

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP # 22-008

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Title: **State-Level Evaluation of the New York State 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Program**

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Student Support Services is seeking proposals for the State-level evaluation of its 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program that is required by the United States Department of Education (USDOE). The selected evaluator will assess the extent to which the expected outcomes of this program have been achieved. The results of this evaluation will be used to guide NYSED's efforts to: direct and improve its administration of the program; provide assistance to local grantees; and improve program quality and outcomes for participating students.

Bidders should demonstrate experience in the successful development and management of evaluations of educational intervention programs. The evaluator's responsibilities will encompass analyses of the processes and outcomes of the 21st CCLC program. The evaluator will work in collaboration with staff at NYSED.

Eligible bidders may include Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), public or private Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), not-for-profit and for-profit organizations or agencies.

Subcontracting will be limited to thirty percent (30%) of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as non-employee direct personal services and related incidental expenses, including travel.

NYSED will award **one** contract pursuant to this RFP. The contract resulting from this RFP will be for a term anticipated to begin **October 1, 2022** and to end September 30, 2027.

Bidders are required to comply with NYSED's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation goals for this RFP through one of three methods. Compliance methods are discussed in detail in the Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals section below.

Service Area: **statewide**

Mandatory Requirements: See Mandatory Requirements section of the RFP.

Components contained in RFP Proposal #22-008 are as follows:

- 1.) Description of Services to Be Performed
- 2.) Submission
- 3.) Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award
- 4.) Assurances
- 5.) Submission Documents (separate document)

Questions regarding the request must be submitted by email to 21CRFP@nysed.gov no later than the close of business February 18, 2022. Questions regarding this request should be identified as Program, Fiscal or M/WBE. A Questions and Answers Summary will be posted to [P-12 Competitive Procurement Contracts](#) no later than March 4, 2022. The following are the designated contacts for this procurement:

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The following documents should be submitted by email as separate files, as detailed in the Submission section of the RFP, and must be received at NYSED no later than **March 25, 2022 by 3:00 PM Eastern Time**:

1. Submission Documents labeled **[name of bidder] Submission Documents RFP #22-008**
2. Technical Proposal labeled **[name of bidder] Technical Proposal RFP #22-008**
3. Cost Proposal labeled **[name of bidder] Cost Proposal RFP #22-008**
4. M/WBE Documents labeled **[name of bidder] M/WBE Documents RFP #22-008**

The technical, cost, submission and M/WBE proposals should be submitted using Microsoft Office or editable PDF. The email address for all the documentation is cau@nysed.gov.

Bidders are requested to submit their bids electronically. Please see the information below for instructions on submitting an electronic bid.

1. As indicated in the RFP, technical and cost proposal documents should be submitted in Microsoft Office. PDF files that are editable and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) searchable are acceptable. Please do not submit the technical or cost proposal as a scanned PDF.
2. Submission documents requiring a signature must be signed using one of the methods listed below, and may be submitted in as a Microsoft Office, PDF, or JPG document. A scanned PDF is acceptable for these documents.
3. The following forms of e-signatures are acceptable:
 - a. handwritten signatures on faxed or scanned documents
 - b. e-signatures that have been authenticated by a third-party digital software, such as DocuSign and Adobe Sign
 - c. stored copies of the images of signatures that are placed on a document by copying and pasting or otherwise inserting them into the documents
4. Unacceptable forms of e-signatures include:
 - a. a typed name, including a signature created by selecting a script or calligraphy font for the typed name of the person "signing"
5. To identify the signer and indicate that the signer understood and intended to agree to the terms of the signed document, the signer will sign beside or provide by email the following attestation: "I agree, and it is my intent, to sign this document by [describe the signature solution used] and by electronically submitting this document to [name of recipient individual or entity]. I understand that my signing and submitting this document is the legal equivalent of having placed my handwritten signature on the submitted document and this attestation. I understand and agree that by electronically signing and submitting this document I am affirming to the truth of the information contained therein."

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6. In order to ensure the timely receipt of your bid, please use the subject line "BID SUBMISSION RFP 22-008" - failure to appropriately label your bid or submitting a bid to any email address other than the one identified above may result in the bid not being received by the deadline and considered for award.
7. **Bids received after 3:00 pm Eastern Time on the due date will be disqualified.**

1.) Description of Services to be Performed

Work Statement and Specifications

This section of the bid package details the services and products to be acquired. Please note that the contract process also includes general New York State administrative terms and conditions, as well as terms and conditions required by New York State law. These terms and conditions address issues related to both the submission of bids and any subsequent contract; they are included separately in this bid package for your information. Please review all terms and conditions.

Mandatory Requirements

The eligible bidder must agree to the Mandatory Requirements found below and must submit the Mandatory Requirements Certification Form located in 5.) Submission Documents. This required form must be signed by an authorized person. **Bids that do not comply with the Mandatory Requirements and include the form will be disqualified.**

Organizations that are currently under contract with any 21st CCLC local grantees as independent evaluators are not eligible to apply. If awarded this contract, the bidder will not be eligible to contract with local grantees as an independent evaluator. Bidders or subcontractors that are affiliated with, or perform other non-evaluation work for, either 21st CCLC grantees or the 21st CCLC Resource Centers, or organizations holding 21st CCLC grants, could be considered eligible if they can demonstrate clear and separate governance and oversight structures in place to prevent any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. This includes having staff specifically dedicated to the evaluation, distinct organizational units and reporting structures, as well as other policies and procedures that eliminate any potential conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof. If applicable, the proposal should detail the bidder's plans to eliminate or mitigate any potential conflict of interest.

Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Participation Goals Pursuant to Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law

For purposes of this procurement, NYS Education Department hereby establishes an overall goal of 30% of the total contract amount for M/WBE participation, 17% for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises ("MBE") participation and 13% for Women-Owned Business Enterprises ("WBE") participation based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs. All bidders must document good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of this Contract. Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) participation includes any and all services, materials or supplies purchased from New York State certified minority and women-owned firms. Utilization of certified Minority and Women-Owned firms will be applied toward the goals. Bidders can achieve compliance with NYSED's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goals as described below.

ACHIEVE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH PARTICIPATION GOALS (PREFERRED)

Bidders should submit subcontracting/supplier forms that meet or exceed NYSED's participation goals for this procurement. All subcontracting/supplier forms must be submitted with the bid proposal. In addition, bidders must complete and submit M/WBE 100: Utilization Plan, M/WBE 102: Notice of Intent to Participate and EEO 100: Staffing Plan. Instructions and copies of these forms are located in the Submission Documents. All firms utilized must be certified with the NYS Division

of Minority and Women Business Development before beginning any work on this contract. For additional information and a listing of currently certified M/WBEs, see the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises](#).

The contact person on M/WBE matters is available throughout the application and procurement process to assist bidders in meeting the M/WBE goals. NYSED reserves the right to approve the addition or deletion of subcontractors or suppliers to enable bidders to comply with the M/WBE goals, provided such addition or deletion does not impact the technical proposal and/or increase the total cost of the bid proposal.

DOCUMENTATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

Bidders must undertake a good faith effort to solicit NYS Certified M/WBE firms as subcontractors and/or suppliers in fulfillment of this procurement. Means of solicitation may include but are not limited to: advertisements in minority centered publications; solicitation of vendors found in the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises](#); and the solicitation of minority and women-oriented trade and labor organizations. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts by completing NYSED's Certification of Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105). See the M/WBE Submission Documents for detailed examples of and required forms to document good faith efforts.

NYSED reserves the right to reject any bid for failure to document "good faith efforts" to comply with the stated M/WBE goals.

IN THE EVENT BIDDERS CANNOT COMPLY WITH NYSED DESIGNATED PARTICIPATION GOALS, SAID BIDDERS MUST DOCUMENT THEIR "GOOD FAITH EFFORTS" TO COMPLY AND SUBMIT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

REQUEST A PARTIAL WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to request a partial waiver of the participation goals for this procurement, Bidders must provide documentation of their good faith efforts to obtain the use of certified M/WBE enterprises along with their bid proposal forms. The subcontracting forms must include the participation percentage(s) for which they seek approval. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts. Bidders should submit a request for a partial waiver (Form M/WBE 101) and document their Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105) at the same time as the bid is submitted. Bidders must also complete and submit M/WBE 100: Utilization Plan, M/WBE 102: Notice of Intent to Participate and EEO 100: Staffing Plan. The M/WBE Coordinator is available throughout the procurement process to assist in all areas of M/WBE compliance.

REQUEST A COMPLETE WAIVER OF PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to request a complete waiver of the participation goals for this procurement, Bidders must provide documentation of their Good Faith Efforts to obtain the use of certified M/WBE enterprises along with their bid proposal forms. Bidders will be required to certify and attest to their good faith efforts. Bidders should submit a request for a complete waiver on Form M/WBE 101 and document their Good Faith Efforts (Form M/WBE 105) at the same time as they submit their bid. The M/WBE Coordinator is available throughout the procurement process to assist in all areas of M/WBE compliance.

All payments to Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise subcontractor(s) must be reported to NYSED M/WBE Program Unit using M/WBE 103 Quarterly M/WBE Compliance Report. This report must be submitted on a quarterly basis and can be found at NYSED's [M/WBE Forms and Compliance Forms webpage](#).

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) Participation Goals Pursuant to Article 17-B of New York State Executive Law

Article 17-B of Executive Law was enacted to ensure that certified SDVOBs are provided opportunities for meaningful participation in the performance of state contracts. To this end, NYSED strongly encourages bidders to make maximum possible use of SDVOBs as subcontractors and/or suppliers under this contract, consistent with the requirements of State Finance Law and State procurement guidelines, as well as NYSED policies and procedures. Bidders should consider fulfilling the requirements of this contract through the participation of SDVOBs at a rate of 6%. For additional information about this program, including a list of SDVOBs, please visit the [Office of General Services, Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development website](#).

Background

The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program is authorized under Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. As per the ESSA of 2015, Section 4201(a), the purpose of this program is to provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help students, particularly students who attend low-performing schools, to meet the challenging State academic standards; offer students a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and wellness programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, and other ties to an in-demand industry sector or occupation for high school students that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students; and offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for active and meaningful engagement in their children's education, including opportunities for literacy and related educational development.

A 21st CCLC is a partnership of a local education agency and an organization that provides expanded learning opportunities for academic enrichment, youth development and family literacy opportunities outside of the regular school hours primarily for children who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

In the current Round 7 Cohort whose funding sunsets on June 30, 2022, there are 138 CCLC subgrantees, of which 77 are in NYC. The remaining 61 are located in all other regions of the State. See link and table below.

[21st Century Community Learning Centers - Round 7 Awards](#)

Region	# of Programs
New York City – all boroughs	77
Rest of State excluding the Big 4 Cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers	45
ROS: Big Four Cities of Buffalo, Rochester,	16

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Syracuse & Yonkers	
Total NYC	77
Total ROS	61
TOTAL	138

The 138 subgrantees operate at 370 sites and serve over 60,603 students in grades Pre-K through 12. These numbers are expected to change with a new round of 21CCLC grant applications. Round 8 subgrantees are

anticipated to start July 1, 2022.

The results of the USDOE-required evaluation will be used to guide NYSED's efforts to improve its administration of the program and the assistance it provides to local grantees to improve program quality and outcomes for participating students.

Deliverables and/or Project Description

Project Director Staffing Requirement:

For the purposes of this contract, the project director must be an employee of the primary contractor. Subconsultants may not be used to meet the staffing requirement of the project director.

