



Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

- 1. Offer/Acceptance.** If this purchase order (“PO”) refers to vendor’s bid or proposal, this PO is an ACCEPTANCE of vendor’s OFFER TO SELL in accordance with the terms and conditions of the “solicitation” identified in vendor’s bid or proposal. The solicitation includes an RFP, IFB, or any other form of order by buyer. If a bid or proposal is not referenced, this PO is an OFFER TO BUY, subject to vendor’s acceptance, demonstrated by vendor’s performance or written acceptance of this PO. Any COUNTER-OFFER TO SELL automatically CANCELS this PO, unless a change order is issued by buyer accepting a counter-offer. **Western Colorado University shall not be responsible or liable for goods or services delivered or performed prior to issuance of this PO.**
- 2. Order of Precedence.** In the event of a conflict or inconsistency within this PO, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving preference to the documents in the following order of priority: (a) the Purchase Order document; (b) these Terms and Conditions (including, if applicable, Addendum 1: Additional Terms and Conditions for Information Technology below); and (c) any attachments, exhibits, specifications, or appendices, whether attached or incorporated by reference. Any terms and conditions included on Vendor’s forms or invoices not included in this PO are void.
- 3. Safety Information.** All chemicals, equipment and materials proposed and/or used in the performance of this PO shall conform to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Vendor shall furnish all Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for any regulated chemicals, equipment or hazardous materials at the time of delivery.
- 4. Changes.** Vendor shall furnish products and/or services strictly in accordance with the specifications and price set forth for each item. This PO shall not be modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except in writing signed by purchasing agent and accepted by vendor. Each shipment received or service performed shall comply with the terms of this PO, notwithstanding invoice terms or acts of vendor to the contrary, unless this PO has been modified, superseded or otherwise altered in accordance with this section.
- 5. Delivery.** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation or this PO, delivery shall be FOB destination. Buyer is relying on the promised delivery date, installation, and/or service performance set forth in vendor’s bid or proposal as material and basic to buyer’s acceptance. If vendor fails to deliver or perform as and when promised, buyer, in its sole discretion, may cancel its order, or any part thereof, without prejudice to its other rights, return all or part of any shipment so made, and charge vendor with any loss or expense sustained as a result of such failure to deliver or perform as promised. Time is of the essence.
- 6. Rights to Materials.** [Not Applicable to POs issued either in whole or in part for Information Technology, as defined in CRS § 24-37.5-102(2); which shall be governed by Addendum 1 §B.] Unless specifically stated otherwise in this PO, all materials, including without limitation supplies, equipment, documents, content, information, or other material of any type, whether tangible or intangible (collectively “Materials”), furnished by the State to Vendor or delivered by Vendor to the State in performance of its obligations under this PO shall be the exclusive property of the State. Vendor shall return or deliver all Materials to the State upon completion or termination of this PO.
- 7. Intellectual Property.** Any software, research, reports, studies, data, photographs, negatives or other documents, drawings or materials (collectively “materials”) delivered by vendor in performance of its obligations under this PO shall be the exclusive property of buyer. Ownership rights shall include, but not be limited to, the right to copy, publish, display, transfer, prepare derivative works, or otherwise use the materials. Vendor shall comply with all applicable Cyber Security Policies of the State of Colorado (the “State”), or buyer, as applicable, and all confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements, security controls, and reporting requirements.

8. Quality. Buyer shall be the sole judge in determining “equals” with regard to quality, price and performance. All products delivered shall be newly manufactured and the current model, unless otherwise specified.

9. Warranties. All provisions and remedies of the Colorado Uniform Commercial Code, CRS, Title 4 (“CUCC”), relating to implied and/or express warranties are incorporated herein, in addition to any warranties contained in this PO or the specifications.

10. Inspection and Acceptance. Final acceptance is contingent upon completion of all applicable inspection procedures. If products or services fail to meet any inspection requirements, buyer may exercise all of its rights, including those provided in the CUCC. Buyer shall have the right to inspect services provided under this PO at all reasonable times and places. “Services” as used in this section includes services performed or tangible material produced or delivered in the performance of services. If any of the services do not conform to PO requirements, buyer may require vendor to perform the services again in conformity with PO requirements, without additional payment. When defects in the quality or quantity of service cannot be corrected by re-performance, buyer may (a) require vendor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to PO requirements and (b) equitably reduce the payment due vendor to reflect the reduced value of the services performed. These remedies do not limit the remedies otherwise available in this PO, at law, or in equity.

