

**STATEWIDE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

**A Contract between the Western States Contracting Alliance  
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Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 277.100, NRS 277.110, NRS 333.162(1) (d), and NRS 333.480 the Chief of the Purchasing Division of Nevada is authorized to enter into cooperative group-contracting consortium.

The Western States Contracting Alliance is a cooperative group-contracting consortium for state government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, etc.,) for the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai'i, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. **REQUIRED APPROVAL.** This contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Western States Contracting Alliance Board of Directors.
2. **DEFINITIONS.** "WSCA" means the Western States Contracting Alliance. "State" and/or "Lead State" means the State of Nevada and its state agencies, officers, employees and immune contractors as defined in NRS 41.0307. "Participating State(s)" means state(s) that have signed (and not revoked) an intent to Contract at the time of the award of this contract, or who have executed a Participating Addendum. "Buyer" means any WSCA agency or political subdivision participating under this contract. "Contractor" and/or Contracting Agency" means a person or entity that performs services and/or provides goods for WSCA under the terms and conditions set forth in this contract. "Solicitation" means RFP # 1862 incorporated herein as Attachment BB. "Fiscal Year" is defined as the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year.
3. **CONTRACT TERM.** This contract shall be effective from March 1, 2011 subject to WSCA Board of Directors' approval to February 28, 2014, unless sooner terminated by either party as specified in paragraph (21).

4. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT; NOTICE. Unless otherwise stated in the special terms and conditions, any contract entered into as a result of the Solicitation may be canceled by either party upon written notice sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating State may cancel its participation upon thirty (30) days written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the special terms and conditions of the Solicitation. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision shall not effect the rights and obligations attending orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of any Participating State to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for goods/services delivered and accepted, and rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any order. Cancellation of the contract due to Contractor default may be immediate.

5. INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS. The parties agree that the scope of work shall be specifically described; this contract incorporates the following attachments in descending order of constructive precedence:

ATTACHMENT AA: STATE OF NEVADA SOLICITATION # 1862 and all AMENDMENTS.

ATTACHMENT BB: CONTRACTOR'S ORIGINAL RESPONSE

A Contractor's attachment shall not contradict or supersede any WSCA specifications, terms or conditions without written evidence of mutual assent to such change appearing in this contract.

7. ASSENT. The parties agree that the terms and conditions listed on incorporated attachments of this contract are also specifically a part of this contract and are limited only by their respective order of precedence and any limitations specified.

8. BID SPECIFICATIONS. Contractor certifies that any deviation from the specifications in the scope of work, incorporated herein as part of Attachment BB, have been clearly indicated by Contractor in its response, incorporated herein as Attachment CC; otherwise, it will be considered that the bid is in strict compliance. Any BRAND NAMES or manufacturers' numbers are stated in the specifications are intended to establish a standard only and are not restrictive unless the Solicitation states "no substitute," and unless so stated, bids have been considered on other makes, models or brands having comparable quality, style, workmanship and performance characteristics. Alternate bids offering lower quality or inferior performance have not been considered.

9. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS, AND AWARD. WSCA has the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts of bids, and to waive informalities therein. This contract is based the lowest responsive and responsible bid and meets the specifications of the Solicitation and terms and conditions thereof. Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, WSCA has the right to award items separately or by grouping items in a total lot.

10. BID SAMPLES. Any required samples have been specifically requested in the Solicitation. Samples, when required, have been furnished free of charge. Except for those samples destroyed or mutilated in testing, samples will be returned at a bidder's request, transportation collect.

11. CONSIDERATION. The parties agree that Contractor will provide the services specified in paragraph (5) at a cost as listed in the Pricing Section of Contractors Proposal known as Attachment CC Unless otherwise stated in the special terms and conditions, for the purpose of award, offers made in accordance

with the Solicitation must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening.

Contracted prices represent ceiling prices for the supplies and services offered. The Contractor shall report to the Lead State any price reduction or discount, or other more favorable terms offered to any Purchasing Entity and the Contractor agrees to negotiate in good faith to re-establish ceiling prices or other more favorable terms and conditions applicable to future orders. Bid prices must remain firm for the full term of the contract. In the case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern. WSCA does not guarantee to purchase any amount under this contract. Estimated quantities in the Solicitation are for bidding purposes only and are not to be construed as a guarantee to purchase any amount. Unless otherwise stated in the special terms and conditions offers made in accordance with the Solicitation must be good and firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of bid opening. Bid prices must remain firm for the full term of the contract. In the case of error in the extension of prices in the bid, the unit prices will govern. If Contractor has quoted a cash discount based upon early payment; discounts offered for less than thirty (30) days have not been considered in making the award. The date from which discount time is calculated shall be the date a correct invoice is received or receipt of shipment, whichever is later; except that if testing is performed, the date shall be the date of acceptance of the merchandise. WSCA is not liable for any costs incurred by the bidder in proposal preparation.

