termination or expiration of such sublicense by reason of payment in full, all of Trustee's rights in such Licensed Product shall terminate immediately and Authorized User's prior rights to such Existing Licensed Product shall be revived.

d. Sale or License of Custom Products Involving Tax-Exempt Financing (i.e., Certificates of Participation - COPS) The Authorized User's sale or other transfer of Custom Products which were acquired by the Authorized User using third party, tax-exempt financing may not occur until such Custom Products are, or become,

useable. In the event that the Contractor wishes to obtain ownership rights to Custom Product(s), the sale or other transfer shall be at fair market value determined at the time of such sale or other transfer, and must be pursuant to a separate written agreement in a form acceptable to the Authorized User which complies with the terms of this paragraph.

e. Contractor's Obligation with Regard to ISV (Third Party) Product Where Contractor furnishes Existing Licensed Product(s) as a Project Deliverable, and sufficient rights necessary to effect the purposes of this section are not otherwise provided in the Contractor or ISV's standard license agreement, Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining from the ISV third party proprietary owner/developer the rights set forth herein to the benefit of the Authorized User at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

82. PROOF OF LICENSE The Contractor must provide to each Licensee who places a Purchase Order either: (i) the Product developer's certified License Confirmation Certificates in the name of such Licensee; or (ii) a written confirmation from the Proprietary owner accepting Product invoice as proof of license. Contractor shall submit a sample certificate, or alternatively such written confirmation from the proprietary developer. Such certificates must be in a form acceptable to the Licensee.

83. PRODUCT VERSION Purchase Orders shall be deemed to reference Manufacturer's most recently released model or version of the Product at time of order, unless an earlier model or version is specifically requested in writing by Authorized User and Contractor is willing to provide such version.

84. CHANGES TO PRODUCT OR SERVICE OFFERINGS
a. Product or Service Discontinuance Where Contractor is the Product Manufacturer/Developer, and Contractor publicly announces to all U.S. customers ("date of notice") that a Product is being withdrawn from the U.S. market or that maintenance service or technical support provided by Contractor ("withdrawn support") is no longer going to be offered, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the Commissioner, each Licensee and each Authorized User then under contract for maintenance or technical support in writing of the intended discontinuance; and (ii) continue to offer Product or withdrawn support upon the Contract terms previously offered for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) at Authorized User's option, provided that the Authorized User is under contract for maintenance on the date of notice, either: provide the Authorized User with a Product replacement or migration path with at least equivalent functionality at no additional charge to enable Authorized User to continue use and maintenance of the Product.

In the event that the Contractor is not the Product Manufacturer, Contractor shall be required to: (i) provide the notice required under the paragraph above, to the entities described within five (5) business days of Contractor receiving notice from the Product Manufacturer, and (ii) include in such notice the period of time from the date of notice that the Product Manufacturer will continue to provide Product or withdraw support.

The provisions of this subdivision (a) shall not apply or eliminate Contractor's obligations where withdrawn support is being provided by an independent Subcontractor. In the event that such Subcontractor ceases to provide service, Contractor shall be responsible for subcontracting such service, subject to state approval, to an alternate Subcontractor.

b. Product or Service Re-Bundling In the event that Contractor is the Product manufacturer and publicly announces to all U.S. customers (“date of notice”) that a Product or maintenance or technical support offering is being re-bundled in a different manner from the structure or licensing model of the prior U.S. commercial offering, Contractor shall be required to: (i) notify the State and each Authorized User in writing of the intended change; (ii) continue to provide Product or withdrawn support upon the same terms and conditions as previously offered on the then-current NYS Contract for the greater of: a) the best terms offered by Contractor to any other customer, or b) not less than twelve (12) months from the date of notice; and (iii) shall submit the proposed rebundling change to the Commissioner for approval prior to its becoming effective for the remainder of the Contract term. The provisions of this section do not apply if the Contractor is not the Product manufacturer.

85. NO HARDSTOP/PASSIVE LICENSE MONITORING

Unless an Authorized User is otherwise specifically advised to the contrary in writing at the time of order and prior to purchase, Contractor hereby warrants and represents that the Product and all Upgrades do not and will not contain any computer code that would disable the Product or Upgrades or impair in any way its operation based on the elapsing of a period of time, exceeding an authorized number of copies, advancement to a particular date or other numeral, or other similar self-destruct mechanisms (sometimes referred to as “time bombs,” “time locks,” or “drop dead” devices) or that would permit Contractor to access the Product to cause such disablement or impairment (sometimes referred to as a “trap door” device). Contractor agrees that in the event of a breach or alleged breach of this provision that Authorized User shall not have an adequate remedy at law, including monetary damages, and that Authorized User shall consequently be entitled to seek a temporary restraining order, injunction, or other form of equitable relief against the continuance of such breach, in addition to any and all remedies to which Authorized User shall be entitled.

86. SOURCE CODE ESCROW FOR LICENSED PRODUCT

If Source Code or Source Code escrow is offered by either Contractor or Product manufacturer or developer to any other commercial customers, Contractor shall either: (i) provide Licensee with the Source Code for the Product; or (ii) place the Source Code in a third party escrow arrangement with a designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with a standard escrow agreement acceptable to the State; or (iii) will certify to the State that the Product manufacturer/developer has named the State, acting by and through the Authorized User, and the Licensee, as a named beneficiary of an established escrow arrangement with its designated escrow agent who shall be named and identified to the State and Licensee, and who shall be directed to release the deposited Source Code in accordance with the terms of escrow. Source Code, as well as any corrections or enhancements to such source code, shall be updated for each new release of the Product in the same manner as provided above and such updating of escrow shall be certified to the State in writing. Contractor shall identify the escrow agent upon commencement of the Contract term and shall certify annually that the escrow remains in effect in compliance with the terms of this paragraph.

The State may release the Source Code to Licensees under this Contract who have licensed Product or obtained services, who may use such copy of the Source Code to maintain the Product.

FOR NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES ARE RESERVED BECAUSE BIDDING DOES NOT APPLY:

Clauses: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 15, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 49, 50, 52, 54 and 37

APPENDIX C

**Contractor's Executive Law, Article 15-A
(M/WBE) Requirements**

CONTRACTOR'S REQUIREMENT UNDER ARTICLE 15-A

In July of 1988, Article 15-A of the Executive Law was passed by the New York State Legislature. This legislation provides specific rules, regulations and procedures for minority and women-owned enterprise participation in certain State Contracts.

The Office of General Services (OGS) is required to implement the provisions of Article 15-A for all of its Contracts (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing and (2) for Contracts in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovation and construction. For purposes of this Contract, OGS hereby establishes a goal of 0% for minority business enterprises (MBE) participation and 0% for women-owned business enterprises (WBE) participation.

In order to be awarded an OGS Contract, every bidder must comply with the requirements, rules and regulations outlined in Article 15-A.

POLICY AND PROVISIONS

It is the policy of the State of New York to promote equality of economic opportunity for minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) in State Contracting. In order to comply with the State's objectives, the Contractors shall use "good faith efforts" to provide meaningful participation by M/WBE Subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of this Contract.

For the purpose of determining a Contractor's good faith effort to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A or to be entitled to a waiver therefrom, the Contracting agency shall consider:

- (a) Whether the Contractor has advertised in general circulation media, trade association publications, minority-focus and women-focus media. In such event,
 - (i) whether or not certified minority or women-owned businesses which have been solicited by the Contractor exhibited interest in submitting proposals for a particular project by attending a pre-bid conference; and
 - (ii) whether certified businesses which have been solicited by the Contractor have responded in a timely fashion to the Contractor's solicitations for timely competitive bid quotations prior to the Contracting agency's bid date; and
- (b) Whether there has been written notification to appropriate certified businesses that appear in the Directory of Certified M/WBE prepared pursuant to paragraph (f) of subdivision three of section three hundred eleven of this article; and
- (c) Whether the Contractor can reasonably structure the amount of work to be performed under subcontracts in order to increase the likelihood of participation by certified businesses.