One (1) Project Director (1 FTE) with a Master's Degree or higher to provide deliverables as noted within this RFP and in subsequent annual work plans. A resume for the proposed Director should be submitted with the Technical Proposal. This position must be held by one individual, not for example, by two people at .5 FTE each. The Project Director must meet the following requirements:

- a. Masters Degree; **and**
- b. Three (3) years' experience in the evaluation of educational programs.

The evaluator will conduct an in-depth analysis of NYSED's 21st CCLC Program as per the Title IV Part B federal statute:

“SEC.4203. STATE APPLICATION.

S. 1177-186 “(i) are able to track student success and improvement over time; “(ii) include State assessment results and other indicators of student success and improvement, such as improved attendance during the school day, better classroom grades, regular (or consistent) program attendance, and on-time advancement to the next grade level; and

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“(iii) for high school students, may include indicators such as career competencies, successful completion of internships or apprenticeships, or work-based learning opportunities;

The evaluation will encompass analyses of the processes, outcomes and impacts of the 21st CCLC program. The evaluation must be designed to utilize both quantitative and qualitative information from multiple data sources, including NYSED's Information and Reporting Services (IRS), subgrantee reported data in contracted statewide data collection and reporting system such as program attendance and teacher surveys, Annual Performance Report (APR) data via the statewide system, program site visits, professional development event observations and surveys, Resource Center site visits, telephone interviews with a variety of stakeholders, and other research strategies designed to determine the effectiveness of the NYSED's 21st CCLC Program.

1. The contractor will evaluate the extent to which NYSED has achieved its objectives related to the provision of services to students and the achievement of statewide improvements in participating students' academic performance and behavior. (See Attachment 1 for defined objectives for the 21st CCLC program.) The contractor will have access to all program data that is collected for the federally required APR reporting that all 21st CCLC subgrantees must report to the federal government. NYSED currently contracts with a software company for a statewide system for collection and reporting of the required APR data. This data includes participants' hours of attendance per activity, New York State Assessment growth percentiles, participant school attendance data, participant in-school suspension data, participant demographic data, participant GPA data, school day teacher survey data, as well as other programmatic information such as staffing, hours of operation, activities offered, etc. In addition to APR data, additional student level data can be obtained from NYSED's IRS office for additional analyses as required for impact analyses. The contractor's evaluation plan will measure implementation, outcomes and impact. The plan's methodology will measure causality, not just correlation (impact not just outcomes) The contractor's evaluation plan will incorporate the methods that will be used in the impact analysis, such as a matched comparison study for example, and provide the reason or justification for choosing the selected method. Using program data from a variety of sources, such as the Mid-Year Report (MYR) provided by subgrantees each February, the contractor will also assist NYSED to create reports or summaries for subgrantees and NYSED's purposes.
2. The contractor will evaluate the effectiveness of the two 21st CCLC Resource Centers (RCs), one in New York City that serves all 21st CCLCs in the City's five boroughs, and one located currently in Binghamton to serve all 21st CCLCs outside of New York City, in the Rest of State (RoS). (See Attachment 2 for details on the services provided by the RCs.) The contractor will conduct on-site visits to each of the RC locations, and will conduct at least four on-site reviews of PD events conducted by both the NYC and RoS RCs. Bi-annual PD symposiums, either held separately in both NYC and Ros, or may be combined into one. These events may also be held virtually if necessary. In addition, the bidder will be required to evaluate other PD events such as additional webinars that occur throughout the year.

The RCs will be evaluated with regard to:

- a. The New York City (NYC) RC's and the Rest of State (RoS) RC's will each host biannual PD events that will occur in the spring and fall each year plus two other events. All subgrantees in their respective regions are required to attend these biannual conferences. One of these conferences may be a joint event at a single location. If necessary, these events may be conducted in a virtual environment. These events must be based on evidence-based research and/or best practices. The contractor will observe and evaluate each of these conferences each year; two in NYC and two in RoS, or one combined conference plus two separate conferences. PD conferences in RoS are often over a two day period and require an overnight stay given the distance some subgrantees have to travel. The NYC events are typically one full day in duration. In addition to the biannual PD conferences the RCs will also conduct two other PD events, so that there is a PD event every quarter, the biannual conference plus two other events. The two additional PD events, will be planned and implemented by the RCs, and may be provided in a variety of formats – e.g., webinars, web casts, or videoconferences. In addition to surveys that the contractor develops to inform this evaluation, the contractor will also have access to the results of any surveys conducted by the RCs

- b. The RCs may also host up to six (6) webinars each year on topics identified in collaboration with NYSED to provide additional support to subgrantees on topics of particular importance that arise. These events must be based on scientifically-based research and/or best practices, and may be provided in a variety of formats – e.g., webinars, web casts, videoconferences. The contractor will observe and evaluate each of these events each year.
- c. The technical assistance provided by each of the RCs to the 21st CCLCs in their respective geographic areas will be evaluated via document review and staff interviews during the one full day site visit to each RC location. Surveys or sample calling of grantees will also provide additional information to determine the following:
 - RC staff knowledge and expertise;
 - Access to and availability of RC staff for technical assistance;
 - Overall helpfulness of the RCs.

Note: Each RC is expected to work in cooperation with the State-level independent evaluator by compiling requested data and responding to the evaluator's inquiries about the RC's work in a timely manner.

The evaluation of the RCs will be included in the quarterly and annual reports.

3. The contractor will evaluate agreed upon implementation criteria, in consultation with the NYSED, of fifty Round 8 21st CCLC programs to explore issues around fidelity and quality. Round 8 grantees are anticipated to be awarded by July 1, 2022. Ten programs will be evaluated in each of the five contract years. In consultation with the contractor, NYSED will determine which ten programs will be evaluated in each contract year. This evaluation must include one site visit to each of the 50 programs during the five-year contract period. Each site visit will be up to one full day in duration. The contractor's budget will be inclusive of ten site visits per year, six of which will be in the New York City Region and four in the RoS so that a total of 50 subgrantees are evaluated over the course of the five year contract.

The criteria to be evaluated will be determined in consultation with the NYSED. These are not meant to be individual evaluations of the individual programs. That is the purpose of the independent local evaluator. Rather, by focusing on a particular aspect of implementation quality of all 21st CCLC programs, the statewide evaluation of these ten programs will look for trends and patterns to help inform NYSED of areas that may need strengthening across all programs.

The findings from the site visits of the selected grantee will be included in the annual report.

4. The contractor will review and assess quality and completeness of local program-level evaluation annual reports, (AERs), which are required to be submitted to the NYSED by September 30 of each year. The contractor will develop a rubric by which to assess the program-level evaluation reports and submit an AER Assessment Report Summary to the NYSED program office annually. The rubric should be submitted for approval to NYSED by September 30, 2023 and should be reviewed annually in consultation with NYSED. The annual review will include discussion of the purpose of such reviews, for example whether their purpose should be for local evaluators only, to provide them with feedback to improve their practice, or for sharing with the Resource Centers to inform their site monitoring visits of subgrantees. These are two purposes that are currently under consideration. The AER Assessment Report Summary is in addition to the Quarterly and Annual reports, and is to be submitted to the NYSED program office 5 months after local program-level evaluation reports are due to NYSED (typically September 30), or by February 28 annually, for four years, through 2027. The reports would not be due until the second year of the contract.

5. The contractor will provide guidance and assistance to NYSED staff with all aspects of APR data collection using NYSED's contracted statewide data collection and reporting system. As part of their contract with NYSED, they provide site licenses to all 21st CCLC subgrantee sites. This system collects program data from subgrantees and student demographic and outcome data for automated upload into 21APR, the federal data collection system that is used to report to congress. Since the Government and Performance Results Acts, also known by its acronym, GPRA, changed their performance measures for the first time in over 25 years, NYSED has been working to ensure that all the data that is required for APR reporting can be accessed and made available to the EZReports system. As the transition to the new GPRA measures is currently underway, the statewide evaluation contractor will be available for continued guidance and assistance to NYSED to ensure full compliance with the federal mandate. It is expected that the statewide evaluation contractor will be instrumental in working with NYSED and the statewide data system contractor in deployment of the mandatory teacher surveys that collect one of the new GPRA measures related to student engagement. The contractor will provide guidance and assistance regarding the implementation of the data collection system(s) through monthly one hour conference calls.
6. The contractor will be a resource for local program evaluators to improve the quality and consistency of local program evaluation throughout the state:
 - Plan and facilitate two networking meetings annually for local program evaluators. One of these meetings should take place in a location easily accessible to New York City evaluators and the other should take place in a centralized location such as the Syracuse or Rochester area to accommodate evaluators in the rest of state. If more feasible, and to increase participation, it is acceptable to have these meetings take place in a virtual environment.
 - Review, edit/update New York State's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Evaluation Manual in consultation with NYSED. The current 21st Century Community Learning Center Evaluation Manual and addendum can be found at the following links: [21st Century Community Learning Centers Evaluation Manual](#) [Addendum to New York State's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Evaluation Manual](#)
7. Out of State Travel: Summer Institute. The contractor will participate in the annual USDOE sponsored Summer Institute for 21st Century State Education Agency (SEA) coordinators, technical assistance providers, evaluators and local grantees. One professional staff member will attend. The Institute is held at a different location each year. In previous years, the Institute has been held in Washington, DC as well as various other states. The Institute is ordinarily three full days in duration. Because of the pandemic, these may be virtual, otherwise contractors will follow NYS travel [GSA per diem rates](#).
8. The contractor will participate in Quarterly planning/update meetings, at least two of which will be in-person and two which may be attended virtually unless unforeseen circumstances call for the in-person meetings to also be virtual. These meetings take place at the New York State Education Department in Albany and will include common meeting time with the two Technical Assistance Resource Centers (NYC and RoS) staff. These meetings will be approximately three hours in duration.
9. Prepare and submit quarterly reports on the evaluation process and findings (see cost proposal and reports below).

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10. Prepare and submit annual reports on the evaluation process and findings (see cost proposal and reports below).

Work Plan

The contractor will submit an updated and detailed annual work plan of evaluation activities at least 30 days before the start of each contract year (by September 1 of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, respectively) to NYSED for review and approval.

- A. The updated annual work plan will be consistent with the required deliverables as referenced in the RFP.
- B. The work plan should reflect valid and reliable evaluation methods that will measure the effectiveness of each activity.

Reports

The contractor will prepare and submit quarterly progress reports (first three quarters of each year and annual reports on the evaluation process and findings, including the degree to which New York State 21st CCLC programs and participants are meeting the State's objectives using extant data that is available from multiple sources as described above. It will include the analyses of the processes, outcomes and impacts of the 21st CCLC program. In addition to the quarterly and annual reports, the AER Assessment Summary Report on compliance with local evaluation requirements as set forth in the Evaluation Manual and addendum is due by February 28, annually, starting in year 2, 2024.

Quarterly reports will be progress reports of evaluation activities that took place during that quarter and will include any preliminary evaluation findings for review by NYSED. Quarterly payments will be made upon receipt of quarterly invoices and approval of the Quarterly reports by the program office. Quarterly reports may be posted on the NYSED website.

Quarterly reports will be due on the last day of December, March, and June of each contract year, with the annual report due one month after the end of the fourth quarter, on October 31. The first quarterly report will be due on December 31, 2022.

Annual reports, which must include an executive summary, will include the reporting of evaluation activities that took place during the fourth quarter, as well as, a summary of the year's preliminary findings and recommendations. Reports should be submitted electronically in a format compatible with Microsoft Office Suite software and will include an executive summary and appropriate displays of data suitable for presentation to the New York State Board of Regents to inform them of the status of the 21st CCLC Program in New York State. Annual reports will be due on the last day of October of each contract year, with the exception of the final year. The first annual report will be due on October 31, 2023. Annual reports will be posted on the NYSED website.