12. PAYMENT. Payment for completion of a contract is normally made within thirty (30) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After forty-five (45) days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one (1) percent per month on the outstanding balance. Payments will be remitted by mail. Payments may be made via a Participating State's "Purchasing Card."

13. TAXES. Prices shall be exclusive of state sales and federal excise taxes. Where a Participating State is not exempt from sales taxes on sales within its state, the Contractor shall add the sales taxes on the billing invoice as a separate entry. Contractor will be responsible to pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. The Lead State's real property and personal property taxes are the responsibility of Contractor in accordance with NRS 361.157 and NRS 361.159. Contractor agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this contract. Nevada may set-off against consideration due any delinquent government obligation in accordance with NRS 353C.190.

14. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPATING STATES. Financial obligations of Participating States are limited to the orders placed by the departments or other state agencies and institutions having available funds. Participating States incur no financial obligations on behalf of political subdivisions. Unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation, the resulting award(s) will be permissive.

15. ORDER NUMBERS. Contract order and purchase order numbers shall be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, shipping labels, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.

16. REPORTS. The Contractor shall submit quarterly reports to the WSCA Contract Administrator showing the quantities and dollar volume of purchases by each Participating State.

17. DELIVERY. The prices bid shall be the delivered price to any WSCA state agency or political subdivision. All deliveries shall be F.O.B. destination with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contractor. Responsibility and liability for loss or damage shall remain with the Contractor until final inspection and acceptance, when responsibility shall pass to the Buyer except as to latent defects, fraud and Contractor's warranty obligations. The minimum shipment amount will be found in the

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special terms and conditions. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back-ordered shall be shipped without charge.

18. HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INFORMATION. The Contractor will provide one set of the appropriate material safety data sheet(s) and container label(s) upon delivery of a hazardous material to any Buyer. All safety data sheets and labels will be in accordance with each Participating State's requirements.

19. INSPECTIONS. Goods furnished under this contract shall be subject to inspection and test by the Buyer at times and places determined by the Buyer. If the Buyer finds goods furnished to be incomplete or in non-compliance with bid specifications, the Buyer may reject the goods and require Contractor to either correct them without charge or deliver them at a reduced price which is equitable under the circumstances. If Contractor is unable or refuses to correct such goods within a time deemed reasonable by the Buyer, the Buyer may cancel the order in whole or in part. Nothing in this paragraph shall adversely affect the Buyer's rights including the rights and remedies associated with revocation of acceptance under the Uniform Commercial Code.

20. INSPECTION & AUDIT.

a. Books and Records. The Contractor will maintain, or supervise the maintenance of all records necessary to properly account for the payments made to the Contractor for costs authorized by this contract. Contractor agrees to keep and maintain under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) full, true and complete records, contracts, books, and documents as are necessary to fully disclose to WSCA, the State or United States Government, or their authorized representatives, upon audits or reviews, sufficient information to determine compliance with all state and federal regulations and statutes.

b. Inspection & Audit. Contractor agrees that the relevant books, records (written, electronic, computer related or otherwise), including, without limitation, relevant accounting procedures and practices of Contractor or its subcontractors, financial statements and supporting documentation, and documentation related to the work product shall be subject, at any reasonable time, to inspection, examination, review, audit, and copying at any office or location of Contractor where such records may be found, with or without notice by WSCA; the United States Government; the State Auditor or its contracted examiners, the Department of Administration, Budget Division, the Nevada State Attorney General's Office or its Fraud Control Units, the State Legislative Auditor, and with regard to any federal funding, the relevant federal agency, the Comptroller General, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any of their authorized representatives. All subcontracts shall reflect requirements of this paragraph.

c. Period of Retention. All books, records, reports, and statements relevant to this contract must be retained a minimum four (4) years after the contract terminates or until all audits initiated within the four (4) years have been completed, whichever is later, and for five (5) years if any federal funds are used in the contract. The retention period runs from the date of payment for the relevant goods or services by the State, or from the date of termination of the Contract, whichever is later. Retention time shall be extended when an audit is scheduled or in progress for a period reasonably necessary to complete an audit and/or to complete any administrative and judicial litigation which may ensue.

21. **CONTRACT TERMINATION.** Any of the following events shall constitute cause for WSCA to declare Contractor in default of the contract: (1) nonperformance of contractual requirements; and/or (2) a material breach of any term or condition of this contract. WSCA shall issue a written notice of default providing a period in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains, after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, WSCA may do one or more of the following: (1) exercise any remedy provided by law; (2) terminate this contract and any related contracts or portions thereof; (3) impose liquidated damages; and/or (4) suspend Contractor from receiving future bid solicitations.