11. Cash Discount. The cash discount period will start from the later of the date of receipt of acceptable invoice, or from date of receipt of acceptable products/services at the specified destination by an authorized buyer representative.

12. Taxes. Buyer and the State are exempt from all federal excise taxes under Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code [No. 84-730123K] and from all State and local government sales and use taxes [CRS, Title 39, Article 26, Parts I and II]. Such exemptions apply when materials are purchased for the benefit of State, except that in certain political subdivisions (e.g., City of Denver) vendor may be required to pay sales or use taxes even though the ultimate product or service is provided to buyer. Buyer shall not reimburse such sales or use taxes.

13. Payment. Buyer shall pay vendor for all amounts due within 45 days after receipt of products or services and a correct notice of amount due. Interest on the unpaid balance shall begin to accrue on the 46th day at the rate set forth in CRS §24-30-202(24) until paid in full. Interest shall not accrue if a good faith dispute exists as to buyer’s obligation to pay all or a portion of the amount due. Vendor shall invoice buyer separately for interest on delinquent amounts due, referencing the delinquent payment, number of day’s interest to be paid, and applicable interest rate.

14. Vendor Offset. [*Not Applicable to Inter-governmental POs*] Under CRS §24-30-202.4 (3.5), the State Controller may withhold payment under the State’s vendor offset intercept system for debts owed to State agencies for: (a) unpaid child support debts or arrearages; (b) unpaid balances of tax, accrued interest, or other charges specified in CRS §39-21-101, et seq.; (c) unpaid loans due to the Student Loan Division of the Department of Higher Education; (d) amounts required to be paid to the Unemployment Compensation Fund; and (e) other unpaid debts owing to the State as a result of final agency determination or judicial action.

15. Assignment and Successors. Vendor shall not assign rights or delegate duties under this PO, or subcontract any part of the performance required under this PO, without the express, written consent of buyer. This PO shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon vendor and buyer and their respective successors and assigns. Assignment of accounts receivable may be made only upon written notice furnished to buyer.

16. Indemnification. If any article sold or delivered under this PO is covered by a patent, copyright, trademark, or application therefore, vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless buyer from any and all loss, liability, cost, expenses and legal fees incurred on account of any claims, legal actions or judgments arising out of manufacture, sale or use of such article in violation or infringement of rights under such patent, copyright, trademark or application. If this PO is for services, vendor shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless buyer, its employees and agents, against any and all claims, damages, liability and court awards including costs, expenses, and attorney fees and related expenses, incurred as a result of any act or omission by vendor, or its employees, agents, subcontractors or assignees, arising out of or in connection with performance of services under this PO.

17. Insurance. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this PO, Vendor shall obtain and maintain insurance as specified in this section at all times during the term of this PO: (a) workers' compensation insurance as required by state statute, and employers' liability insurance covering all Vendor employees acting within the course and scope of their employment; (b) Commercial general liability insurance written on an Insurance Services Office occurrence form, covering premises operations, fire damage, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury, and advertising liability with minimum limits as follows: \$1,000,000 each occurrence; \$1,000,000 general aggregate; \$1,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate; and \$50,000 any one fire; and (c) Automobile liability insurance covering any auto (including owned, hired and non-owned autos) with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident combined single limit. If Vendor will or may have access to any protected information, then Vendor shall also obtain and maintain insurance covering loss and disclosure of protected information and claims based on alleged violations of privacy right through improper use and disclosure of protected information with limits of \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$1,000,000 general aggregate at all times during the term of this PO. Additional insurance may be required as provided elsewhere in this PO. All insurance policies required by this PO shall be issued by insurance companies with an AM Best rating of A-VIII or better. This insurance requirement shall not apply if this PO is solely for goods, as determined by the State, unless specifically stated otherwise in this PO or any attachment or exhibit to this PO. If Vendor is a public agency within the meaning of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, then this section shall not apply and Vendor shall instead comply with the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. The State shall be named as additional insured on all commercial general liability policies required of Vendor. All insurance policies secured or maintained by Vendor in relation to this Purchase Order shall include clauses stating that each carrier shall waive all rights of recovery under subrogation or otherwise against Vendor or the State, its agencies, institutions, organizations, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