The final summative report will include an executive summary and a summary of findings and recommendations made over the five years (submitted electronically in a format compatible with Microsoft Office Suite software) and appropriate displays of data suitable for presentation to the New York State Board of Regents. The final summative report will be due on or before September 30, 2027. Following NYSED's approval, the report will be posted on the Student Support Services' 21st CCLC page of NYSED's website.

The AER Assessment Summary Report will assess program-level evaluation reports for alignment with the requirements set forth in the Evaluation Manual for program-level evaluators. Reports are due by February 28 annually, beginning in year 2, 2024. [21st Century Community Learning Centers Evaluation Manual. Addendum to New York State's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Evaluation Manual.](#)

The State-level Evaluator will be responsible for timely and accurate submission of all required plans and reports. NYSED will review and discuss the reports with the evaluator to make any needed adjustments.

Payment

Quarterly payments will be made to the vendor after quarterly reports have been submitted by the vendor and have been reviewed and approved by NYSED program staff. Failure to submit the required reports may result in the suspension of future payments.

The contractor will be required to submit quarterly invoices to NYSED containing dates of services and an itemized list of activities and costs consistent with the approved Schedule of Deliverables contained in the executed contract and the quarterly narrative reports. Payments will be made once the quarterly reports are reviewed and project deliverables are determined by NYSED to be adequate. Payment for each deliverable will be made upon 100% satisfactory completion and approval by NYSED. Payment(s) for subcontractor(s) should list the subcontractor's name(s), payment amount(s), and nature of services provided separately on the invoice submitted. Invoices with incomplete information will be returned to the vendor.

The contractor must retain records and accounts, updated on a monthly basis, and must be able to prepare and submit statistical, narrative, and/or financial summaries related to this contract as requested by NYSED.

Requirements of Education Law Section 2-d

The Contractor agrees to comply with FERPA and New York State Education Law § 2-d. The NYS Education Department (NYSED) is required to ensure that all contracts with a third-party contractor that receives student personally identifiable information and/or teacher and/or principal APPR data, collectively referred to as "PII," include a Data Privacy and Security Plan, pursuant to Education Law § 2-d and § 121.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. For every contract, the Contractor must complete the following or provide a plan that materially addresses its requirements, including alignment with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, which is the standard for educational agency data privacy and security policies in New York state.

Pursuant to Education Law § 2-d and § 121.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Education Department ("NYSED") is required to post information to its website about its contracts with third-party contractors that will receive Student PII and/or Teacher and/or Principal APPR data ("APPR Data"), collectively referred to as "PII".

The New York State Education Department's Data Privacy Appendix (Appendix R) is annexed to this RFP, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference, and shall also be part of the Contract.

Bidders should use the templates and instructions in Appendix R to submit the required DPA EXHIBIT 1 - Contractor's Data Privacy and Security Plan and DPA EXHIBIT 2 - Education Law § 2-d Bill of Rights

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for Data Privacy and Security and Supplemental Information for Contracts that Utilize Personally Identifiable Information and return them with their proposal for review.

Accessibility of Web-Based Information and Applications

Any documents, web-based information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement, will comply with New York State Education Department IT Policy NYSED-WEBACC-001, Web Accessibility Policy as such policy may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that state agency web-based information, including documents, and applications are accessible to persons with disabilities. Documents, web-based information and applications must conform to NYSED-WEBACC-001 as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by NYSED employee or contractor and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to NYSED before web-based information and applications will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

Subcontracting Limit

Subcontracting will be limited to 30% of the total contract budget. Subcontracting is defined as non-employee direct personal services and related incidental expenses, including travel.

For vendors using subcontractors, a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and a NYSED vendor responsibility review are required for a subcontractor when:

- the subcontractor is known at the time of the contract award;
- the subcontractor is not an entity that is exempt from reporting by OSC; and
- the subcontract will equal or exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract.

For additional information about Vendor Responsibility, see the **Vendor Responsibility** section contained in **3.) Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award** of this RFP.

If the vendor proposes to change subcontractors during the contract period, NYSED must be notified prior to the change. NYSED reserves the right to reject any replacement subcontractors proposed by the vendor and reserves the right to approve all changes in subcontractors. The Subcontracting Form located in the Submission Documents must be updated annually and submitted to NYSED. Using this form, the vendor must also report to NYSED, on an annual basis, actual expenditures incurred for all subcontractors and indicate which subcontracting costs are associated with M/WBE.

Staff Changes

The contractor will maintain continuity of staff throughout the course of the contract. All changes in staff will be subject to NYSED approval. The replacement staff with comparable skills will be provided at the same or lower hourly rate.

Contract Period

NYSED will award **one** contract pursuant to this RFP. The contract resulting from this RFP will be for a term anticipated to begin **October 1, 2022** and to end **September 30, 2027**.

Electronic Processing of Payments

In accordance with a directive dated January 22, 2010, by the Director of State Operations - Office of Taxpayer Accountability, all state agency contracts, grants, and purchase orders executed after February 28, 2010, shall contain a provision requiring that contractors and grantees accept electronic payments.

**M/WBE and Equal Employment Opportunities Requirements:
Contractor Requirements and Obligations under New York State Executive Law, Article 15-A
(Participation by Minority Group Members and Women with Respect to State Contracts)**

In an effort to eradicate barriers that have historically impeded access by minority group members and women in State contracting activities, Article 15-A, of the New York State Executive Law §310-318, (Participation By Minority Group Members and Women With Respect To State Contracts) was enacted to promote equality of economic opportunities for minority group members and women.

The New York State Education Department (“NYSED”) has enacted its policies Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action and on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurements consistent with the requirements as set forth under the provisions of Article 15-A (the “Article”) incorporated by reference, requiring Contracting Agencies to implement procedures to ensure that the “Contractor” (as defined under Article 15-A, §310.3 shall mean an individual, a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a corporation, a not-for-profit corporation, or any other party to a state contract, or a bidder in conjunction with the award of a state contract or a proposed party to a state contract, complies with requirements to ensure Equal Employment Opportunities for Minority Group Members and Women, in addition to providing Opportunities for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises on all covered state contracts.

In keeping with the intent of the Law, it is the expectation of the Commissioner and the responsibility of all contractors participating in and/or selected for procurement opportunities with NYSED, to fulfill their obligations to comply with the requirements of the Article and its implementing regulations.

In accordance with these requirements, the contractor hereby agrees to make every good faith effort to promote and assist the participation of certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“M/WBE”) as subcontractors and suppliers on this project for the provision of services and materials in an amount at least equal to the M/WBE goal (Included in the procurement document) as a percentage of the total dollar value of this project. In addition, the contractor shall ensure the following:

1. All state contracts and all documents soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts contain or make reference to the following provisions:
 - a. The contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier 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.

For purposes of the Article, affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff or termination and rate of pay or other forms of compensation.

- b. 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

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the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the contractor's obligation herein.

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, marital status, gender, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic disposition or carrier status.

2. The contractor will include the provisions of subdivision one of this section in every subcontract as defined under §310.14, except as provided under §312.6 of the Article, in such a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

3. Contractors or subcontractors shall comply with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity, which effectuates the purpose of this section.

4. Contractors and subcontractors shall undertake programs of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity as required by this section¹. In accordance with the provision of the Article, the bidder will submit, with their proposal, Staffing Plan (EEO 100).

5. Certified businesses (as defined under Article 15-A, §310.1 means a business verified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise pursuant to §314 of the Article) shall be given the opportunity for meaningful participation in the performance of this contract, to actively and affirmatively promote and assist their participation in the performance of this contract, so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of this contract to such businesses.

6. Contractor shall make a good faith effort to solicit active participation by enterprises identified in the [Empire State Development \("ESD"\) directory of certified businesses](#). The contractor must document its good faith efforts as set forth in 5 NYCRR 142.8. This document, Contractors Good Faith Efforts, can be found in the M/WBE Submission Documents.

7. Contractor shall agree, as a condition of entering into said contract, to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A, §316.

8. Contractor shall include the provisions set forth in paragraphs (6) and (7) above in every subcontract in a manner that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with this contract.

9. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of any federal law concerning opportunities for M/WBEs that effectuates the purpose of this section.

10. Contractor shall submit all necessary M/WBE documents and/or forms as described above as part of their proposal in response to NYSED procurement.

11. The percentage goals established for this RFP are based on the overall availability of M/WBEs certified in the particular areas of expertise identified under this RFP. These goals should not be construed as rigid and inflexible quotas that must be met, but as targets reasonably attainable by means

¹ Notice – Contractors are provided with notice herein, NYSED may require a contractor to submit proof of an equal opportunity program after the proposal opening and prior to the award of any contract. In accordance with regulations set forth under Article 15-A §312.5, contractors and/or subcontractors will be required to submit compliance reports relating to the contractor's and/or subcontractor's program in effect as of the date the contract is executed.

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of applying every good faith effort to make all aspects of the entire Minority and Women-Owned Business Program work.

12. Contractor shall ensure that enterprises have been identified (M/WBE 102) within the Utilization Plan, and the contractor shall attempt, in good faith, to utilize such enterprise(s) at least to the extent indicated in the plan, as to what measures and procedures contractor intends to take to comply with the provisions of the Article.

13. Upon written notification from NYSED M/WBE Program Unit as to any deficiencies and required remedies thereof, the contractor shall, within the period of time specified, submit compliance reports documenting remedial actions taken and other information relating to the operation and implementation of the Utilization Plan.

14. Where it appears that a contractor cannot, after a good faith effort, comply with the M/WBE participation requirements, contractor may file a written application with NYSED M/WBE Program Unit requesting a partial or total waiver (M/WBE 101) of such requirements setting forth the reasons for such contractor's inability to meet any or all of the participation requirements, together with an explanation of the efforts undertaken by the contractor to obtain the required M/WBE participation.

For purposes of determining a contractor's good faith efforts to comply with the requirements of this section or be entitled to a waiver, NYSED shall consider at the least the following:

I. Whether the contractor has advertised in general circulation media, trade association publications and minority-focused and women-focused media and, in such event;

a. Whether or not the certified M/WBEs which have been solicited by the contractor exhibited interest in submitting proposals for a particular project by attending a pre-bid conference; and

b. Whether certified businesses solicited by the contractor responded in a timely fashion to the contractor's solicitations for timely competitive bid quotations prior to the contracting agency's deadline for submission of proposals.

II. Whether there has been written notification to appropriate certified M/WBEs that appear in the [Empire State Development website](#).

All required Affirmative Action, EEO, and M/WBE forms to be submitted along with bids and/or proposals for NYSED procurements are attached hereto. Bidders must submit subcontracting forms that:

1) fully comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP; OR

2) partially comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP, and include a request for partial waiver, and document their good faith efforts to fully comply with the percentage goals specified in the RFP; OR

3) do not include certified M/WBE subcontractors or suppliers, and include a request for a complete waiver, and document their good faith efforts to fully comply with the participation goals specified in the RFP.

All M/WBE firms are required to be certified by Empire State Development (ESD). Online Certification can be found at the [New York State Contract System website](#).

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Failure to comply with the requirements of Article 15-A as set forth under this procurement and in conjunction with the corresponding contract, will result in the withholding of associated funds and other enforcement proceedings set forth under Article 15-A.