**Winding Up Affairs upon Termination.** In the event of termination of this contract for any reason, the parties agree that the provisions of this paragraph survive termination:

- i. The parties shall account for and properly present to each other all claims for fees and expenses and pay those which are undisputed and otherwise not subject to set off under this contract. Neither party may withhold performance of winding up provisions solely based on nonpayment of fees or expenses accrued up to the time of termination;
- ii. Contractor shall satisfactorily complete work in progress at the agreed rate (or a pro rata basis if necessary) if so requested by WSCA;
- iii. Contractor shall execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate an assignment of this contract if so requested by WSCA;
- iv. Contractor shall preserve, protect and promptly deliver into WSCA's possession all proprietary information in accordance with paragraph (31).

22. **REMEDIES.** Except as otherwise provided for by law or this contract, the rights and remedies of the parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and to a prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. It is specifically agreed that reasonable attorneys' fees shall include without limitation \$125 per hour for attorneys employed by the Lead State. Nevada may set off consideration against any unpaid obligation of Contractor to any State agency in accordance with NRS 353C.190.

23. **LIMITED LIABILITY.** Nevada will not waive and intends to assert available NRS chapter 41 liability limitations in all cases. Contract liability of both parties shall not be subject to punitive damages. Liquidated damages shall not apply unless otherwise specified in the incorporated attachments. Damages for any breach by the Lead State shall never exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment under this contract, but not yet paid to Contractor, for the fiscal year budget in existence at the time of the breach. Damages for any Contractor breach shall not exceed 150% of the contract maximum "not to exceed" value. Contractor's tort liability shall not be limited.

24. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Neither party to this contract shall be deemed to be in violation of this contract if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder due to strikes, failure of public transportation, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, or acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, winds, or storms. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the party asserting such an excuse, and the excused party is obligated to promptly perform in accordance with the terms of the contract after the intervening cause ceases. WSCA may terminate this contract after determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the contract.

25. INDEMNIFICATION. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the State's right to participate, Nevada from and against all liability, claims, actions, damages, losses, and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, arising out of any alleged negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, employees and agents. The Contractor shall release, protect, indemnify and hold WSCA and the respective states and their officers, agencies, employees, harmless from and against any damage, cost or liability, including reasonable attorney's fees for any or all injuries to persons, property or claims for money damages arising from acts or omissions of the contractor, his employees or subcontractors or volunteers.

26. INSURANCE SCHEDULE. Unless expressly waived in writing by the Lead State or Participating States, Contractor, as an independent contractor and not an employee of the Lead State or Participating States, must carry policies of insurance in amounts specified in this Insurance Schedule and/or any Insurance Schedule agreed by Contractor and a Participating State via a participating addendum, and pay all taxes and fees incident hereunto. The Lead State and Participating States shall have no liability except as specifically provided in the contract. The Contractor shall not commence work before:

1) Contractor has provided the required evidence of insurance to the Lead State.

The Lead State's approval of any changes to insurance coverage during the course of performance shall constitute an ongoing condition subsequent this contract. Any failure of the Lead State to timely approve shall not constitute a waiver of the condition.

Insurance Coverage: The Contractor shall, at the Contractor's sole expense, procure, maintain and keep in force for the duration of the contract the following insurance conforming to the minimum requirements specified below. Unless specifically stated herein or otherwise agreed to by the Lead State, the required insurance shall be in effect prior to the commencement of work by the Contractor and shall continue in force as appropriate until the latter of:

1. Final acceptance by the Lead State of the completion of this contract; or

2. Such time as the insurance is no longer required by the Lead State under the terms of this contract.

Any insurance or self-insurance available to the State shall be excess of and non-contributing with any insurance required from Contractor. Contractor's insurance policies shall apply on a primary basis. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required by the Lead State, Contractor shall provide the Lead State with renewal or replacement evidence of insurance no less than thirty (30) days before the expiration or replacement of the required insurance. If at any time during the period when insurance is required by the contract, an insurer or surety shall fail to comply with the requirements of this contract, as soon as Contractor has knowledge of any such failure, Contractor shall immediately notify the State and immediately replace such insurance or bond with an insurer meeting the requirements.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance

1) Contractor shall provide proof of worker's compensation insurance.

2) Employer's Liability insurance with a minimum limits of \$500,000 each employee per accident for bodily injury by accident or disease.

Commercial General Liability Insurance

1) Minimum Limits required:

\$2,000,000.00 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000.00 Products & Completed Operations Aggregate

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