18. Independent Contractor. Vendor shall perform its duties hereunder as an independent contractor and not as an employee. Neither vendor nor any agent or employee of vendor shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of buyer. Vendor and its employees and agents are not entitled to unemployment insurance or workers compensation benefits through buyer and buyer shall not pay for or otherwise provide such coverage for vendor or any of its agents or employees. Unemployment insurance benefits will be available to vendor and its employees and agents only if coverage is made available by vendor or a third party. Vendor shall pay when due all applicable employment, income, and local head taxes incurred pursuant to this PO. Vendor shall not have authorization, express or implied, to bind buyer to any agreement, liability or understanding, except as expressly set forth herein. Vendor shall **(a)** provide and keep in force workers' compensation and unemployment compensation insurance in the amounts required by law, **(b)** provide proof thereof when requested by buyer, and **(c)** be solely responsible for its acts and those of its employees and agents.

19. Communication. All communication concerning administration of this PO, prepared by vendor for buyer's use, shall be furnished solely to purchasing agent.

20. Compliance. Vendor shall strictly comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations in effect or hereafter established, including, without limitation, laws applicable to discrimination and unfair employment practices.

21. Insurance. Vendor shall obtain, and maintain, at all times during the term of this PO, insurance as specified in the solicitation, and provide proof of such coverage as requested by purchasing agent.

22. Termination Prior to Shipment. If vendor has not accepted this PO in writing, buyer may cancel this PO by written or oral notice to vendor prior to shipment of goods or commencement of services.

23. Termination for Cause. **(a)** If vendor refuses or fails to timely and properly perform any of its obligations under this PO with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified herein, buyer may notify vendor in writing of non-performance and, if not corrected by vendor within the time specified in the notice, terminate vendor's right to proceed with the PO or such part thereof as to which there has been delay or a failure. Vendor shall continue performance of this PO to the extent not terminated and be liable for excess costs incurred by buyer in procuring similar goods or services elsewhere. Payment for completed services performed and accepted shall be at the price set forth in this PO. **(b)** Buyer may

withhold amounts due to vendor as buyer deems necessary to reimburse buyer for excess costs incurred in curing, completing or procuring similar goods and services. **(c)** If after rejection, revocation, or other termination of vendor's right to proceed under the CUCC or this clause, buyer determines for any reason that vendor was not in default or the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of buyer and vendor shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to termination under §24.

24. Termination in Public Interest. Buyer is entering into this PO for the purpose of carrying out the public policy of the State, as determined by its Governor, General Assembly, and Courts. If this PO ceases to further the public policy of the State, buyer, in its sole discretion, may terminate this PO in whole or in part and such termination shall not be deemed to be a breach of buyer's obligations hereunder. This section shall not apply to a termination for vendor's breach, which shall be governed by §20. Buyer shall give written notice of termination to vendor specifying the part of the PO terminated and when termination becomes effective. Upon receipt of notice of termination, vendor shall not incur further obligations except as necessary to mitigate costs of performance. For services or specially manufactured goods, buyer shall pay **(a)** reasonable settlement expenses, **(b)** the PO price or rate for supplies and services delivered and accepted, **(c)** reasonable costs of performance on unaccepted supplies and services, and **(d)** a reasonable profit for the unaccepted work. For existing goods, buyer shall pay **(e)** reasonable settlement expenses, **(f)** the PO price for goods delivered and accepted, **(g)** reasonable costs incurred in preparation for delivery of the undelivered goods, and **(h)** a reasonable profit for the preparatory work. Buyer's termination liability under this section shall not exceed the total PO price plus a reasonable cost for settlement expenses. Vendor shall submit a termination proposal and reasonable supporting documentation, and cost and pricing data as required by CRS §24-106-101, upon request of buyer.

25. PO Approval. This PO shall not be valid unless it is executed by purchasing agent. Buyer shall not be responsible or liable for products or services delivered or performed prior to proper execution hereof.

26. Fund Availability. Financial obligations of buyer payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted and otherwise made available. If this PO is funded in whole or in part with federal funds, this PO is subject to and contingent upon the continuing availability of federal funds for the purposes hereof. Buyer represents that it has set aside sufficient funds to make payment for goods delivered in a single installment, in accordance with the terms of this PO.