2.) **Submission**

Documents to be submitted with this proposal

This section details the submission document or documents that are expected to be transmitted by the respondent to the State Education Department in response to this RFP. New York State Education Department shall own all materials, processes, and products (software, code, documentation and other written materials) developed under this contract. Materials prepared under this contract shall be in a form that will be ready for copyright in the name of the New York State Education Department. Any subcontractor is also bound by these terms. The submission will become the basis on which NYSED will judge the respondent's ability to perform the required services as laid out in the RFP.

Project Submission

The proposal submitted in response to this RFP must include the following documents submitted by email to cau@nysed.gov in Microsoft Office or editable PDF per the electronic proposal submission procedures outlined above, preferably with each of the following sets of documents attached as a single file (i.e. one email with four attachments):

1. Submission Documents bearing signatures
2. Technical Proposal
3. Cost Proposal
4. M/WBE Documents bearing signatures

The proposal must be received by **March 25, 2022 by 3:00 PM** by email to cau@nysed.gov.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, avoiding the use of elaborate promotional materials beyond those sufficient to provide complete presentation. If supplemental materials are a necessary part of the proposal, the bidder should reference these materials in the technical proposal, identifying the document(s) and citing the appropriate section and page(s) to be reviewed.

The proposal must communicate an understanding of the deliverables of the RFP, describe how the tasks are to be performed and identify potential problems in the conduct of the deliverables and methods to identify and solve such problems.

Bidders should specify all details and dates required to evaluate the technical proposal and should limit aspects of the project plan that are to be determined only after the award of a contract. No optional deliverables to be provided only at an additional cost should be included and will not be considered in the evaluation of the technical proposal. Contractual terms, conditions and assumptions are inappropriate for inclusion in the proposal.

Any proprietary material considered confidential by the bidder will specifically be so identified, and the basis for such confidentiality will be specifically set forth in the proposal by submitting the form "Request for Exemption from Disclosure Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law," located in 5) Submission Documents.

Technical Proposal (70 points)

The completed Technical Proposal should be emailed and labeled **[name of bidder] Technical Proposal – RFP #22-008** and include the following:

- Mandatory Requirements Certification Form **(Signature Required)**
- Completed Appendix R, Exhibits 1 and 2 (below and in Submission Documents)
- Project Description
- Resumes for the proposed Project Director and any other professional staff that will be assigned to work on this contract.
- Work Plan (see template to be used below)

Project Description (50 Points): The complete project description and supporting materials will be reviewed to determine the overall consistency of the proposal with the stated purpose and objectives of the RFP. The qualifications of key personnel and the adequacy of the resources of the bidder will be reviewed to determine the organization's ability to implement the activities described in the application. The project description should include the bidder's:

- Description of the organizational capacity to conduct the activities and produce the deliverables specified in the RFP consistent with State and federal laws and regulations that pertain to 21st CCLCs. The description of organizational capacity must include, but is not limited to, description of the agency's human, material and information resources. **(4 points)**
- Knowledge and experience evaluating education programs, especially the evaluation of expanded learning opportunity programs, run by various types of organizations, including non-profit, school districts, municipalities, faith-based, for-profit and institutions of higher education. Include potential challenges in evaluating programs run by various organization types and ways to address such challenges. **(4 points)**
- Knowledge and experience evaluating education programs, especially the evaluation of expanded learning opportunity programs, in various regions and communities across New York State, including New York City, the big four cities (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers), small cities, and rural programs from across New York State. Include potential challenges in evaluating programs in various regions and communities and ways to address such challenges. **(4 points)**

Subconsultants may not be used to meet the staffing requirement of the project director.

- Description of staff assigned to this project, including the proposed project director's knowledge and experience conducting evaluations of educational programs. The project director must be 1 FTE with a Master's Degree or higher to be responsible for the deliverables as noted within this RFP and in subsequent annual work. This position must be held by one individual, not for example, by two people at .5 FTE each. The ideal Project Director, in addition to having a Master's Degree must also have at least three (3) years' experience in the evaluation of educational programs. Provide examples of evaluations of expanded learning opportunity programs and any state-level evaluations directed by the proposed project director. Provide a staffing and supervision plan that includes additional staff or sub-contracted staff necessary to meet the deliverables as described in this RFP. Include a

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resume for the proposed Project Director, resumes for all professional staff who will be assigned to this contract that are already employed by the bidder, and job descriptions for all other professional staff. **(6 points)**

- Deliverable 1 - Overview of proposed evaluation plan to measure the extent to which NYSED has achieved its objectives related to statewide improvements in participating students' academic performance and behavior using program level and student level data available via the State-contracted system, and any additional student level data available via NYSED IRS office. The plan must measure implementation, outcomes and impacts of the 21st CCLC program and participants in New York State. The plan should outline what data would be most useful, plans for ensuring access to the desired data, plans for both aggregating and disaggregating the data to provide additional insight, potential challenges that are foreseen, and ways to address those challenges. **(7 points)**
- Deliverable 2 - Plan to evaluate the provision of required services of the New York City (NYC) and Rest of State (ROS) Technical Assistance Resource Centers. Plan must include the evaluation of the RCs' expertise in delivering PD and TA to local subgrantees and their perceived helpfulness by subgrantees by conducting surveys of subgrantees to determine their level of satisfaction with the RCs assistance. The plan must also include conducting staff interviews and review of documents in the evaluation of RC effectiveness. In addition, the plan should also include how the bidder proposes to work in collaboration with the RCs and NYSED to mutually support the work of all three entities. Discuss the use of surveys, site visits and meetings to accomplish this deliverable. **(6 points)**
- Deliverable 3 -Describe the plan to conduct an in-depth analysis of implementation quality and fidelity of a sample of fifty (50) 21st CCLC programs selected in consultation with NYSED to be studied over the five years of this contract. Describe some of the areas that might be particularly useful to look at across a sample of programs given your knowledge of 21st CCLC programs and how that information could be useful in identifying areas in need of improvement. Include what additional insight could be gained from this in depth analysis of a sample of programs that would otherwise not be known to inform the overall evaluation. The 50 programs will be selected using a stratified sample so that each region of the state is represented according to the number of programs in each of the regions. **(6 points)**
- Deliverable 4. Plan to update and/or /repurpose, as determined in consultation with NYSED, the AER Review Template. Describe the possible benefits to using the AER template in the review of local program evaluation reports (AERs) and the possible other purposes for which such a template could be used. Include your plan for reporting to NYSED (AER Review Summary Report) annually using the rubric developed by the bidder and approved by the NYSED. **(3 points)**
- Deliverable 5– Describe the plan to provide guidance and assistance to NYSED staff with all aspects of APR data collection. NYSED currently has a five year contract with an outside software company which could change in 2025. With new GPRA measures being collected in the 2021-2022 program year for 2022 reporting, NYSED has been working to ensure that all the data that is required for APR reporting can be accessed and made available to this statewide system within required timeframes. As the transition to the new GPRA measures is currently underway, the bidder should demonstrate an intimate knowledge of the new GRPA measures and the issues that New York State may face in

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accessing the required data. The bidder should describe how they will provide guidance and assistance to NYSED to ensure full compliance with the federal mandate. The bidder should also describe how it will work with NYSED and statewide data contractor in deployment of the mandatory teacher surveys that collects one of the new GPRA measures related to student engagement. **(6 Points)**

- Deliverable 6 – Plan for being a resource for local program evaluators to improve their practice with regard to evaluating 21st CCLC subgrantee programs. The plan must include a) providing annual networking sessions for local evaluators. Discuss the bidders experience conducting similar sessions and how a rich and useful discussion among this group will be used to improve the quality of local program evaluations; and b) providing a plan for updating the current 21st CCLC Evaluation Manual and addendum. Discuss your experience writing technical manuals and how the most recent thinking in the evaluation field will be considered and incorporated in this task. Provide your thoughts on the current manual and addendum and how to make it more useful to local program evaluators. **(4 points)**

Work Plan (20 Points): The Work Plan Template below should be completed to describe the deliverables that will result in meeting the requirements of the RFP. The Work Plan will be evaluated based on its completeness, the appropriateness of the sub-activities to achieve each of the required contract deliverables, indicators of success, how the indicators will be measured, and the timeline for implementation of the sub-activities.

- Specific sub-activities to meet contract deliverables and required activities **(10 points)**
- Indicators (benchmarks) and measures of Success **(5 points)**
- Timeline **(5 points)**

The following template is to be used for the Evaluator’s work plan:

I. Contract Deliverable		
A. Specific Sub-Activity to meet contract deliverable	Measurement Used and Indicator of Success	Timeline for Implementation

Cost Proposal (30 points)

The completed Cost Proposal should be emailed and labeled **[name of bidder] Cost Proposal – RFP #22-008** and include the following:

- 1.) 5 Year Cost Proposal
- 2.) Subcontracting Form
- 3.) M/WBE Purchases Form

Budgets must be submitted using whole dollar numbers.

When budgeting for future years, bidders should factor in any anticipated cost increases, due to negotiated salary increases, etc. The pricing provided within the Cost Proposal must include all costs for the duration of the contract, including, but not limited to:

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- professional and non-professional salaries and benefits;
- purchased services, including consultant services;
- travel expenses;
- supplies, materials, and printing;
- indirect costs, overhead, etc.

The Financial Criteria portion of the RFP will be scored based upon the grand total of the 5 year budget.

M/WBE Documents

The original completed M/WBE Documents should be emailed and labeled **[name of bidder] M/WBE Documents – RFP #22-008**. Please return the documents listed for the compliance method bidder has achieved:

Full Participation-No Request for Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter, **Signatures Required**
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan

Partial Participation-Request for Partial Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter, **Signatures Required**
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
5. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
6. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

No Participation-Request for Complete Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter, **Signatures Required**
2. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
3. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
4. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

3.) Evaluation Criteria and Method of Award

This section begins with the criteria the agency will use to evaluate bids and closes with the “method of award,” or how the contractor will be selected. This will be followed by various terms and conditions that reflect the specific needs of this project as well as New York State contract guidelines and requirements.

Criteria for Evaluating Bids

All eligible proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed using the following criteria and ratings. Applicants must ensure that all components of this application request have been addressed, the required number of copies has been provided, all forms and assurances have been completed, and the original signatures are included as required.

An evaluation committee will complete a review of all proposals submitted. The committee will review each proposal based upon the submitted proposal and the requirements of the RFP only. Bidders should not assume that committee review members will be familiar with the current program or have any previous experience with the bidder. Appropriate description should be included to inform review committee members about the bidder’s qualifications and capacity to perform all required deliverables.

The committee will review each proposal to determine compliance with the requirements described in the RFP. NYSED retains the right to determine whether any deviation from the requirements of this RFP is substantial in nature and may reject in whole or in part any and all proposals, waive minor irregularities and conduct discussions with all responsible bidders.

Technical Criteria (70 Points)

Project Description (50 Points)
Work Plan (20 Points)

Financial Criteria (30 Points)

The Financial Criteria portion of the RFP will be scored based upon the grand total of the 5 year Budget. When budgeting for future years, bidders should factor in any anticipated cost increase, due to negotiated salary increases, etc. NYSED reserves the right to determine whether the anticipated annual costs are reasonable.

The **financial portion** of the proposal represents 30 points of the overall score and will be awarded up to 30 points pursuant to a formula. This calculation will be computed by the Contract Administration Unit upon completion of the technical scoring by the technical review panel.

The submitted budget will be awarded points pursuant to a formula that awards the highest score of 30 points to the budget that reflects the lowest overall cost. The remaining budgets will be awarded points based on a calculation that computes the relative difference of each proposal against the lowest budget submitted. The resulting percentage is then applied to the maximum point value of 30 points.