- A. **GOALS** - The MBE and WBE participation goals as stated earlier are based on the availability of M/WBEs currently certified by New York State and geographically located to be able to perform the work in the region where the project is located. The total dollar value of the Contract, scope of work, the supplies and equipment necessary to perform the project, are also considerations used to determine the percentage goals.
- B. **UTILIZATION** - The Contractor may count as M/WBE participation: subcontracting part of the Contract to certified firms or purchasing supplies and equipment used to perform the terms and conditions of the Contract from certified firms.

Upon a showing by the Contractor of every good faith effort to achieve the goal for M/WBE participation in the work, the State will waive a Contractor's failure to achieve the goal M/WBE participation.

- C. **MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS OFFICER** - The Contractor shall designate an Affirmative Action officer and assign the officer the responsibility and authority to monitor the M/WBE program for this Contract. The OGS' Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises' staff is available to help in identifying certified M/WBEs.
- D. **REQUIRED REPORTS** - The Contractor is required to submit a Utilization Plan (BDC-328) to the NYS Office of General Services within five (5) days after the opening of bids for construction Contracts exceeding \$100,000 and 14 days after notification of award for commodity and service Contracts exceeding \$25,000. The Contractor must also submit the MBE/WBE Letter of Intent to Participate (BDC-49). The Letter MBE/WBE of Intent to Participate is a commitment by the Contractor and the subcontractor/supplier that the terms and conditions for M/WBE participation on this Contract are agreed to. Any modifications or changes to the agreed participation by certified M/WBEs, over the term of the Contract, must be reported on a revised Utilization Plan.
- E. **NONDISCRIMINATION** - The Contractor agrees not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, or marital status, in any respect, against any potential subcontractor, supplier, other company, firm, or enterprise in any manner relating to the performance of this Contract.

POST AWARD

The Contractor must submit to the Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises after notification of award, the following forms, by the 10th day of each month:

1. (BDC-58) Cumulative Monthly Payment Statements
2. (BDC-25) Monthly Affirmation of Income Payments

All questions regarding compliance to Article 15-A requirements or copies of the forms should be addressed to:

New York State Office of General Services
Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises
35th Floor, Room 3580
Corning Tower Building
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12242

The telephone numbers and addresses for New York State Department of Economic Development are as follows:

New York State Department of Economic Development
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
Telephone: (212) 803-2414

New York State Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
30 South Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: (518) 292-5250

APPENDIX D

CONTRACT UPDATE FORM



STATE OF NEW YORK
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES
 PROCUREMENT SERVICES GROUP
 Corning Tower – 37th Floor
 Empire State Plaza
 Albany, New York 12242

CONTRACT UPDATE FORM	
OGS CONTRACT NO.: _____	DATE OF SUBMISSION: _____
CONTRACT PERIOD: From: _____ To: _____	VENDOR CONTACT: NAME: _____ PHONE NO: _____ FAX NO.: _____ E-MAIL: _____
GROUP NO. & DESCRIPTION: _____ _____	
NOTE: Submission of this FORM does not constitute acceptance by the State of New York until approved by the appropriate New York State representative(s).	

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **This form is to be used for all contract updates. The form is to be completed in triplicate and submitted to the OGS Procurement Services Group for final approval. Vendors shall complete, sign, and notarize where indicated, and attach this form to a cover letter written on standard company letterhead. Any submission that is not complete or signed in triplicate will be rejected.**
2. *Contractor may be required to submit the Product and price information for the update in an Excel spreadsheet format in hard copy and on a floppy disk and/or electronically via e-mail to the OGS Purchasing Officer.*
3. *To expedite the processing of updates that qualify as Auto Adds, do not combine Auto Adds with Regular or Special Adds. If more than one type of update is being submitted, they should be submitted as totally separate requests.*
4. *The list must be dated and the format should be consistent with the format of the price list(s) included in the Pricing Appendix of the Contract.*
5. *The contract update must be accompanied by either the GSA Price List and revised NYS Net Price List incorporating all changes or the US Commercial Price List and revised NYS Net Price List incorporating all changes, whichever is applicable.*

COMPLETE STATEMENTS 1 THROUGH 8 BELOW:

1. This request is an: <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Add <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Add <input type="checkbox"/> Special Add See contract for an explanation of these terms.	2. The intent of this submittal is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Add new products <input type="checkbox"/> Delete products <input type="checkbox"/> Increase pricing <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce pricing <input type="checkbox"/> Amend VAR list
3. All terms and conditions of the contract shall apply to this request. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	4. All discounts as agreed to in the contract shall apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

<p>5. All discounts are: ___ GSA ___ Most Favored Nation*</p> <p>*Prices offered are the lowest offered to any similarly situated entity.</p>	<p>6. Attached documentation includes: ___ Current approved GSA (labeled "For information only") ___ Current commercial price list (labeled "For information only") ___ Revised NYS Net Price List</p>
<p>7. If other than an auto-ad, describe the Nature and Purpose of the update: _____</p>	
<p>8. For a regular add, please explain how pricing has been restructured to customers, and/or identify and describe new Products or services, which fall into a new group or category that did not exist at the time of approval of the Contract by the New York State Comptroller. If not applicable, state NA: _____</p>	

The following **CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** statement is to be included in each of the three original forms. The request must be signed by an individual given the authority to perform this action by the corporation's board of directors and the signature must be notarized.

 Signature of Authorized Vendor Representative:

<u>CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>	
STATE OF	}
	:
	ss.:
COUNTY OF	}
<p>On the ___ day of _____ in the year 20___, before me personally came: _____, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she/they reside(s) in _____; that he/she/they is (are) _____ (the President or other officer or director or attorney in fact duly appointed) of _____, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; and that he/she/they signed his/her/their name(s) thereto by authority of the board of directors of said corporation.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of Notary Public</p>	

FOR STATE USE ONLY	
<i>OGS APPROVAL:</i>	<i>OSC APPROVAL:</i>
<p>Approved _____ Approved as amended _____ Disapproved _____</p>	<p>Approved _____ Disapproved _____</p>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Date _____	Date _____

APPENDIX E

CONTRACTOR'S REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

SUBMISSION #1
MANDATORY CONTRACTOR QUESTIONNAIRE
[CONTRACTOR MUST ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS]

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1. Are you a New York State resident business?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
2. Total number of people employed by your firm:	176	
3. Total number of people employed by your firm in New York State:	7	
4. Is your company independently owned and operated?	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
5. Place of manufacture or development of Product(s) offered (Please indicate "Yes" or "No" for A, B or C): A. All NYS manufacture/development? OR B. All manufactured/developed outside NYS? OR C. Manufactured/developed in NYS and outside NYS?	Yes _____ Yes _____ Yes <u>X</u>	No _____ No _____ No _____
6. Is your firm at least 51% owned and controlled by women, or 51% owned and controlled by minority group members, i.e., Black Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaskan Native? If yes, _____ Minority Owned _____ Women Owned If yes, have you been certified or registered? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, List certification or registration authority: _____ _____	Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
7. Do any of the Products offered herein incorporate recycled materials?	Yes _____	No _____ N/A _____
8. Do any of the Products offered herein contain remanufactured components?	Yes _____	No _____ N/A _____
9. Are any of the Products offered herein Energy Star Compliant? If yes, which Products? _____ _____	Yes _____	No _____ N/A _____

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10. CONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE OF PRIOR NON-RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATIONS Pursuant to Procurement Lobbying Law (SFL §139-j)		Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
a. Has any Governmental Entity made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the individual or entity seeking to enter into the Procurement Contract in the previous four years?		Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
If yes, please answer the following question:			
b. Was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j?		Yes _____	No _____
c. If yes, was the basis for the finding of non-responsibility due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information to a governmental entity?		Yes _____	No _____
If yes, please provide details regarding the finding of non-responsibility:			
Governmental Entity:		_____	
Date of Finding of Non-responsibility:		_____	
Basis of Finding of Non-Responsibility: (add additional pages if necessary)		_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
d. Has any governmental agency terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the above-named individual or entity due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information?		Yes _____	No <u>X</u>
If yes, please provide details:			
Governmental Entity:		_____	
Date of Termination or Withholding of Contract:		_____	
Basis of Termination or Withholding: (add additional pages if necessary)		_____ _____ _____ _____	
Signature:		_____	
Printed Name:		_____	