27. Choice of Law. State laws, rules and regulations shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this PO. The CUCC shall govern this PO in the case of goods unless otherwise agreed in this PO. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with such laws, rules, and regulations is null and void. Any provision incorporated herein by reference which purports to negate this or any other provision in this PO in whole or in part shall not be valid or enforceable or available in any action at law, whether by way of complaint, defense, or otherwise. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation or this PO, venue for any judicial or administrative action arising out of or in connection with this PO shall be in Denver, Colorado. Vendor shall exhaust administrative remedies in CRS §24-109-106, prior to commencing any judicial action against buyer.

28. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Compliance. The parties hereby incorporate the requirements of 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(a) and 29

C.F.R. § 471, Appendix A to Subpart A, if applicable. This contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60- 300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a), if applicable. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities, and require affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities.

ADDENDUM 1:
Additional Terms & Conditions for Information Technology

IF ANY PART OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS PO IS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AS DEFINED IN
CRS § 24-37.5-102 (2), THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ALSO APPLY TO THIS PO.

A. Definitions. The following terms shall be construed and interpreted as follows: (a) “Business Day” means any day in which the State is open and conducting business, but shall not include Saturday, Sunday or any day on which the State observes one of the holidays listed in CRS §24-11-101(1); (b) “CJI” means criminal justice information collected by criminal justice agencies needed for the performance of their authorized functions, including, without limitation, all information defined as criminal justice information by the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy, as amended, and all Criminal Justice Records as defined under CRS §24-72-302; (c) “HIPAA” means the federal Health Information Portability and Accountability Act; (d) “Incident” means any accidental or deliberate event that results in or constitutes an imminent threat of the unauthorized access, loss, disclosure, modification, disruption, or destruction of any communications or information resources of the State, pursuant to CRS §§24-37.5-401 et seq.; (e) “PCI” means payment card information including any data related to credit card holders’ names, credit card numbers, or the other credit card information as may be protected by state or federal law; (f) “PHI” means any protected health information, including, without limitation any information whether oral or recorded in any form or medium that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual including, without limitation, any information defined as Individually Identifiable Health Information by HIPAA; (g) “PII” means personally identifiable information including, without limitation, any information maintained by the State about an individual that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, or biometric records, including, without limitation, all information defined as personally identifiable information in CRS §24-72-501. “PII” shall also mean “personal identifying information” as set forth at § 24-74-102, et. seq., C.R.S. ; (h) “State Confidential Information” means any and all State Records not subject to disclosure under the Colorado Open Records Act, CRS §§24-72-200.1, et seq. (“CORA”), and includes, without limitation, PII, PHI, PCI, Tax Information, CJI, and State personnel records not subject to disclosure under CORA; (i) “State Records” means any and all State data, information, and records, regardless of physical form; (j) “Tax Information” means federal and State of Colorado tax information including, without limitation, federal and State tax returns, return information, and such other tax-related information as may be protected by federal and State law and regulation, including, without limitation all information defined as federal tax information in Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075; and (k) “Work Product” means the tangible and intangible results of the delivery of goods and performance of services, whether finished or unfinished, including drafts.

B. Intellectual Property. Except to the extent specifically provided elsewhere in this PO, any State information, including without limitation pre-existing State software, research, reports, studies, data, photographs, negatives or other documents, drawings, models, materials; or Work Product prepared by Vendor in the performance of its obligations under this PO shall be the exclusive property of the State (collectively, “State Materials”). Vendor shall deliver all State Materials to the State upon completion or termination of this PO. The State’s exclusive rights in any Work Product prepared by Vendor shall include, but not be limited to, the right to copy, publish, display, transfer, and prepare derivative works. Vendor shall not use, willingly allow, cause or permit any State Materials to be used for any purpose other than the performance of Vendor’s obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the State. The State shall maintain complete and accurate records relating to (a) its use of all Vendor and third party software licenses and rights to use any Vendor or third party software granted under this PO and its attachments to which the State is a party and (b) all amounts payable to Vendor pursuant to this PO and its attachments and the State’s obligations under this PO or to any amounts payable to Vendor in relation to this PO, which records shall contain sufficient information to permit Vendor to confirm the State’s compliance with the use restrictions and payment obligations under this PO or to any third-party use restrictions to which the State is a party. Vendor retains the exclusive rights, title and ownership to any and all pre-existing materials owned by or licensed to Vendor including, but not limited to all pre-existing software, licensed products, associated source code, machine code, text images, audio, video, and third-party materials, delivered by Vendor under this PO, whether incorporated in a deliverable or necessary to use a deliverable (collectively, “Vendor Property”). Vendor Property shall be licensed to the State as set forth in a State-approved license agreement: (c) entered into as exhibits or attachments to this PO, (d) obtained by the State from the applicable third-party Vendor, or (e) in the case of open source software, the license terms set forth in the applicable open source license agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the State shall not be subject to any provision incorporated in any exhibit or attachment attached hereto, any provision incorporated in any terms and conditions appearing on any website, any provision incorporated into any click through or online agreements, or any provision incorporated into any other document or agreement between the parties that (i) requires the State to indemnify Vendor or any other party, (ii) is in violation of State laws, regulations, rules, fiscal rules, policies, or other State requirements as deemed solely by the State, or (iii) is contrary to this PO.