NYSED reserves the right to request best and final offers. In the event NYSED exercises this right, all responsive bidders will be asked to provide a best and final offer. The Contract Administration Unit will recalculate the financial score.

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Method of Award

The aggregate score of all the criteria listed will be calculated for each proposal received.

The contract issued pursuant to this proposal will be awarded to the vendor whose aggregate technical and cost score is the highest among all the proposals rated. **If NYSED exercises the right to request best and final offers, the contract must be issued to the vendor with the highest aggregate technical and financial score that results from the best and final offer.**

In the event that more than one proposal obtains the highest aggregate score, the contract will be awarded to the vendor in that group of highest aggregate scores whose budget component reflects the lowest overall cost.

NYSED's Reservation of Rights

NYSED reserves the right to: (1) reject any or all proposals received in response to the RFP; (2) withdraw the RFP at any time, at the agency's sole discretion; (3) make an award under the RFP in whole or in part; (4) disqualify any bidder whose conduct and/or proposal fails to conform to the requirements of the RFP; (5) seek clarifications of proposals; (6) use proposal information obtained through site visits, management interviews and the state's investigation of a bidder's qualifications, experience, ability or financial standing, and any material or information submitted by the bidder in response to the agency's request for clarifying information in the course of evaluation and/or selection under the RFP; (7) prior to the bid opening, amend the RFP specifications to correct errors or oversights, or to supply additional information, as it becomes available; (8) prior to the bid opening, direct bidders to submit proposal modifications addressing subsequent RFP amendments; (9) change any of the scheduled dates; (10) waive any requirements that are not material; (11) negotiate with the successful bidder within the scope of the RFP in the best interests of the state; (12) conduct contract negotiations with the next responsible bidder, should the agency be unsuccessful in negotiating with the selected bidder; (13) utilize any and all ideas submitted in the proposals received; (14) unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, every offer is firm and not revocable for a period of 90 days from the bid opening; (15) require clarification at any time during the procurement process and/or require correction of arithmetic or other apparent errors for the purpose of assuring a full and complete understanding of an offerer's proposal and/or to determine an offerer's compliance with the requirements of the solicitation; (16) request best and final offers.

Post Selection Procedures

Upon selection, the successful bidder will receive a proposed contract from NYSED. The selected bidder may be given an opportunity to reduce its cost proposal in accordance with the agency's right to negotiate a final best price. The contents of this RFP, any subsequent correspondence during the proposal evaluation period, and such other stipulations as agreed upon may be made a part of the final contract prepared by NYSED. Successful bidders may be subject to audit and should ensure that adequate controls are in place to document the allowable activities and expenditure of State funds.

Debriefing Procedures

In accordance with section 163 of the NY State Finance Law, NYSED, upon request, must provide a debriefing to any unsuccessful bidder regarding the reasons their proposal was not selected for an award.

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1. All unsuccessful bidders may request a debriefing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving notice from NYSED of non-award. Bidders may request a debriefing by submitting a written request to the Fiscal Contact person at 21CRFP@nysed.gov.
2. Upon receipt of a timely written request from the unsuccessful bidder, NYSED will schedule the debriefing to occur within a reasonable time following receipt of the request. Debriefings will be conducted in person, unless NYSED and the bidder mutually agree to utilize other means, including but not limited to telephone, video-conferencing or other types of electronic communication.
3. The debriefing will include: a) the reasons that the proposal submitted by the unsuccessful bidder was not selected for an award; b) the qualitative and quantitative analysis employed by NYSED in assessing the relative merits of the proposals; c) the application of the selection criteria to the unsuccessful bidder's proposal; and d) when the debriefing is held after the final award, the reasons for the selection of the winning proposal. The debriefing will also provide, to the greatest extent practicable, general advice and guidance to the unsuccessful bidder concerning potential ways that their future proposals could be more responsive.

Contract Award Protest Procedures

Bidders who receive a notice of non-award or disqualification may protest the NYSED award decision subject to the following:

1. The protest must be in writing and must contain specific factual and/or legal allegations setting forth the basis on which the protesting party challenges the contract award by NYSED.
2. The protest must be filed within ten (10) business days of receipt of a debriefing or disqualification letter. The protest letter must be filed with the Contract Administration Unit by emailing: 21CRPF@nysed.gov
3. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) will convene a review team that will include at least one staff member from each of NYSED's Office of Counsel, CAU, and the Program Office. The review team will review and consider the merits of the protest and will decide whether the protest is approved or denied. Counsel's Office will provide the bidder with written notification of the review team's decision within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the protest. The original protest and decision will be filed with OSC when the contract procurement record is submitted for approval and CAU will advise OSC that a protest was filed.
4. The NYSED Contract Administration Unit (CAU) may summarily deny a protest that fails to contain specific factual or legal allegations, or where the protest only raises issues of law that have already been decided by the courts.

Vendor Responsibility

State law requires that the award of state contracts be made to responsible vendors. Before an award is made to a not-for-profit entity, a for-profit entity, a private college or university or a public entity not exempted by the Office of the State Comptroller, NYSED must make an affirmative responsibility determination. The factors to be considered include legal authority to do business in New York State; integrity; capacity – both organizational and financial; and previous performance. Before an award of

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\$100,000 or greater can be made to a covered entity, the entity will be required to complete and submit a [Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire](#). School districts, Charter Schools, BOCES, public colleges and universities, public libraries, and the Research Foundation for SUNY and CUNY are some of the exempt entities. A [complete list of exempt entities](#) can be viewed at the Office of the State Comptroller's website.

NYSED recommends that vendors file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the [VendRep System Instructions](#) or go directly to the [VendRep System on the Office of the State Comptroller's website](#).

Vendors must provide their New York State Vendor Identification Number when enrolling. To request assignment of a Vendor ID or for VendRep System assistance, contact the [Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk](#) at 866-370-4672 or 518-408-4672 or by email at ITServiceDesk@osc.ny.gov.

Vendors opting to complete and submit a paper questionnaire can obtain the appropriate questionnaire from the [VendRep website](#) or may contact NYSED or the Office of the State Comptroller's Help Desk for a copy of the paper form.

Subcontractors:

For vendors using subcontractors, a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire and a NYSED vendor responsibility review are required for a subcontractor where:

- the subcontractor is known at the time of the contract award;
- the subcontractor is not an entity that is exempt from reporting by OSC; and
- the subcontract will equal or exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract.

Note: Bidders must acknowledge their method of filing their questionnaire by checking the appropriate box on the Response Sheet for Bids (5. Submission Documents).

Procurement Lobbying Law

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") and an Offerer/bidder during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of the solicitation through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by NYSED and, if applicable, 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 below. NYSED 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 at [NYSED's Procurement Lobbying Law Policy Guidelines webpage](#).

Designated Contacts for NYSED

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Contract Administration Unit – **Adam Kutryb**

Consultant Disclosure Legislation

Effective June 19, 2006, new reporting requirements became effective for State contractors, as the result of an amendment to State Finance Law §§ 8 and 163. As a result of these changes in law, State contractors will be required to disclose, by employment category, the number of persons employed to provide services under a contract for consulting services, the number of hours worked and the amount paid to the contractor by the State as compensation for work performed by these employees. This will include information on any persons working under any subcontracts with the State contractor.

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 expands the definition of contracts for consulting services to include any contract entered into by a State agency for analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services.

To enable compliance with the law, State agencies must include in the Procurement Record submitted to OSC for new consultant contracts, the State Consultant Services Contractor's Planned Employment from Contract Start Date Through the End of the Contract Term (Form A). The completed form must include information for all employees providing service under the contract whether employed by the contractor or a subcontractor. Please note that the form captures the necessary planned employment information ***prospectively from the start date of the contract through the end of the contract term.***

[Form A](#) is available on OSC's website.

Please note that although this form is not required as part of the bid submission, NYSED encourages bidders to include it in their bid submission to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract. Note also that only the form listed above is acceptable.

Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006 mandates that State agencies must now require State contractors to **report annually** on the employment information described above, including work performed by subcontractors. The legislation mandates that the annual employment reports are to be submitted by the contractor to the contracting agency, to OSC and to the Department of Civil Service. State Consultant Services Contractor's Annual Employment Report (Form B) is to be used to report the information for all procurement contracts above \$15,000. Please note that, in contrast to the information to be included on Form A, which is a one-time report of planned employment data for the entire term of a consulting contract on a projected basis, ***Form B will be submitted each year the contract is in effect and will capture historical information, detailing actual employment data for the most recently concluded State fiscal year (April 1 – March 31).***

[Form B](#) is available on OSC's website.

For more information, please visit [OSC Guide to Financial Operations](#).

Public Officer's Law Section 73

All bidders must comply with Public Officer's Law Section 73 (4)(a), as follows:

4. (a) No statewide elected official, state officer or employee, member of the legislature, legislative employee or political party chairman or firm or association of which such person is a member, or corporation, ten per centum or more of the stock of which is owned or controlled directly or indirectly

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by such person, shall (i) sell any goods or services having a value in excess of twenty-five dollars to any state agency, or (ii) contract for or provide such goods or services with or to any private entity where the power to contract, appoint or retain on behalf of such private entity is exercised, directly or indirectly, by a state agency or officer thereof, unless such goods or services are provided pursuant to an award or contract let after public notice and competitive bidding. This paragraph shall not apply to the publication of resolutions, advertisements or other legal propositions or notices in newspapers designated pursuant to law for such purpose and for which the rates are fixed pursuant to law.

(i) The term "state officer or employee" shall mean:

(i) heads of state departments and their deputies and assistants other than members of the board of regents of the university of the state of New York who receive no compensation or are compensated on a per diem basis;

(ii) officers and employees of statewide elected officials;

(iii) officers and employees of state departments, boards, bureaus, divisions, commissions, councils or other state agencies other than officers of such boards, commissions or councils who receive no compensation or are compensated on a per diem basis; and

(iv) members or directors of public authorities, other than multistate authorities, public benefit corporations and commissions at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor, who receive compensation other than on a per diem basis, and employees of such authorities, corporations and commissions.

Review [Public Officer's Law Section 73](#).

NYSED Substitute Form W-9

Any payee/vendor/organization receiving Federal and/or State payments from NYSED must complete the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 if they are not yet registered in the Statewide Financial System centralized vendor file.

The NYS Education Department (NYSED) is using the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to obtain certification of a vendor's Tax Identification Number in order to facilitate a vendor's registration with the SFS centralized vendor file and to ensure accuracy of information contained therein. We ask for the information on the NYSED Substitute Form W-9 to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States.

Workers' Compensation Coverage and Debarment

New York State Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) has specific coverage requirements for businesses contracting with New York State and additional requirements which provide for the debarment of vendors that violate certain sections of WCL. The WCL requires, and has required since introduction of the law in 1922, the heads of all municipal and State entities to ensure that businesses have appropriate workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance coverage *prior* to issuing any permits or licenses, or *prior* to entering into contracts.

Workers' compensation requirements are covered by WCL Section 57, while disability benefits are covered by WCL Section 220(8). The Workers' Compensation Benefits clause in Appendix A – STANDARD CLAUSES FOR NEW YORK STATE CONTRACTS states that in accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, a contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the contractor provides and maintains coverage during the life of the contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the WCL.