<p>11. "NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND: MacBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES"</p> <p>In accordance with Section 165 of the State Finance Law, the Developer, by submission of this contract, certifies that it or any individual or legal entity in which the Developer holds a 10% or greater ownership interest, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership interest in the Developer, either:</p> <p>(answer Yes or No to one or both of the following, as applicable),</p> <p>A. have business operations in Northern Ireland:</p> <p>If yes,</p> <p>B. shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to non-discrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such Principles.</p>	<p>a. Yes_____</p> <p>b. Yes_____</p>	<p>a. No <u>X</u>_____</p> <p>b. No_____</p>
<p>12. NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION</p> <p>By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder 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 its knowledge and belief:</p> <p>(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;</p> <p>(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and</p> <p>(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.</p>		

Submission # 2
Contractor Information

Contractor Information (for Ordering and Contract Administration Purposes)

1. CONTRACTOR/COMPANY INFORMATION	
Company Name:	Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc.
Address: (From first page of Contract)	90 Old Sherman Turnpike
	Danbury, CT 06816
FEDERAL ID #:	06-1226353
Source Code Escrow Agent Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
2. CENTRALIZED CONTRACT	
Contract Administrator Name:	Pamela Erhart
Title:	National Bids and Grants Coordinator
Mailing Address:	2315 Dean St., Ste. 600
	St. Charles, IL 60175
Telephone Number:	800-387-1437, ext 247
E-mail:	perhart@scholastic.com
FAX:	877-242-5865
3. SALES/BILLING	
Contact Name:	Customer Service
Title:	
Address:	90 Old Sherman Turnpike, Danbury, CT 06816
Telephone Number:	888-326-6546
E-mail:	
FAX:	

Submission # 3

NYS Contract Net Price List

(NYS Net Prices For: On-line Database Access, Related Electronic
Products, Consulting & Training Services)

(to be attached by Contractor)

Pricing is Based On:

- US Commercial List, Dated _____
- GSA Supply Schedule Number _____
Dated _____
- Other: _____

NYOGS Pricing

K-12 Pricing								
# of Databases	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per FTE*	\$0.83	\$0.76	\$0.63	\$0.59	\$0.46	\$0.33	\$0.26	\$0.13
Minimums **	\$949	\$869	\$719	\$639	\$499	\$359	\$299	\$149
College Pricing								
# of Databases	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price per FTE*	\$0.83	\$0.76	\$0.63	\$0.59	\$0.46	\$0.33	\$0.26	\$0.13
Minimums **	\$949	\$869	\$719	\$639	\$499	\$359	\$299	\$149

* Methodology for counting FTEs: Grades K-5 => 75% of student population
 Grades 6 & above => 100% of student population

** Minimums are per site. Minimums do not apply when two or more institutions aggregate their user population into a single order.

The above pricing applies to the purchase of the following individual databases, and not to any future electronic product from Scholastic that may re-purpose or re-use some of the content from these databases:

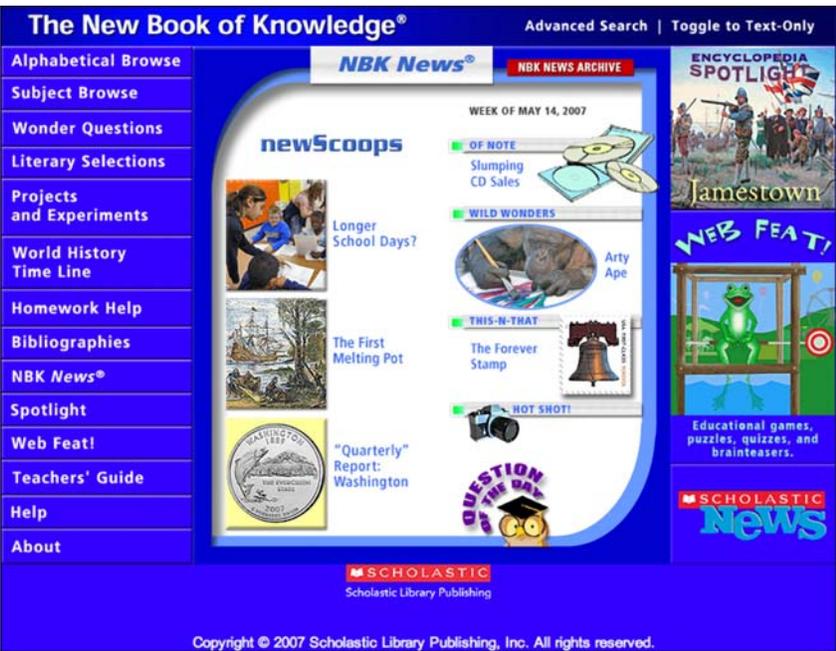
- Encyclopedia Americana
- Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
- The New Book of Knowledge
- Lands and Peoples
- Amazing Animals of the World
- The New Book of Popular Science
- America the Beautiful
- La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre

Submission # 4

Consulting & Training Services

(Description of Services, Course Offerings, & Pricing)

(to be attached by Contractor)

<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Database</p> <p>Describe what types of databases are available and elaborate on whether these databases are citation, abstract, full text, image, multimedia, etc.</p>	<p>MEET (Yes/No)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSE</p> <p>Grolier Online features eight unique, curriculum-aligned electronic online databases that allow in-depth research and learning with content updated on an ongoing basis. Two interfaces to these databases meet the skill, interest, and age levels of various users: Grolier Online Kids provides students in Grades 2-5 and English-Language Learners with age-appropriate content and a safe research environment. Grolier Online Passport is designed to meet the needs of students in Grades 6 and above. Both versions are available at the same URL. An easy toggle at the top of each page allows users to switch the interface at any time. The following databases are available:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The New Book of Knowledge</p>  <p>Copyright © 2007 Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General reference encyclopedia and weekly news covering all topics • Easy-to-search and easy-to-use interface appropriate for elementary school students, middle school students, and English-Language Learners • Encyclopedia Spotlight interactive presentation of topics of interest, with animations, videos, sound clips, and links to database entries • Homework help, including research tips; projects; and experiments • World History Timeline with links to database articles from nine beautifully illustrated historical periods • Literary selections: stories, poems, and literary excerpts • Brainteaser questions, fascinating facts, and educational games <p style="text-align: right;">(continued)</p>	<p>Yes: Eight databases and special features</p>	<p>Continuously revised by editorial staff (see the Submission #4 update section)</p>

The New Book of Knowledge provides:

- Over 9,200 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- Multimedia, including videos and sound clips
- Over 7,500 photos, illustrations, maps, and flags
- Over 1,680 timelines, tables, and fact boxes
- Over 8,000 article-to-article links
- Over 15,500 Web links to editor-approved sites

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia



- Highly appealing **reference resource with extensive multimedia content** covering all academic topics
- Geared toward students in **upper elementary school and beyond**
- Links to online **daily news sources** worldwide and **weekly feature stories**
- **Timelines** from 4,000 BC to present times
- **Event guide** to help in planning upcoming school programs, with links to relevant Web sites and encyclopedia articles
- **Teacher resources**, including lesson plans, activities, topic ideas for discussions and essays, and research starters

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia provides:

- 41,000 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 8,100 photos and illustrations
- 1,025 maps and flags
- Over 850 tables, fact boxes, and timelines
- Multimedia that includes animations, panoramas, videos, interactive cutaways, and map essays
- 100,000 article-to-article links
- Over 128,000 Web links to editor-approved sites

Encyclopedia Americana



- **General reference** encyclopedia covering all academic topics, providing students with a wealth of information for class work, homework, and research
- Appropriate for students in **junior high and high school**
- Americana Journal with three, **theme-related weekly articles and an associated Teacher's Guide**
- **Links to over 600 online newspapers** in 100 countries and 39 languages
- Engaging **introductions to exciting research topics** and project ideas, along with links to related Web sites
- Quick access to **over 1,000 biographies** of the famous, infamous, and the highly influential, organized under convenient topic headings
- Links to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) *WorldCat*[®] database of more than **50 million bibliographic records** cataloged by OCLC members