C. License or Use Audit Rights. If this PO includes any license or other right to use Vendor's intellectual property, Vendor shall have the right, at any time during and throughout the term of this PO, but not more than once during any State fiscal year, to request via written notice in accordance with the notice provisions of this PO that the State audit its use of Vendor's intellectual property and certify as to its compliance with any applicable license or use restrictions and limitations contained in this PO (an "Audit Request"). The Audit Request shall specify the time period to be covered by the audit, which shall not include any time periods covered by a previous audit. The State shall complete the audit and provide certification of its compliance to Vendor ("Audit Certification") within 120 days following the State's receipt of the Audit Request. If upon receipt of the State's Audit Certification, the parties reasonably determine that: (a) the State's use of licenses, use of software, use of programs, or any other use of intellectual property during the audit period exceeded the use restrictions and limitations contained in this PO ("Overuse") and (b) the State would have been or is then required to purchase additional rights to use Vendor's intellectual property ("Additional Rights"), Vendor shall provide written notice to the State in accordance with the notice provisions of this PO identifying any Overuse or required Additional Rights and request that the State bring its use into compliance with such use restrictions and limitations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this PO, or incorporated as a part of Vendor's or any subcontractor's website, click-through or online agreements, third-party agreements, or any other documents or agreements between the parties, the State shall not be liable for the costs associated with any Overuse or Additional Rights, during the audit period regardless of whether the State may have been notified in advance of such costs.

D. Vendor Records. Vendor shall maintain a file of all documents, records, communications, notes, and other materials relating to the work (the "Vendor Records"). Vendor Records shall include all documents, records, communications, notes and other materials maintained by Vendor that relate to any work performed by Subcontractors, and Vendor shall maintain all records related to the work performed by Subcontractors required to ensure proper performance of that work. Unless a longer period is required in this PO or any attachment or exhibit to this PO, Vendor shall maintain Vendor Records until the last to occur of: (a) the date 3 years after the date this Purchase Order expires or is terminated, (b) final payment under this Purchase Order is made, (c) the resolution of any pending Purchase Order matters, or (d) if an audit is occurring, or Vendor has received notice that an audit is pending, the date such audit is completed and its findings have been resolved (the "Record Retention Period"). Vendor shall permit the State, the federal government, and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental agency to audit, inspect, examine, excerpt, copy, and transcribe Vendor Records during the Record Retention Period. Vendor shall make Vendor Records available during normal business hours at Vendor's office or place of business, or at other mutually agreed upon times or locations, upon no fewer than 2 Business Days' notice from the State, unless the State determines that a shorter period of notice, or no notice, is necessary to protect the interests of the State. The State, in its discretion, may monitor Vendor's performance of its obligations under this Purchase Order using procedures as determined by the State. The State shall monitor Vendor's performance in a manner that does not unduly interfere with Vendor's performance of the work. Vendor shall promptly submit to the State a copy of any final audit report of an audit performed on Vendor's records that relates to or affects this Purchase Order or the work, whether the audit is conducted by Vendor or a third party.