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Under provisions of the 2007 Workers' Compensation Reform Legislation (WCL Section 141-b), any person, or entity substantially owned by that person: subject to a final assessment of civil fines or penalties, subject to a stop-work order, or convicted of a misdemeanor for violation of Workers' Compensation laws Section 52 or 131, is barred from bidding on, or being awarded, any public work contract or subcontract with the State, any municipal corporation or public body for one year for each violation. The ban is five years for each felony conviction.

PROOF OF COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

The Workers' Compensation Board has developed several forms to assist State contracting entities in ensuring that businesses have the appropriate workers' compensation and disability insurance coverage as required by Sections 57 and 220(8) of the WCL.

Please note – an ACORD form is not acceptable proof of New York State workers' compensation or disability benefits insurance coverage.

Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL, the Workers' Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate workers' compensation insurance coverage:

- **Form C-105.2** – Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance issued by private insurance carriers, or **Form U-26.3** issued by the State Insurance Fund; or
- **Form SI-12**– Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance; or **Form GSI-105.2** Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance; or
- **CE-200**– Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from NYS Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

Proof of Disability Benefits Coverage

To comply with coverage provisions of the WCL regarding disability benefits, the Workers' Compensation Board requires that a business seeking to enter into a State contract must submit appropriate proof of coverage to the State contracting entity issuing the contract. For each new contract or contract renewal, the contracting entity must obtain ONE of the following forms from the contractor and submit to OSC to prove the contractor has appropriate disability benefits insurance coverage:

- **Form DB-120.1** - Certificate of Disability Benefits Insurance; or
- **Form DB-155**- Certificate of Disability Benefits Self-Insurance; or
- **CE-200**– Certificate of Attestation of Exemption from New York State Workers' Compensation and/or Disability Benefits Coverage.

For additional information regarding workers' compensation and disability benefits requirements, please refer to the [New York State Workers' Compensation Board website](#). Alternatively, questions

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relating to either workers' compensation or disability benefits coverage should be directed to the NYS Workers' Compensation Board, Bureau of Compliance at (518) 486-6307.

Please note that although these forms are not required as part of the bid submissions, NYSED encourages bidders to include them in their bid submission to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract. Note also that only the forms listed above are acceptable.

Sales and Compensating Use Tax Certification (Tax Law, § 5-a)

Tax Law § 5-a requires contractors awarded State contracts for commodities or services valued at more than \$100,000 over the full term of the contract to certify to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance ("DTF") that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes, if they made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000, measured over a specific period of time. The registration requirement applies if the contractor made a cumulative total of more than \$300,000 in sales during the four completed sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which the certification is made. Sales tax quarters are June – August, September – November, December – February, and March – May. In addition, contractors must certify to DTF that each affiliate and subcontractor of such contractor exceeding such sales threshold during a specified period is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. Contractors must also certify to the procuring State entity that they filed the certification with the DTF and that it is correct and complete.

The selected bidder must file a properly completed Form ST-220-CA (with NYSED as the Contracting Agency) and Form ST-220-TD (with the DTF). These requirements must be met before a contract may take effect. Further information can be found at the [New York State Department of Taxation and Finance's website](#). Forms are available through these links:

- [ST-220 CA](#)
- [ST-220 TD](#)

Please note that although these forms are not required as part of the bid submissions, NYSED encourages bidders to include them with their bid submissions to expedite contract execution if the bidder is awarded the contract.

4.) **Assurances**

The State of New York Agreement, Appendix A (Standard Clauses for all New York State Contracts), Appendix A-1 (Agency-Specific Clauses), and Appendix R (Data Privacy Appendix) **will be included** in the contract that results from this RFP. Vendors who are unable to complete or abide by these assurances should not respond to this request.

The documents listed below are included in **5.) Submission Documents**, which must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer. Please review the terms and conditions. Certain documents will become part of the resulting contract that will be executed between the successful bidder and the NYS Education Department.

1. Non-Collusion Certification
2. MacBride Certification
3. Certification-Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992
4. Certification Regarding Lobbying; Debarment and Suspension; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
5. Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility Determinations
6. NYSED Substitute Form W-9 (If bidder is not yet registered in the SFS centralized vendor file.)
7. Iran Divestment Act Certification
8. Sexual Harassment Policy Certification

M/WBE Documents – **(the forms below are included in 5.) Submission Documents)**

Please return the documents listed for the compliance method bidder has achieved:

Full Participation-No Request for Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan

Partial Participation-Request for Partial Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **M/WBE 100** Utilization Plan
3. **M/WBE 102** Notice of Intent to Participate
4. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
5. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
6. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

No Participation-Request for Complete Waiver

1. M/WBE Cover Letter
2. **EEO 100** Staffing Plan
3. **M/WBE 101** Request for Waiver
4. **M/WBE 105** Contractor's Good Faith Efforts

STATE OF NEW YORK AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is hereby made by and between the People of the State of New York, acting through Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, party of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the (STATE) and the public or private agency (CONTRACTOR) identified on the face page hereof.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the STATE has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR is ready, willing and able to provide such program services and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services required pursuant to the terms of this AGREEMENT;

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

I. Conditions of Agreement

A. This AGREEMENT may consist of successive periods (PERIOD), as specified within the AGREEMENT or within a subsequent Modification Agreement(s) (Appendix X). Each additional or superseding PERIOD shall be on the forms specified by the particular State agency and shall be incorporated into this AGREEMENT.

B. Funding for the first PERIOD shall not exceed the funding amount specified on the face page hereof. Funding for each subsequent PERIOD, if any, shall not exceed the amount specified in the appropriate appendix for that PERIOD.

C. This AGREEMENT incorporates the face pages attached and all of the marked appendices identified on the face page hereof.

D. For each succeeding PERIOD of this AGREEMENT, the parties shall prepare new appendices, to the extent that any require modification, and a Modification Agreement (The attached Appendix X is the blank form to be used). Any terms of this AGREEMENT not modified shall remain in effect for each PERIOD of the AGREEMENT.

To modify the AGREEMENT within an existing PERIOD, the parties shall revise or complete the appropriate appendix form(s). Any change in the amount of consideration to be paid, or change in the term, is subject to the approval of the Office of the State Comptroller. Any other modifications shall be processed in accordance with agency guidelines as stated in Appendix A1.

E. The CONTRACTOR shall perform all services to the satisfaction of the STATE. The CONTRACTOR shall provide services and meet the program objectives summarized in the Program Workplan (Appendix D) in accordance with: provisions of the AGREEMENT; relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative and fiscal guidelines; and where applicable, operating certificates for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

F. If the CONTRACTOR enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to this AGREEMENT, the CONTRACTOR shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the STATE under this AGREEMENT. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the STATE.

G. Appendix A (Standard Clauses as required by the Attorney General for all State contracts) takes precedence over all other parts of the AGREEMENT.

II. Payment and Reporting

A. The CONTRACTOR, to be eligible for payment, shall submit to the STATE's designated payment office (identified in Appendix C) any appropriate documentation as required by the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C) and by agency fiscal guidelines, in a manner acceptable to the STATE.

B. The STATE shall make payments and any reconciliations in accordance with the Payment and Reporting Schedule (Appendix C). The STATE shall pay the CONTRACTOR, in consideration of contract services for a given PERIOD, a sum not to

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exceed the amount noted on the face page hereof or in the respective Appendix designating the payment amount for that given PERIOD. This sum shall not duplicate reimbursement from other sources for CONTRACTOR costs and services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

C. The CONTRACTOR shall meet the audit requirements specified by the STATE.

III. Terminations

A. This AGREEMENT may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the STATE and the CONTRACTOR.

B. The STATE may terminate the AGREEMENT immediately, upon written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures affecting this AGREEMENT.

C. The STATE may also terminate this AGREEMENT for any reason in accordance with provisions set forth in Appendix A1.

D. Written notice of termination, where required, shall be sent by personal messenger service or by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination shall be effective in accordance with the terms of the notice.

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

F. The STATE shall be responsible for payment on claims pursuant to services provided and costs incurred pursuant to terms of the AGREEMENT. In no event shall the STATE be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the program(s) in this AGREEMENT after the termination date.

IV. Indemnification

A. The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors pursuant to this AGREEMENT. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the STATE and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

B. The CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee or subdivision of the STATE nor make any claim, demand or application to or for any right based upon any different status.

V. Property

Any equipment, furniture, supplies or other property purchased pursuant to this AGREEMENT is deemed to be the property of the STATE except as may otherwise be governed by Federal or State laws, rules or regulations, or as stated in Appendix A1.

VI. Safeguards for Services and Confidentiality

A. Services performed pursuant to this AGREEMENT are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

B. Funds provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that may influence legislation or the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

C. Information relating to individuals who may receive services pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be maintained and used only for the purposes intended under the contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of laws and regulations, or specified in Appendix A1.

Appendix A
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, licensor, 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 State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law may be waived at the discretion of the contracting agency and with the concurrence of the State Comptroller where the original contract was subject to the State Comptroller's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless 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 \$25,000, 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 § 163.6-a). However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

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, nor subject any individual to harassment, because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status or because the individual has opposed any practices forbidden under the Human Rights Law or has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under the Human Rights Law. 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. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

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 (2 NYCRR § 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) Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a New York State agency by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or

services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, 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 the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN. In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR Part 143, 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 the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(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, shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts 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. 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 clause. 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 Department of Economic Development's Division 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 Section 165 of the State Finance Law, (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
Albany, New York 12245
Telephone: 518-292-5100
Fax: 518-292-5884
email: opa@esd.ny.gov

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
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212-803-2414
email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
[NYS M/WBE Directory](#)

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 (Chapter 844 of the Laws of 1992, codified in State Finance Law § 139-i and Public Authorities Law § 2879(3)(n)-(p)) 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, codified in State Finance Law § 165(6) and Public Authorities Law § 2879(5)) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. NOTE: As of October 2019, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of South Carolina, Alaska, West Virginia, Wyoming, Louisiana and Hawaii.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH BREACH NOTIFICATION AND DATA SECURITY LAWS.

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law § 899-aa and State Technology Law § 208) and commencing March 21, 2020 shall also comply with General Business Law § 899-bb.

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE

LAW. If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then, in accordance with Section 163 (4)(g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

25. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.

To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, if the contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law § 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or the covered agency, as defined by Tax Law § 5-a, discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if the covered agency determines that such action is in the best interest of the State.

26. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT. By entering into this Agreement, Contractor certifies in accordance with State Finance Law § 165-a that it is not on the "Entities Determined to be Non-Responsive Bidders/Offerers pursuant to the New York State Iran Divestment Act of 2012" ("[Prohibited Entities List](#)").

Contractor further certifies that it will not utilize on this Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the Prohibited Entities List. Contractor agrees that should it seek to renew or extend this Contract, it must provide the same certification at the time the Contract is renewed or extended. Contractor also agrees that any proposed Assignee of this Contract will be required to certify that it is not on the Prohibited Entities List before the contract assignment will be approved by the State.

During the term of the Contract, should the state agency receive information that a person (as defined in State Finance Law § 165-a) is in violation of the above-referenced certifications, the state agency will review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment activity which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including,

but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

The state agency reserves the right to reject any bid, request for assignment, renewal or extension for an entity that appears on the Prohibited Entities List prior to the award, assignment, renewal or extension of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the Prohibited Entities list after contract award.