Encyclopedia Americana provides:

- 45,000 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 6,175 photos and illustrations
- Over 1,400 maps and flags
- 1,680 tables and fact boxes
- 150,000 article-to-article links
- 133,000 Web links to editor-approved sites

The New Book of Popular Science



- Coverage of **science, technology, and science in the news** that supports the core science curriculum
- Designed for **middle school and lower high school** students
- **News stories with lesson plans and study guides**, reading comprehension questions, vocabulary, discussion questions, and activities to reinforce learning and facilitate classroom instruction
- SciFiles, a **one-stop scientific fact finder** with charts and tables for measurement conversions, mathematical symbols, and other materials to enhance scientific research
- SciZone, a selection of **quizzes, games, and puzzles focused on the sciences**
- Approximately **90 safe, hands-on projects and experiments** for school and home
- Short **biographical articles on more than 2,300 important men and women in the history of science**
- SkyWatch **weekly guide to the location of the constellations** in the Northern and Southern hemispheres

The New Book of Popular Science provides:

- 2,700 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 1,300 photos and illustrations
- Over 90 tables, fact boxes, and timelines
- 3,000 article-to-article links
- 8,400 Web links to editor-approved sites

America the Beautiful



- Highly visual, fact-filled, interest-driven **social studies material that introduces upper elementary students to the states, territories, and possessions**
- **Almanac** with key demographic, economic, political, and geographical facts and statistics
- **Timelines** for each state and the nation as a whole, with topical breakouts and the ability to juxtapose states for rapid comparison
- **Profiles** on over 1,100 prominent American men and women
- Articles on **cities, famous places, explorers, Native Americans, natural wonders, and U.S. presidents**
- **Interactive quizzes and games**
- **Hundreds of Web links to age-appropriate information** on the United States

America the Beautiful provides:

- 2,600 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 4,000 photos, illustrations, maps, and flags
- Over 100 tables, fact boxes, and timelines
- 2,500 article-to-article links
- Over 10,000 Web links to editor-approved sites

La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre

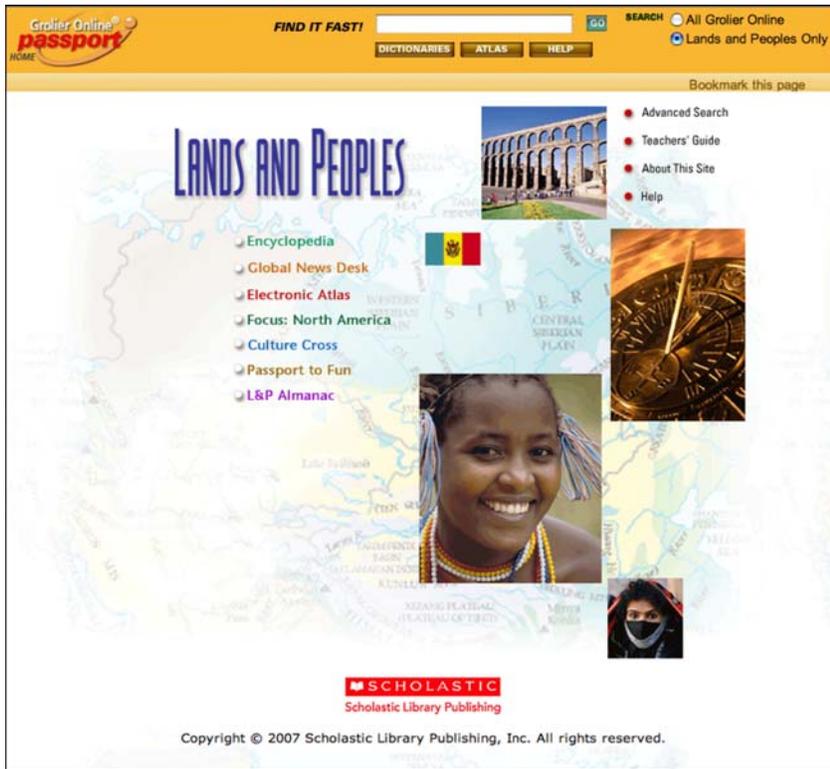


- **Only Spanish-language encyclopedia built from the ground up with a Latin perspective**
- Suitable for students in **Grades 5 and above**
- **Spanish-language news** about current events in Spain and Latin America, as well as a collection of links to major Spanish-language news organizations
- **Dynamic Spanish-language atlas** with hundreds of hot-linked maps, including thematic maps for Spanish-speaking world regions
- **Timelines** with an at-a-glance view of major periods of world history from 4000 BC to the present, with special coverage of Latin American history
- **Aula de Español, excellent resource for basic Spanish instruction and for emergent Spanish speakers** that includes vocabulary and grammar features, core readings, recipe cards from featured countries, and a calendar of holidays and festivals celebrated in Spain and Spanish America
- **Recursos para profesores, resources for use by Spanish-language teachers**, such as an annotated **bibliography** of textbooks, reference works, and works on teaching methodology; annotated **links to useful Internet resources**; and an **annotated list of films** from and about Spain and Spanish America

La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre provides:

- 19,000 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 7,000 photos and illustrations
- 570 maps and flags
- Over 500 timelines, tables, and fact boxes
- 6,500 article-to-article links
- 25,600 Web links to editor-approved sites

Lands and Peoples



Yes: Eight databases and special features

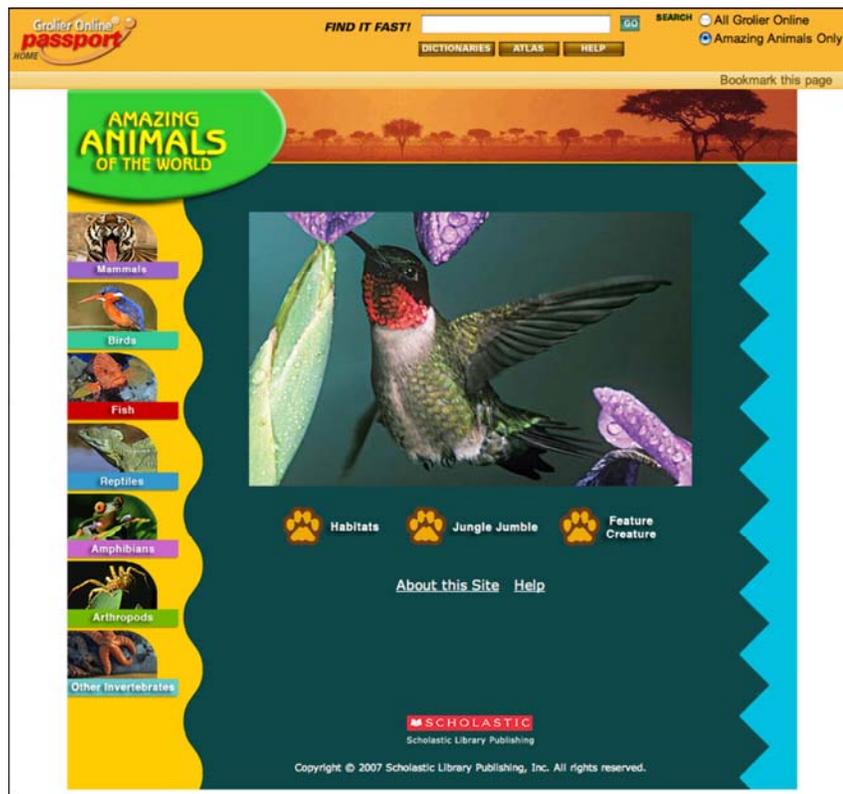
Continuously revised by editorial staff (see the Submission #4 update section)

- The most up-to-date information on **countries, cultures, and current events**
- Designed for students in **middle school and lower high school**
- **Engaging features** that help students explore the differences that make the world's lands and people unique
- **Navigation by continent, country, or state/province**, making information easy to locate to ensure research success
- **Interactive feature, Culture Cross, with instant, split-screen comparisons** of the land, people, economy, history, government, and Facts and Figures for two continents, countries, or states/provinces
- **Almanac** with reference and tabular material, including selected readings, flags, charts, and tables
- **Games, puzzles, quizzes, and brainteasers** drawing on geographical and cultural concepts