E. Information Confidentiality. Vendor shall keep confidential, and cause all subcontractors to keep confidential, all State Records, unless those State Records are publicly available. Vendor shall not, without prior written approval of the State, use, publish, copy, disclose to any third party, or permit the use by any third party of any State Records, except as otherwise stated in this PO, permitted by law, or approved in writing by the State. Vendor shall provide for the security of all State Confidential Information in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, policies, publications, and guidelines. If Vendor or any of its subcontractors will or may have access to any State Confidential Information or any other protected information, Vendor shall comply with all Colorado Office of Information Security (OIS) policies and procedures which OIS has issued pursuant to CRS §§24-37.5-401 through 406, and 8 CCR §1501-5 and posted at <https://oit.colorado.gov/standards-policies-guides/technical-standards-policies>, all information security and privacy obligations imposed by any federal, state, or local statute or regulation, or by any industry standards or guidelines, as applicable based on the classification of the data relevant to Vendor's performance under this PO. Such obligations may arise from HIPAA; IRS Publication 1075; Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS); Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Service Security Addendum; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Minimum Acceptable Risk Standards for Exchanges; and Electronic Information Exchange Security Requirements and Procedures for State and Local Agencies Exchanging Electronic Information With The Social Security Administration. Vendor shall immediately forward any request or demand for State Records to the State's purchasing agent.

F. Other Entity Access and Nondisclosure Agreements. Vendor may provide State Records to its agents, employees, assigns and subcontractors as necessary to perform the work, but shall restrict access to State Confidential Information to those agents, employees, assigns, and subcontractors who require access to perform their obligations under this PO. Vendor shall ensure all such agents, employees, assigns, and subcontractors sign agreements containing nondisclosure provisions at least as protective as those in this PO, and that the nondisclosure provisions are in force at all times the agent, employee, assign or subcontractor has access to any State Confidential Information. Vendor shall provide copies of those signed nondisclosure provisions to the State upon execution of the nondisclosure provisions if requested by the State.

G. Use, Security, and Retention. Vendor shall use, hold, and maintain State Confidential Information in compliance with all

applicable laws and regulations only in facilities located within the United States, and shall maintain a secure environment that ensures confidentiality of all State Confidential Information. Vendor shall provide the State with access, subject to Vendor's reasonable security requirements, for purposes of inspecting and monitoring access and use of State Confidential Information and evaluating security control effectiveness. Upon the expiration or termination of this PO, Vendor shall return State Records provided to Vendor or destroy such State Records and certify to the State that it has done so, as directed by the State. If Vendor is prevented by law or regulation from returning or destroying State Confidential Information, Vendor warrants it will guarantee the confidentiality of, and cease to use, such State Confidential Information.

H. Incident Notice and Remediation. If Vendor becomes aware of any Incident, it shall notify the State immediately and cooperate with the State regarding recovery, remediation, and the necessity to involve law enforcement, as determined by the State. Unless Vendor can establish none of Vendor or any of its agents, employees, assigns, or subcontractors are the cause or source of the Incident, Vendor shall be responsible for the cost of notifying each person who may have been impacted by the Incident. After an Incident, Vendor shall take steps to reduce the risk of incurring a similar type of Incident in the future as directed by the State, which may include, but is not limited to, developing and implementing a remediation plan that is approved by the State at no additional cost to the State. The State may adjust or direct modifications to this plan, in its sole discretion and Vendor shall make all modifications as directed by the State. If Vendor cannot produce its analysis and plan within the allotted time, the State, in its sole discretion, may perform such analysis and produce a remediation plan, and Vendor shall reimburse the State for the reasonable actual costs thereof.

I. Data Protection and Handling. Vendor shall ensure that all State Records and Work Product in the possession of Vendor or any subcontractors are protected and handled in accordance with the requirements of this PO at all times. Upon request by the State made any time prior to 60 days following the termination of this PO for any reason, whether or not this PO is expiring or terminating, Vendor shall make available to the State a complete and secure download file of all data that is encrypted and appropriately authenticated. This download file shall be made available to the State within 10 Business Days following the State's request, and shall contain, without limitation, all State Records, Work Product, and system schema and transformation definitions, or delimited text files with documents, detailed schema definitions, and attachments in its native format. Upon the termination of Vendor's services under this PO, Vendor shall, as directed by the State, return all State Records provided by the State to Vendor, and the copies thereof, to the State or destroy all such State Records and certify to the State that it has done so. If legal obligations imposed upon Vendor prevent Vendor from returning or destroying all or part of the State Records provided by the State, Vendor shall guarantee the confidentiality of all State Records in Vendor's possession and will not actively process such data. The State retains the right to use the established operational services to access and retrieve State Records stored on Vendor's infrastructure at its sole discretion and at any time.