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

(October 2019)

APPENDIX A-1
AGENCY-SPECIFIC CLAUSES

Payment and Reporting

- A. In the event that Contractor shall receive, from any source whatsoever, sums the payment of which is in consideration for the same costs and services provided to the State, the monetary obligation of the State hereunder shall be reduced by an equivalent amount provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall require such reimbursement where additional similar services are provided and no duplicative payments are received.
- B. For each individual for whom costs are claimed under this agreement, the contractor warrants that the individual has been classified as an employee or as an independent contractor in accordance with 2 NYCRR 315 and all applicable laws including, but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Code, the New York Retirement and Social Security Law, the New York Education Law, the New York Labor Law, and the New York Tax Law. Furthermore, the contractor warrants that all project funds allocated to the proposed budget for Employee Benefits, represent costs for employees of the contractor only and that such funds will not be expended on any individual classified as an independent contractor.

Terminations

- A. The State may terminate this Agreement without cause by thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event of such termination, the parties will adjust the accounts due and the Contractor will undertake no additional expenditures not already required. Upon any such termination, the parties shall endeavor in an orderly manner to wind down activities hereunder.
- B. SED reserves the right to terminate this Agreement in the event it is found that the certification by the Contractor in accordance with New York State Finance Law §139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, SED may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the written notification terms of this Agreement.

Responsibility Provisions

- A. General Responsibility Language
The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
- B. Suspension of Work (for Non-Responsibility)
The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.
- C. Termination (for Non-Responsibility)
Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate SED officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Commissioner or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she may deem advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.

Property

- A. The Contractor shall maintain a complete inventory of all realty, equipment and other non-expendable assets including, but not limited to, books, paintings, artifacts, rare coins, antiques and other collectible items purchased, improved or developed

under this agreement. The Contractor shall submit a copy of the inventory in a form identical to or essentially similar to, Exhibit A annexed hereto. The term "non-expendable assets" shall mean for the purposes of this agreement any and all assets which are not consumed during the term of this agreement and which have a cost of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) or more.

Inventories for non-expendable assets must be submitted with the final expenditure report. In addition to or as part of whatever rights the State may have with respect to the inspection of the Contractor, the State shall have the right to inspect the inventory without notice to the Contractor.

The Contractor shall not at any time sell, trade, convey or otherwise dispose of any non-expendable assets having a market value in excess of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) at the time of the desired disposition without the express permission of the State. The Contractor may seek permission in writing by certified mail to the State.

The Contractor shall not at any time use or allow to be used any non-expendable assets in a manner inconsistent with the purposes of this agreement.

- B. If the Contractor wishes to continue to use any of the non-expendable assets purchased with the funds available under this agreement upon the termination of this agreement, it shall request permission from the State in writing for such continued use within twenty-five (25) days of the termination of this agreement. The Contractor's request shall itemize the non-expendable assets for which continued use is sought. The State may accept, reject or accept in part such request. If the request for continued use is allowed to any degree, it shall be conditioned upon the fact that said equipment shall continue to be used in accordance with the purposes of this agreement.

If after the State grants permission to the Contractor for "continued use" as set forth above the non-expendable assets are not used in accordance with the purposes of this agreement, the State in its discretion may elect to take title to such assets and may assert its right to possession upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail to the Contractor. The State upon obtaining such non-expendable assets may arrange for their further use in the public interest as it in its discretion may decide.

- C. Upon termination of this agreement, the State in its discretion may elect to take title and may assert its right to possession of any non-expendable assets upon thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail to the Contractor. The State's option to elect to take title shall be triggered by the termination of this agreement or by the State's rejection of continued use of non-expendable assets by the Contractor as set forth herein. The State upon obtaining such non-expendable assets may arrange for their further use in the public interest as it in its discretion may decide.
- D. The terms and conditions set forth herein regarding non-expendable assets shall survive the expiration or termination, for whatever reason, of this agreement.

Safeguards for Services and Confidentiality

- A. Any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department. The material prepared under the terms of this agreement by the Contractor shall be prepared by the Contractor in a form so that it will be ready for copyright in the name of the New York State Education Department. Should the Contractor use the services of consultants or other organizations or individuals who are not regular employees of the Contractor, the Contractor and such organization or individual shall, prior to the performance of any work pursuant to this agreement, enter into a written agreement, duly executed, which shall set forth the services to be provided by such organization or individual and the consideration therefor. Such agreement shall provide that any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department and that such work shall be prepared in a form ready for copyright by the New York State Education Department. A copy of such agreement shall be provided to the State.
- B. Required Web Accessibility of Delivered Documents and Applications. If applicable, all documentation, applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the contract or procurement, will comply with New York State Education Department IT Policy NYSED-WEBACC-001, Web Accessibility Policy, which requires that documents, web-

based information and applications are accessible to persons with disabilities. All delivered documentation and applications must conform to NYSED-WEBACC-001 as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing will be conducted by NYSED employee or contractor and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to NYSED before documents and applications will be considered a qualified deliverable under the contract or procurement.

- C. All reports of research, studies, publications, workshops, announcements, and other activities funded as a result of this proposal will acknowledge the support provided by the State of New York.
- D. This agreement cannot be modified, amended, or otherwise changed except by a writing signed by all parties to this contract.
- E. No failure to assert any rights or remedies available to the State under this agreement shall be considered a waiver of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy unless such waiver is contained in a writing signed by the party alleged to have waived its right or remedy.
- F. Expenses for travel, lodging, and subsistence shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate in effect at the time for New York State Management/Confidential employees.
- G. No fees shall be charged by the Contractor for training provided under this agreement.
- H. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying. Funds provided pursuant to this Agreement shall not be used for any partisan political activity or for activities that may influence legislation or the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.
- I. Nothing herein shall require the State to adopt the curriculum developed pursuant to this agreement.
- J. This agreement, including all appendices, is, upon signature of the parties and the approval of the Attorney General and the State Comptroller, a legally enforceable contract. Therefore, a signature on behalf of the Contractor will bind the Contractor to all the terms and conditions stated therein.

The parties to this agreement intend the foregoing writing to be the final, complete, and exclusive expression of all the terms of their agreement.

Certifications

- A. Contractor certifies that it has met the disclosure requirements of State Finance Law §139-k and that all information provided to the State Education Department with respect to State Finance Law §139-k is complete, true and accurate.
- B. Contractor certifies that it has not knowingly and willfully violated the prohibitions against impermissible contacts found in State Finance Law §139-j.
- C. Contractor certifies that no governmental entity has made a finding of non-responsibility regarding the Contractor in the previous four years.
- D. Contractor certifies that no governmental entity or other governmental agency has terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the Contractor due to the intentional provision of false or incomplete information.
- E. Contractor affirms that it understands and agrees to comply with the procedures of the STATE relative to permissible contacts as required by State Finance Law §139-j (3) and §139-j (6)(b).
- F. Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with NYS Public Officers Law, including but not limited to, §73(4)(a).

Notices

Any written notice or delivery under any provision of this AGREEMENT shall be deemed to have been properly made if sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the address(es) set forth in this Agreement, except as such address(es) may

be changed by notice in writing. Notice shall be considered to have been provided as of the date of receipt of the notice by the receiving party.

Miscellaneous

- A. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). Contractor shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by Contractor's negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor's agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.
- B. If required by the Office of State Comptroller ("OSC") Bulletin G-226 and State Finance Law §§ 8 and 163, Contractor agrees to submit an initial planned employment data report on Form A and an annual employment report on Form B. State will furnish Form A and Form B to Contractor if required.
- C. The initial planned employment report must be submitted at the time of approval of this Agreement. The annual employment report on Form B is due by May 15th of each year and covers actual employment data performed during the prior period of April 1st to March 31st. Copies of the report will be submitted to the NYS Education Department, OSC and the NYS Department of Civil Service at the addresses below.

By mail: NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Bureau of Contracts
110 State Street, 11th Floor
Albany, NY 12236
Attn: Consultant Reporting

By fax: (518) 474-8030 or (518) 473-8808

Reports to DCS are to be transmitted as follows:

By mail: NYS Department of Civil Service
Office of Counsel
Alfred E. Smith Office Building
Albany, NY 12239

Reports to NYSED are to be transmitted as follows:

By mail: NYS Education Department
Contract Administration Unit
Room 505 W EB
Albany, NY 12234

By fax: (518) 408-1716

- C. Consultant Staff Changes. If this is a contract for consulting services, Contractor will maintain continuity of the consultant team staff throughout the course of the contract. All changes in staff will be subject to STATE approval. The replacement consultant(s) with comparable skills will be provided at the same or lower hourly rate.
- D. Order of Precedence. In the event of any discrepancy, disagreement, conflict or ambiguity between the various documents, attachments and appendices comprising this contract, they shall be given preference in the following order to resolve any such discrepancy, disagreement, conflict or ambiguity:
 - 1. Appendix A - Standard Clauses for all State Contracts
 - 2. State of New York Agreement
 - 3. Appendix A-1 - Agency Specific Clauses
 - 4. Appendix X - Sample Modification Agreement Form (where applicable)

5. Appendix A-3 - Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise Requirements (where applicable)
6. Appendix B - Budget
7. Appendix C - Payment and Reporting Schedule
8. Appendix R – Data Privacy Appendix (where applicable)
9. Appendix D - Program Work Plan

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Appendix R
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S
DATA PRIVACY APPENDIX

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Data Privacy Appendix (“DPA”), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. **Access:** The ability to view or otherwise obtain, but not copy or save, Student Data and/or APPR Data arising from the on-site use of an information system or from a personal meeting.
2. **APPR Data:** Personally Identifiable Information from the records of an Educational Agency relating to the annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers or principals that is confidential and not subject to release under the provisions of Education Law §§ 3012-c and 3012-d.
3. **Breach:** The unauthorized Access, acquisition, Disclosure or use of Student Data or APPR Data that is (a) accomplished in a manner not permitted by New York State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, or in a manner that compromises its security or privacy, (b) executed by or provided to a person not authorized to acquire, access, use, or receive it, or (c) a Breach of Contractor’s or Subcontractor’s security that leads to the accidental or unlawful alteration, destruction, loss of, Access to or Disclosure of Student Data or APPR Data.
4. **Commercial or Marketing Purpose:** The Disclosure, sale, or use of Student Data for the purpose of directly or indirectly receiving remuneration, including the Disclosure, sale, or use of Student Data for advertising purposes, or the Disclosure, sale, or use of Student Data to develop, improve, or market products or services to Students.
5. **Disclose or Disclosure:** The intentional or unintentional communication, release, or transfer of Student Data and/or APPR Data by any means, including oral, written, or electronic.
6. **Education Record:** An education record as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99, respectively.
7. **Educational Agency:** As defined in Education Law § 2-d, a school district, board of cooperative educational services, school, or the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”).
8. **Eligible Student:** A Student who is eighteen years of age or older.
9. **Encrypt or Encryption:** As defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 Security Rule at 45 CFR § 164.304, encrypt means the use of an algorithmic process to transform Personally Identifiable Information into an unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable form in which there is a low probability of assigning meaning without use of a confidential process or key.