Lands and Peoples provides:

- 380 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 3,000 article-to-article links
- 5,500 Internet links
- 390 tables and fact boxes
- 1,170 maps, flags, and images

Amazing Animals of the World



- **Covers wild animals and their habitats**, including full-color photo for each and locator map
- Suitable for **beginning researchers in Grades 2 and up**
- **Multimedia presentation** that showcases selected animal-related topic and provides supplemental activities and links to encyclopedia resources
- **Distinctive icons** to help identify each class of animal: bird, fish, mammal, reptile, arthropod, or other invertebrate
- **Click-on glossary** with technical and unfamiliar scientific terms clearly defined
- **Photo Scramble** and other interactive games
- **Hundreds of prescreened Web links and suggestions for further reading** that entice children to explore the animal kingdom on their own

Amazing Animals of the World provides:

- 1,200 full-text articles
- Citations for every article
- Abstracts included in the search results
- 8,000 Internet links
- 1,200 Tables and Facts Boxes
- 2,400 maps, flags, and images
- Links to animal sounds

Special ancillary resources provided by Grolier Online

Interactive Atlas

The screenshot shows the Grolier Online Atlas interface. At the top, there is a 'Map Search' bar and the 'ATLAS' logo. Below the search bar, there are links for 'Geopolitical', 'Global Distances', and 'Map Help'. The main content area displays a map of Paris, France, with a pop-up window for the Eiffel Tower. The pop-up window features a photograph of the Eiffel Tower illuminated at night with fireworks. Below the photo, the text reads: 'Eiffel Tower' followed by 'The Eiffel Tower, one of Europe's best-known landmarks, was created from more than 12,000 wrought-iron parts and reaches a height of 1,050 feet (320 meters). © Steve Allen/Brand X Pictures'. Below the text is a 'CLOSE' button. To the left of the pop-up, there are 'Related Articles' with links to 'Paris (France)' in various encyclopedias. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2007 Scholastic Library Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.'

- **850 maps** with extensive drill-down capabilities and links to encyclopedia articles
- **Geopolitical and historical maps**
- **Maps of exploration routes**
- **Thematic maps** encompassing agriculture, geology, languages, temperature, population, precipitation, vegetation, and climactic zones
- **Map search**
- **Global distances**
- **Longitude and latitude calculations**

Seven Dictionaries and Thesauri

The Houghton-Mifflin family of dictionaries and thesauri is available from all of the encyclopedias within Grolier Online. It includes:

- *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 4th Ed.*
- *Roget's II: The New Thesaurus, 3rd Ed.*
- *The American Heritage® Children's Dictionary*
- *The American Heritage® Children's Thesaurus*
- *The American Heritage® Student Dictionary*
- *The American Heritage® Spanish to English Dictionary*
- *The American Heritage® English to Spanish Dictionary*

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Every word within *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*, has an audio pronunciation, which can be played by clicking on the speaker icon next to the word. Both *The American Heritage Spanish to English Dictionary* and the *American Heritage English to Spanish Dictionary* also include pronunciations for each word within the dictionaries, a useful feature for students learning either English or Spanish.

Each encyclopedia within Grolier Online has been assigned a “primary” dictionary based on age-appropriateness. When a user selects the Dictionaries button from the GO frame, the primary dictionary for the encyclopedia displayed is set as the default, but all dictionaries and thesauri to which the user has been authenticated (based on the subscription profile), are also listed, enabling the user to select any one of them quickly.

Feature Showcase

This multimedia-rich feature learning module, which is accessible from both Grolier Online environments, supports student research on topics that are aligned to the curriculum and important global events. The content in the version that is included in GO Kids is targeted to meet the needs of younger learners, while the version in the GO Passport environment is more comprehensive and explores topics in further depth and detail. Feature Showcase is updated two-three times annually and also includes an archive of past Showcases.

Today Is...

This **daily feature** is identical in both environments and **includes birthdays and historical events associated with each day of the year.** Users may view events that happened on the current day, search on any other day to see events that occurred on that day, or visit the Library of Congress Today in History site.

NewsNow

This **current events module is customized** for the Kids and Passport learning environments. In GO Kids it is geared toward younger students and is based exclusively on The New Book of Knowledge’s popular NewScoops. It includes **three news stories weekly and adds context** by providing links to appropriate encyclopedia articles to help frame these events within a broader historical perspective. **Lesson plans and activities** are also included with this offering.

GO Passport’s NewsNow feature differs significantly from its GO Kids counterpart. Located in the center of the GO Passport home page, this powerful current events section contains a number of **comprehensive news modules, including a daily news feed from the Associated Press;** an International News Desk and World Newspapers section, which focus on world news coverage; weekly Feature Stories; and **ProCon debates** and other resources aimed at **promoting critical thinking skills in older students.**

State Standard Correlations for Encyclopedia Articles

As of the beginning of 2008, 30,000 of the most commonly searched articles will be correlated to state and national curriculum standards, including the Learning Standards for New York State. The remaining articles will be correlated over the coming months. Users can view the related standards for a given article, and they will also be able to “drill down” on state curriculum standards to view related Grolier Online content and lesson plans.

Magazines and Periodicals

Grolier Online contains **articles from approximately 1,300 publications licensed from EBSCO Content Solutions**, a division of EBSCO Publishing Company. **Articles are accessible directly from encyclopedia entries for rapid access, along with full-text search capabilities.** EBSCO content is available from **Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, and The New Book of Knowledge.** Grolier Online incorporates two magazine collections into its offerings.

The first, aimed at a younger audience, is accessible through articles in The New Book of Knowledge and includes magazines such as *Animals Today*, *National Wildlife*, and *Ranger Rick*, as well as publications aimed at helping students with art, science, and creative writing projects (*Storyworks*, *SuperScience*, *Writing*, *Monkeyshines*, *Creative Kids*, and many others).

The second collection is targeted toward a slightly older student, and is available both from the *Encyclopedia Americana* and the *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*. This collection includes leading news resources such as *Newsweek* and *Business Week*, as well as reputable academic journals and institutional publications (such as *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *World Literature Today*, among many others).

For the list of periodicals currently available with Grolier Online, please see the Enclosure 1 tab in the binder.

Links to International and United States Newspapers

Web links to International Newspapers in the language they are published are accessible via Encyclopedia Americana. To access online newspapers from a specific nation, users can go to *News Source* and select a country. Many United States newspapers are also available, including *The New York Times* and *The New York Daily News*.

For Educators

This resource center has been developed specifically to **meet the needs of educators, including teachers, librarians, and media specialists.** It includes lesson plans, ProCon debates, and other resources geared toward helping educators incorporate Grolier Online into lessons that they might be teaching in the classroom, library, or media center. **As of 2006, every lesson plan is aligned to state curriculum standards as well as to national standards.**

Bibliographic citations in three styles for each article

Each article automatically includes bibliographic citations in these formats:

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- *Chicago Manual of Style*
- American Psychological Association (APA)

<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Database</p> <p>Describe the subject categories covered by the databases including but not necessarily limited to the following subject categories: general, business, social sciences, health, education, science, technology and law.</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>The eight Grolier Online databases provide a comprehensive resource for research and learning across all subject areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Book of Knowledge is a general knowledge database that covers all curricular subjects for elementary and middle school-age users, including social sciences, health, science, language arts, current events, and technology. (Also suitable for general public.) • Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia is a general knowledge database that covers all academic topics for middle school-age users and beyond, including science, fine arts, social studies, math, and current events. (Also suitable for general public.) • Encyclopedia Americana is a general knowledge database that covers all academic subjects for middle school-age users and beyond, including science, language arts, fine arts, social studies, math, and current events. (Also suitable for general public.) • The New Book of Popular Science is a science database for middle school-age and high school-age users that covers science, technology, and science in the news. (Also suitable for general public.) • America the Beautiful is a social studies database for elementary school-age and middle school-age users that covers history, geography, economy, demography, government, and culture of the United States. (Also suitable for general public.) • La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre is a Spanish-language general knowledge database for middle school and high school-age users with special coverage of Spanish-language news stories, timelines, maps, dynamic atlas, and calendar of holidays. (Also suitable for general public.) • Lands and Peoples is a social studies database for middle school and high school-age users that covers topics such as current events, cultures, countries around the world, states in the U.S., geography, economy, history, and government. (Also suitable for general public.) • Amazing Animals of the World is a science database for elementary, middle, and high school-age students that covers wild animals, their habitats, and related scientific terms. (Also suitable for general public.) 	<p>Y</p>	<p>New content is continuously being added and out-of-date information deleted.</p>