J. Compliance with OIS Policies and Procedure. Vendor shall review, on a semi-annual basis, all Colorado Office of Information Security ("OIS") policies and procedures which OIS has promulgated pursuant to CRS §§ 24-37.5-401 through 406 and 8 CCR § 1501-5 and posted at <https://oit.colorado.gov/standards-policies-guides/technical-standards-policies>, to ensure compliance with the standards and guidelines published therein. Vendor shall cooperate, and shall cause its subcontractors to cooperate, with the performance of security audit and penetration tests by OIS or its designee.

K. Safeguarding PII. If Vendor or any of its subcontractors will or may receive PII under this PO, Vendor shall provide for the security of such PII, in a manner and form acceptable to the State, including, without limitation, all State requirements relating to non-disclosure, use of appropriate technology, security practices, computer access security, data access security, data storage encryption, data transmission encryption, security inspections, and audits. Vendor shall be a "Third-Party Service Provider" as defined in CRS §24-73-103(1)(i) and shall maintain security procedures and practices consistent with CRS §§24-73-101. In addition, as set forth in § 24-74-102, et. seq., C.R.S., Contractor, including, but not limited to, Contractor's employees, agents and Subcontractors, agrees not to share any PII with any third parties for the purpose of investigating for, participating in, cooperating with, or assisting with Federal immigration enforcement. If Contractor is given direct access to any State databases containing PII, Contractor shall execute, on behalf of itself and its employees, the certification PII Individual Certification Form or PII Entity Certification Form [Download form from [Hyperlink](#)] on an annual basis and Contractor's duty and obligation to certify shall continue as long as Contractor has direct access to any State databases containing PII. If Contractor uses any Subcontractors to perform services requiring direct access to State databases containing PII, the Contractor shall require such Subcontractors to execute and deliver the certification to the State on an annual basis, so long as the Subcontractor has access to State databases containing PII.

L. Software Piracy Prohibition. State or other public funds payable under this PO shall not be used for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions. Vendor hereby certifies and warrants that, during the term of this PO and any extensions, Vendor has and shall maintain in place appropriate systems and controls to prevent such improper use of public funds. If the State determines that Vendor is in violation of this provision, the State may exercise any remedy available at law or in equity or under this PO, including, without limitation, immediate termination of this PO and any remedy consistent with federal copyright laws or applicable licensing restrictions.

M. Information Technology. To the extent that Vendor provides physical or logical storage of State Records; Vendor creates, uses, processes, discloses, transmits, or disposes of State Records; or Vendor is otherwise given physical or logical access to State Records in order to perform Vendor's obligations under this PO, Vendor shall, and shall cause its subcontractors, to: (a) provide physical and logical protection for all hardware, software, applications, and data that meets or exceeds industry standards and the requirements of this PO; (b) maintain network, system, and application security, which includes, but is not limited to, network firewalls, intrusion detection (host and network), annual security testing, and improvements or enhancements consistent with evolving industry standards; (c) comply with State and federal rules and regulations related to overall security, privacy, confidentiality, integrity, availability, and auditing; (d) provide that security is not compromised by unauthorized access to workspaces, computers, networks, software, databases, or other physical or electronic environments; (e) promptly report all Incidents, including Incidents that do not result in unauthorized disclosure or loss of data integrity, to a designated representative of the OIS; and (f) comply with all rules, policies, procedures, and standards issued by the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT), including project lifecycle methodology and governance, technical standards, documentation, and other requirements posted at <https://oit.colorado.gov/standards-policies-guides/technical-standards-policies>. Vendor shall not allow remote access to State Records from outside the United States, including access by Vendor's employees or agents, without the prior express written consent of OIS. Vendor shall communicate any request regarding non-U.S. access to State Records to the State. The State, acting by and through OIS, shall have sole discretion to grant or deny any such request.

N. Accessibility. Vendor shall comply with and the Work Product provided under this PO shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of §§24-85-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability, as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S. Vendor shall also comply with all State of Colorado technology standards related to technology accessibility and with Level AA of the most current version of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), incorporated in the State of Colorado technology standards. Vendor shall indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties against any and all costs, expenses, claims, damages, liabilities, court awards and other amounts (including attorneys' fees and related costs) incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties in relation to Vendor's failure to comply with §§24-85-101, et seq., C.R.S., or the Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S. The State may require Vendor's compliance to the State's Accessibility Standards to be determined by a third party selected by the State to attest to Vendor's Work Product and software is in compliance with §§24-85-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Accessibility Standards for Individuals with a Disability as established by OIT pursuant to Section §24-85-103 (2.5), C.R.S.

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