<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Database</p> <p>Describe the years of coverage of the databases (e.g. from 1995 to the present). Provide a statement that describes the range of coverage currently available and the ongoing development of the databases including specific time related goals (e.g. databases dating back to 2000 under development with completion expected in 2008).</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>Because Grolier Online is a comprehensive digital reference source, it covers information from all the time periods up to and including the present. All of the database encyclopedia entries, news content, and Web links are revised and updated regularly to keep the information up-to-date and broaden the research and learning environment. This includes adding new databases, such as Amazing Animals of the World released in 2006. (Please see the update section in Submission #4 for more details.)</p> <p>Grolier Online provides access to approximately 1,300 magazines and periodicals ranging over a six-year period under a license with EBSCO Content Solutions, an imprint of EBSCO Publishing Company. The articles are accessible directly from the Search Results page and from the encyclopedia entries in The New Book of Knowledge, Encyclopedia Americana, and Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia. (Please see the Enclosure 1 tab in the binder for a list of the periodicals currently accessible through Grolier Online.)</p> <p>A major initiative for 2008 is correlating all of the articles to state and national curriculum standards. We expect to have over 30,000 of the most currently searched articles correlated by early 2008, with the remaining articles correlated over the coming months.</p> <p>In addition, recent product enhancements have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveling all of the English-language articles in Grolier Online using the Lexile Framework[®] for Reading • Adding bibliographic citations in three commonly used formats with every Grolier Online article • Aligning all of the lesson plans available in the For Educators section of Grolier Online to state and national standards • Adding new distinguished contributors to the encyclopedia rosters that include historians, authors, university professors, educational experts, anthropologists, bilingual educators, scientists, and others • Adding biographies of significant people of today, business leaders, political figures, military leaders, historical figures, scientists, Nobel prize winners, and others • Adding new entries that reflect today’s issues or expand upon the knowledge base in significant areas • Replacing or rewriting entries to stay current, such as covering the reclassification of Pluto as a dwarf planet and highlighting the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in the Olympic Games feature 	<p>Y</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

SPECIFICATION – Description of Database Are the databases indexed? If so, describe indexing method.	MEET (Y/N)	ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)
<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>Grolier Online users have keyword search capability that provides them with global search results across all the databases. Both younger (GO Kids) and older (GO Passport) readers can perform their own searches across the entire age-appropriate Web links collection. The user can enter any word, word string, or group of words into the Find it Fast! search box and retrieve links to relevant Internet resources.</p> <p>The Grolier Internet Index (GII) provides a collection of 70,000 handpicked Web sites offering users access to online resources closely related to topics introduced in Grolier Online encyclopedia articles. This continually evolving and growing set of online resources has been linked to more than 80,000 individual encyclopedia articles to date, generating more than 340,000 links between encyclopedia articles and Web sites.</p> <p>There is an extraordinary depth and breadth to the Grolier Internet Index, as Web sites have been researched across a wide variety of subject areas to enhance the information found in our encyclopedia databases. Specific types of information available through the Grolier Internet Index Web site collection include primary source documents, official government publications, multimedia, and images.</p> <p>Information resources are continuously gathered from all over the world, and Web sites are evaluated by each encyclopedia’s editorial staff to ensure that the resources are authoritative and appropriate. In addition to our internally developed standards, we follow the guidelines established by the American Library Association on its ‘Great Web Sites for Kids Selection Criteria’ Web page.</p> <p>While Grolier Online is most often linked to the English version of Web sites, the user is also guided to multilingual Web sites when appropriate. Examples include government Web sites, texts in their original language as well as in translation (such as Shi Jing in Chinese and English, and Golden Age Sonnets in Spanish and in English), and official museum Web sites (such as the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museo Nacional del Prado, or the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts).</p> <p>For La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre, we have also established a fine collection of Spanish-language Web sites relating to Latino/Hispanic culture, history, and geography resources. Spanish-language Web sites are also listed first in this product, under the heading “En español.”</p> <p>We focus on age-appropriate and reading level-appropriate Internet resources with authoritative content and verifiable provenance. Our preferences among different types of resources include primary texts, study modules, interactive activities, multimedia (images, audio, video, animation), and teacher resources. Each year, we also apply significant effort to identifying and adding Web resources on “hot topics” that may be of interest to students. In 2006, such topics included, among others, new developments in science and technology, energy-related issues, and careers.</p> <p>Annotations give readers a “snapshot” explanation of the content of the Web site as well as to inform them about the Web site’s exact provenance—where the content of the site comes from and who created it or maintains it. This information is essential for both teachers assigning Web sites to explore in the classroom and for students doing their own research. On many Web sites, even highly reputable ones, this data is hard to find. That is why the Grolier Internet Index includes the provenance information in every annotation to each Web site linked to our middle school and high school-level products, and in most annotations (in a simplified form) linked to The New Book of Knowledge articles.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Web sites, articles, links</p>	<p>Continuous</p>

SPECIFICATION – Description of Database How frequently are the databases updated? Describe the procedures for updating databases.	MEET (Y/N)	ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)
<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>To ensure currency, Grolier Online encyclopedia entries are continuously reviewed and revised by the editorial staff through extensive research. They gather information resources in all the content areas from around the world. New contributors, specialists in their fields, are added on a regular basis to share their knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>The Grolier Internet Index continues to maintain a stringent Web site review and revision policy. Updates for each encyclopedia set are posted online monthly. Editorial review and revision of “dead” and “moved” Web sites is continuous. Grolier Online has also taken the extra step to develop proprietary software to review Web sites for inappropriate (i.e., adult) content. These programs are run daily, and any inappropriate sites are removed as soon as they are detected.</p> <p>The update schedule for each database consists of the following:</p> <p>The New Book of Knowledge <i>Main:</i> quarterly <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> weekly <i>Web Feat:</i> monthly <i>Encyclopedia Spotlight:</i> three times per year <i>Question of the Day:</i> daily</p> <p>Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia <i>Main:</i> quarterly <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> weekly <i>Teacher Resources:</i> monthly</p> <p>Encyclopedia Americana <i>Main:</i> quarterly <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> weekly <i>Editor’s Picks:</i> weekly</p> <p>The New Book of Popular Science <i>Main:</i> semi-annually <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> weekly</p> <p>America the Beautiful <i>Main:</i> semi-annually <i>Links:</i> monthly</p> <p>La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre <i>Main:</i> semi-annually <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> monthly</p> <p>Lands and Peoples <i>Main:</i> semi-annually <i>Links:</i> monthly <i>News:</i> weekly</p> <p>Amazing Animals of the World Entries are continuously reviewed</p> <p>Accessible from the Grolier Online Home pages <i>Today Is:</i> daily <i>Feature Showcase:</i> three times per year <i>NewsNow:</i> weekly</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Y</p> <p>Reviewed continuously and revised regularly</p>	

<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Database Can the vendor customize electronic journals and database collections? Describe current capabilities as well as costs for this service.</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE An institution can customize its subscription by choosing all or some of the eight databases. There is no cost for customizing a package, but the prices for subscriptions will vary according to the number of databases selected. (Please see the pricing chart and options in Appendix F, Submission #3 for details.) All the features provided within a particular database are standard and included in the price. The features on the Home pages are accessible with any subscription.</p>	<p>Y</p>	
<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Searching Capabilities Does the system allow simple command oriented searching? If so, is searching by author, name, company, title, subject and keywords?</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE The Grolier Online search functionality is intuitive and age-appropriate to the two environments—GO Kids designed for students in Grades 2-5 and GO Passport designed for Grades 6 and above. Users will find that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grolier Online provides a global search across all of the databases provided in an institution’s subscription. • Users can search the databases by article, title, subject, phrases, keywords, reading level in Lexile measures, and browse. • As of the beginning of 2008, over 30,000 of the most commonly searched articles will be searchable by state or national curriculum standards. • Search features, such as default search type, can be set at the institutional level. • Search capabilities include the use of wildcards and truncation. • NewsNow, as accessible from the GO Passport Home page, allows users to search by continent, country, international organization, date, and text. • The interactive atlas, accessible from both the GO Passport and GO Kids Home pages, contains a Map Search. Users can search by term or place name. <p>In addition, the Grolier Online For Educators section contains an archive of lesson plans searchable by grade, subject, and state standards.</p>	<p>Y</p>	
<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Searching Capabilities Does the system provide for basic and more sophisticated Boolean searching ("and", "or", "not")? Describe the systems functionality in this regard.</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE The Advanced Search page enables users to use the "and," "or," and "not" Boolean operators. With the “and” operator, users can limit the search by the number of words, same sentence, or same paragraph. The Advanced Search also includes the ability to limit the search to titles only and to search for English-language articles by Lexile® range. Users can enter or add an exact phrase to their search query on the Advanced Search page. The Search Tips link, accessed on the Advanced Search page, describes the options.</p>	<p>Y</p>	

<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Searching Capabilities When long searches are identified, does the system provide options for continuing the search, previewing some of the hits, narrowing the search, or terminating the search?</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE Users can click on “Search the search results,” “More like this,” and “Did you mean?” links to continue and refine their search. The Search Results page previews the hits by including a summary phrase or sentence for each one. Users can narrow their search by databases, encyclopedia articles, websites, media, news feature stories, and magazines. Users can view search results by relevancy and set the number of hits on a Search Results page. Individual jump links for each Search Results page are provided for easy viewing and quick loading. At any time, users can terminate their search by clicking on an icon that brings them back to the Grolier Online Home page where they began their search.</p>	<p>Y</p>	
<p>SPECIFICATION – Description of Searching Capabilities Describe other searching features which may be important to end users</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE Grolier Online is unique in that it provides a global search across all licensed databases, including encyclopedia entries, periodicals, and Web links. This functionality provides users with quick, thorough search results. In addition, educators can target learning by searching articles by Lexile® level, a highly accurate way of matching text to readers’ reading ability. In 2008, they will be able to search for articles correlated to state and national standards.</p> <p>Grolier Online is committed to supporting individuals with disabilities and provides the following accommodations:</p> <p>All Grolier Online databases are section 508 compliant. Additionally, some Grolier Online (GO) databases also comply to the more rigorous W3C standards, via text-only versions. The GO databases that include "text-only" versions are: <i>Encyclopedia Americana</i>, <i>Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia</i>, <i>New Book of Knowledge</i>, <i>La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre</i>, and <i>The New Book of Popular Science</i>. Currently, the text-only versions of Grolier Online's encyclopedia databases conform to Level AA of the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative, which means that they comply with all requirements identified by the W3C as priorities 1 and 2.</p> <p>Grolier Online follows these specific ADA Compliance Guidelines:</p> <p><i>Site Maps</i> The main page of the text-only version is a site map with links to every part of the encyclopedia. Many pages throughout the encyclopedia include toggle links to enable the user to move quickly and easily between the graphic and text-only versions.</p> <p><i>Keyboard shortcuts</i> Keyboard shortcuts commonly supported by alternative Web browsers, as described in the WAI guidelines, along with others defined specifically for use within the encyclopedias, have been included to provide quick navigation.</p> <p><i>Bypass Links</i> Invisible graphic links, with text equivalents, are available on all pages to help the user skip navigation bars or other repeated functions, thereby facilitating direct access to content or other main areas of a page.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>2008 for searching for articles correlated to state and national standards</p>

<p><i>Limited Use of Graphic Buttons</i> Since some users have difficulty reading text on graphic images, and since there is very limited provision in Web browsers for enlarging graphics, thereby allowing the text on the graphic to be readable for those with impaired sight, most links for navigating the encyclopedia have been implemented as text links. This enables the user to increase the size of the font, and therefore the text of the link, as needed.</p> <p><i>Text Alternatives</i> Every graphic image in the encyclopedia has a text alternative. This is accomplished by providing "alt" information for the graphic. Browsers of Web content support "alt" and will therefore display or read this text information for those unable to display or view the image.</p> <p><i>Table Summaries</i> All complex content tables in the encyclopedia have been supplied with text summaries to provide a text equivalent for a table that may be unreadable by some special media browsers.</p> <p><i>Design Considerations</i> Several design factors have been employed to ensure that text-only pages have significant contrast between background and foreground images and text.</p> <p><i>Style sheets</i> Style sheets have been utilized in the ADA-compliant versions, as they allow for a document's structure to play a more significant role in its presentation on the Web, making it easier for assistive applications to render them.</p> <p><i>Page movement</i> Special care has been taken to avoid page movement or flickering to avoid adversely affecting people with photosensitive epilepsy.</p> <p><i>Pop-ups</i> No pop-up pages exist in the text-only versions, as recommended in the case of browsers such as Lynx. Instead, full-size pages display selection lists and full-size images.</p>		
<p>SPECIFICATION – Help/Training Does the system provide a help function at any time during the search?</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>The Search Results page, as well as the GO Passport and GO Kids Home pages, contains a prominently displayed link to a Help section. Users can read about how to use the Search and Advanced Search functions in both the GO Passport and the GO Kids environments. The information is easy-to-understand and highly explanatory. Grolier Online also provides a User's Guide, downloadable from the For Educator's section, that provides tips on how to conduct searches.</p>	<p>Y</p>	

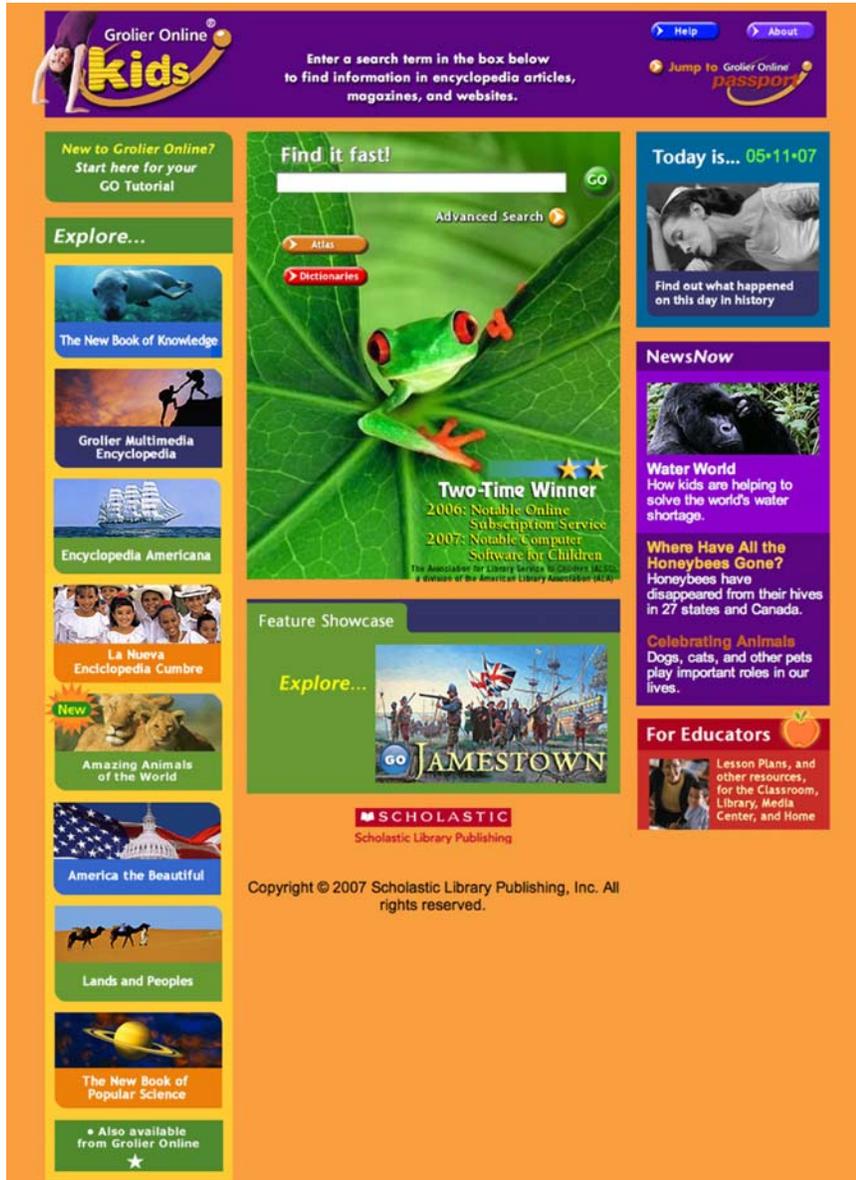
SPECIFICATION – Help/Training Does the system include: provision of an on-line general tutorial on conducting searches, provision of different levels of instruction (e.g. beginner, advanced) printed training materials, training directly from vendor.	MEET (Y/N)	ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)
<p>RESPONSE</p> <p>Grolier Online provides a variety of training venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grolier Online Tutorial</u>, accessible from the GO Passport Home page, GO Kids Home page, and For Educators section: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides a basic introduction to Grolier Online features and how to navigate through the content-rich reference environment ○ Lasts about 10-minutes and is available in flash, html, and printable versions ○ Covers the search functionalities used in the eight databases, the atlas, the NewsNow feature, and the interactive atlas ○ Provides basic information about the other Grolier Online features to enhance use of the system • <u>Grolier Online User’s Guide</u>, which can be read online or downloaded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides a database overview of available features and information on how to conduct global searches ○ Contains project and inquiry-based student activities designed to help students improve their navigation and search skills ○ Provides research project and inquiry-based student activities that help students improve their online research skills ○ Includes answer keys for the student activities (For more information, please see the Enclosure 2 tab of this binder for a printed copy of the User’s Guide.) • <u>Grolier Online University</u>, which conducts free, monthly <u>WEBEX-delivered training sessions</u> for both new and existing Grolier Online customers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides one-hour training sessions that will enable authorized users to discover exciting program features and learn how to incorporate Grolier Online into libraries and classrooms ○ Covers topics for novices, such as the features of the two interfaces, GO Passport and GO Kids, and how to best use the reference resources to increase learning for all users ○ Covers topics to help educators and librarians go beyond the basics, such as connecting Grolier Online to the curriculum and differentiating resources ○ Presents sessions that help non-speaking Spanish educators and librarians use La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre to serve the Spanish-speaking community and students who are learning Spanish • <i>GO News</i>, which is mailed to all Grolier Online subscribers twice during the school year and packs each issue with activities and teacher tips to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Align Grolier Online with lesson plans ○ Emphasize interdisciplinary learning ○ Develop students' research skills ○ Encourage individual and collaborative student projects ○ Challenge students to build better research and writing skills • <i>GO Update</i>, which is e-mailed five times per school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contains tips to help teachers and librarians weave Grolier Online features into the curricula <p>Presents strategies that help students complete research tasks with ease, efficiency, and success</p>	<p>Y</p>	

<p>SPECIFICATION –Display, Print, Download Function</p> <p>Does the system provide screens that are clear and easy to interpret? Labels for fields should be easily interpreted.</p>	<p>MEET (Y/N)</p>	<p>ANTICIPATED ENHANCEMENT (DATE)</p>
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<p>RESPONSE</p>		
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Grolier Online Kids Sample Home Page

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The two Grolier Online user interfaces, GO Kids and GO Passport, are designed to be intuitive with screens that are easy to interpret. The Kids Home page presents a high-interest, graphical environment for younger students, while the Passport Home page is tailored for older readers. With both environments, there are clear graphical links to the databases and other features, as well as easy-to-read font sizes and styles for the printed content. Each Home page has an easy-to-see toggle to the other environment.

Since the ability to search is perhaps the most important tool of any researcher, a large and easy to find "Find it Fast!" search box is located at the top of the home page of both the Kids and Passport environments. This search box is also part of the frame that is included at the top of almost all subsequent pages within Grolier Online, so students can always enter new search terms easily.

Grolier Online Passport Sample Home Page

Grolier Online passport
Two-Time Winner
2006: Notable Online Subscription Service
2007: Notable Computer Software for Children
The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a Division of the American Library Association (ALA)

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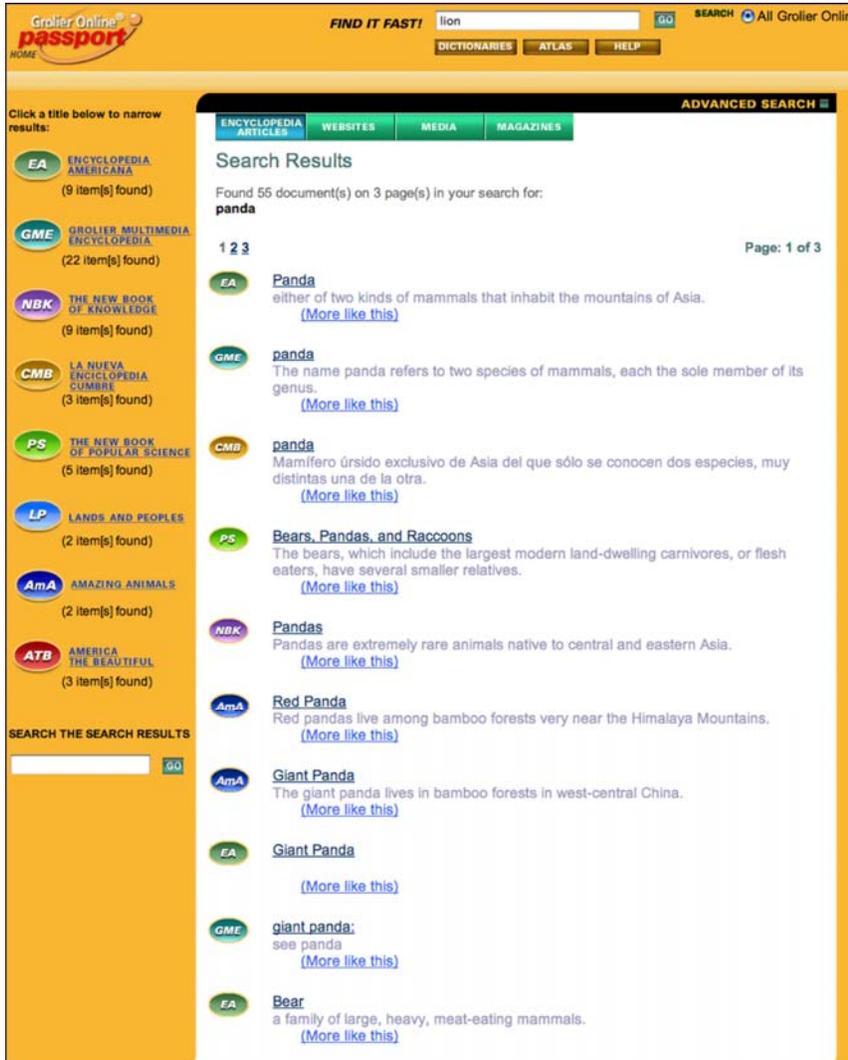
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Grolier Online Sample Search Results Page



Search results screens are clearly laid out so that the user can easily view the hits, the databases they stem from, a preview statement, and additional search options. By simply entering a term or terms into this box and clicking "GO," users will search not only all licensed Grolier Online databases, but also comprehensive collections of magazine articles; safe, editorially selected Web sites; media; and news stories (all customized for GO Kids and GO Passport environments).

SPECIFICATION – Display, Print, Download Function

Does the system provide a method of specifying items to print or download?

MEET (Y/N)

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After users click on an entry link on the Search Results page and load an article, they have the option of printing out the full article, printing out a section of it, e-mailing the article, or bookmarking it to an Internet browser. All of these options are clearly displayed on buttons at the top of the screen for the article.

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