- 10. Information:** Student Data and APPR Data from an Educational Agency that is Disclosed or made available to the Contractor pursuant to this contract with NYSED to which this DPA is attached and incorporated.
- 11. NIST Cybersecurity Framework:** The U.S. Department of Commerce National Institute for Standards and Technology Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Version 1.1.
- 12. Parent:** A parent, legal guardian, or person in parental relation to the Student.
- 13. Personally Identifiable Information (PII):** Personally Identifiable Information, as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99, (§ 99.3), and Teacher or Principal APPR Data.
- 14. Release:** Shall have the same meaning as Disclose.
- 15. School:** As defined in Education Law § 2-d, any (a) public elementary or secondary school, including a charter school; (b) universal pre-kindergarten program authorized pursuant to Education Law § 3602-e; (c) an approved provider of preschool special education; (d) any other publicly funded pre-kindergarten program; (e) a school serving children in a special act school district as defined in Education Law § 4001; (f) an approved private school for the education of students with disabilities; (g) a State-supported school subject to the provisions of Article 85 of the Education Law; or (h) a State-operated school subject to the provisions of Articles 87 or 88 of the Education Law.
- 16. Services:** Services provided by Contractor pursuant to this contract with NYSED to which this DPA is attached and incorporated.
- 17. Student:** Any person attending or seeking to enroll in an Educational Agency.
- 18. Student Records:** An education record as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 34 C.F.R. Part 99, respectively.
- 19. Student Data:** PII from Student Records of an Educational Agency and PII regarding a Student provided to the Contractor by the Student or the Student's Parent.
- 20. Subcontractor:** Contractor's non-employee agents, consultants, volunteers, including student interns, and/or any natural person or entity funded through this contract who is engaged in the provision of Services pursuant to an agreement with or at the direction of the Contractor.

ARTICLE II: PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. Compliance with Law.

When providing Services pursuant to this contract, Contractor may have Access to or receive Disclosure of Information that is regulated by one or more New York and/or federal laws and regulations, among them, but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (34 CFR Part 99); Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") at 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6502 (16 CFR Part 312); Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA") at 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (34 CFR Part 98); the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") at 20 U.S.C. §

1400 et seq. (34 CFR Part 300); New York Education Law § 2-d; and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education at 8 NYCRR Part 121. Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality and security of Information in accordance with (a) applicable New York, federal and local laws, rules, and regulations, and (b) NYSED's Data Privacy and Security Policy. Contractor further agrees that neither the Services provided nor the manner in which such Services are provided shall violate New York, federal and/or local laws, rules, and regulations, or NYSED's Data Privacy and Security Policy.

2. Authorized Use.

Contractor agrees and understands that Contractor has no property, licensing, or ownership rights or claims to Information Accessed by or Disclosed to Contractor for the purpose of providing Services, and Contractor shall not use such Information for any purpose other than to provide the Services. Contractor will ensure that its Subcontractors agree and understand that neither the Subcontractor nor Contractor has any property, licensing or ownership rights or claims to Information Accessed by or Disclosed to Subcontractor for the purpose of assisting Contractor in providing Services.

3. Contractor's Data Privacy and Security Plan.

Contractor shall adopt and maintain administrative, technical, and physical safeguards, measures, and controls to manage privacy and security risks and protect Information in a manner that complies with New York State, federal and local laws, rules, and regulations, and the NYSED policies. Education Law § 2-d requires that Contractor provide NYSED with a Data Privacy and Security Plan that outlines the safeguards, measures, and controls, that the Contractor will employ, including how the Contractor will implement such safeguards, measures, and controls, to comply with (a) the terms of this DPA, (b) all applicable state, federal and local data privacy and security requirements, (c) the parents bill of rights for data privacy and security that is attached hereto and incorporated herein as DPA Exhibit 2, and (d) applicable NYSED policies. Contractor's Data Privacy and Security Plan is attached to and incorporated in this DPA as Exhibit 1.

4. NYSED's Data Privacy and Security Policy

State law and regulation require NYSED to adopt a data privacy and security policy that complies with Part 121 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and aligns with the NIST Cyber Security Framework. Contractor shall comply with NYSED's Data Privacy and Security Policy located at <http://www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/nysed-data-privacy-and-security-policy> and other applicable NYSED policies and agrees to contractually require its Subcontractors to comply with NYSED's Data Privacy and Security Policy.

5. Right of Review and Audit.

Upon NYSED's request, Contractor shall provide NYSED with copies of its policies and related procedures that pertain to the protection of Information. In addition, NYSED may require Contractor to undergo an audit of its privacy and security safeguards, measures, and controls as they pertain to alignment with the requirements of New York State laws and regulations, NYSED's policies applicable to Contractor, and alignment with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. Any audit required by NYSED must be performed by an independent third party at Contractor's expense and the audit report must be provided to NYSED. In lieu of being subject to a required audit, Contractor may provide NYSED with an industry standard independent audit report of Contractor's privacy and security practices that was issued no more than twelve months before the date that NYSED informed Contractor that it required Contractor to undergo an audit.

6. Contractor's Employees and Subcontractors.

- (a) Access to or Disclosure of Information shall only be provided to Contractor's employees and Subcontractors who need to know the Information to provide the Services and such Access and/or Disclosure of Information shall be limited to the extent necessary to provide such Services. Contractor shall ensure that all such employees and Subcontractors comply with the terms of this DPA.
- (b) Contractor must ensure that each Subcontractor performing Services where the Subcontractor will have Access to and/or receive Disclosed Information is contractually bound by a written agreement that includes confidentiality and data security obligations equivalent to, consistent with, and no less protective than, those found in this DPA.
- (c) Contractor shall examine the data privacy and security measures of its Subcontractors. If at any point a Subcontractor fails to materially comply with the requirements of this DPA, Contractor shall: (i) notify NYSED, (ii) as applicable, remove such Subcontractor's Access to Information; and (iii) as applicable, retrieve all Information received or stored by such Subcontractor and/or ensure that Information has been securely deleted or securely destroyed in accordance with this DPA. In the event there is an incident in which Information held, possessed, or stored by the Subcontractor is compromised, unlawfully Accessed, or unlawfully Disclosed, Contractor shall follow the Data Breach reporting requirements set forth in Section 11 of this DPA.
- (d) Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its employees and Subcontractors.
- (e) Other than Contractor's employees and Subcontractors who have a need to know the Information, Contractor must not provide Access to or Disclose Information to any other party unless such Disclosure is required by statute, court order or

subpoena, and Contractor notifies NYSED of the court order or subpoena no later than the time the Information is Disclosed, unless such Disclosure to NYSED is expressly prohibited by the statute, court order or subpoena. Notification shall be made in accordance with the Notice provisions of this contract and shall also be provided to the Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.

- (f) Contractor shall ensure that its Subcontractors know that they cannot provide Access to or Disclose Information to any other party unless such Access or Disclosure is required by statute, court order or subpoena. If a Subcontractor is required to provide Access to or Disclose Information pursuant to a court order or subpoena, the Subcontractor shall, unless prohibited by statute, court order or subpoena, notify Contractor no later than two (2) days before any Information is Accessed or Disclosed. Upon receipt of notice from a Subcontractor, Contractor shall provide notice to NYSED no later than the time that the Subcontractor is scheduled to provide Access or Disclose the Information.

7. Training.

Contractor shall ensure that all its employees and Subcontractors who have Access to or will receive Information will be trained on the federal and state laws governing confidentiality of such Information prior to receipt.

8. Data Return and Destruction of Data.

- (a) Contractor is prohibited from retaining Disclosed Information or continuing to Access Information, including any copy, summary, or extract of Information, on any storage medium (including, without limitation, hard copies and storage in secure data centers and/or cloud-based facilities) beyond the term of this contract unless such retention is expressly authorized for a prescribed period by this contract, necessary for purposes of facilitating the transfer of Disclosed Information to NYSED, or expressly required by law. As applicable, upon expiration or termination of this contract, Contractor shall transfer the Disclosed Information to NYSED in a format and manner agreed to by the Parties.
- (b) When the purpose that necessitated Contractor's Access to and/or Disclosure of Information has been completed or Contractor's authority to have Access to Information or retain Disclosed Information has expired, Contractor shall ensure that, as applicable, (1) all privileges providing Access to Information are revoked, and (2) all Information (including without limitation, all hard copies, archived copies, electronic versions, electronic imaging of hard copies) retained by Contractor or its Subcontractors and/or all Information maintained on behalf of Contractor or its Subcontractors in a secure data center and/or cloud-based

facilities is securely deleted and/or destroyed in a manner that does not allow it to be retrieved or retrievable, read or reconstructed. Hard copy media must be shredded or destroyed such that Information cannot be read, or otherwise reconstructed, and electronic media must be cleared, purged, or destroyed such that the Information cannot be retrieved. Only the destruction of paper Information, and not redaction, will satisfy the requirements for data destruction. Redaction is specifically excluded as a means of data destruction.

- (c) Contractor shall provide NYSED with a written certification of, as applicable, (1) revocation of Access to Information granted by Contractor and/or its Subcontractors, and (2) the secure deletion and/or secure destruction of Information held by the Contractor or Subcontractors to the contract at the address for notifications set forth in this contract.
- (d) To the extent that Contractor and/or its Subcontractors continue to be in possession of any de-identified data (i.e., data that has had all direct and indirect identifiers removed), Contractor agrees that it will not attempt to re-identify de-identified data and/or transfer de-identified data to any person or entity, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section and that it will contractually prohibit its Subcontractors from the same.

9. Commercial or Marketing Use Prohibition.

Contractor agrees that it will not sell, use, or Disclose Student Data for a Commercial or Marketing Purpose and that it will contractually prohibit its Subcontractors from the same.

10. Encryption.

Contractor shall use industry standard security measures including encryption protocols that comply with New York law and regulations to preserve and protect Information. Contractor must encrypt Information at rest and in transit in accordance with applicable New York laws and regulations.

11. Breach.

Contractor shall promptly notify NYSED of any Breach of Information, regardless of whether Contractor or a Subcontractor suffered the Breach, without delay and in the most expedient way possible, but in no circumstance later than seven (7) calendar days after discovery of the Breach. Notifications shall be made in accordance with the notice provisions of this contract and shall also be provided to the office of the Chief Privacy Officer, NYS Education Department 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234, and must, include a description of the Breach which includes the date of the incident and the date of discovery, the types of Information affected, and the number of records affected; a description of Contractor's investigation; and the name of a point of contact. Violations of the requirement

to notify NYSED shall be subject to a civil penalty pursuant to Education Law § 2-d. The Breach of certain Information protected by Education Law § 2-d may subject the Contractor to additional penalties.

12. Cooperation with Investigations.

Contractor and its Subcontractors will cooperate with NYSED, and law enforcement where necessary, in any investigations into a Breach. Any costs incidental to the required cooperation or participation of the Contractor will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor if such Breach is attributable to Contractor or its Subcontractors.

13. Notification to Individuals.

Where a Breach of Information occurs that is attributable to Contractor and/or its Subcontractors, Contractor shall pay for or promptly reimburse NYSED the full cost of NYSED's notification to Parents, Eligible Students, teachers, and/or principals, in accordance with Education Law § 2-d and 8 NYCRR Part 121. NYSED will be reimbursed by Contractor within 30 days of a demand for payment under this section.

14. Termination.

The confidentiality and data security obligations of Contractor under this DPA shall survive any termination of this contract to which this DPA is attached but shall terminate upon Contractor's certifying that it and its' Subcontractors, as applicable (a) no longer have the ability to Access any Information provided to Contractor pursuant to this contract to which this DPA is attached and/or (b) that Contractor and its' Subcontractors have destroyed all Disclosed Information provided to Contractor pursuant to this contract to which this DPA is attached.

ARTICLE III: PARENT AND ELIGIBLE STUDENT PROVISIONS

1. Parent and Eligible Student Access.

Education Law § 2-d and FERPA provide Parents and Eligible Students the right to inspect and review their child's or the Eligible Student's Student Data stored or maintained by NYSED. To the extent Student Data is held by Contractor pursuant to the Contract, Contractor shall respond within thirty (30) calendar days to NYSED's requests for access to Student Data necessary for NYSED to facilitate such inspection and review by a Parent or Eligible Student, and shall facilitate corrections, as necessary. If a Parent or Eligible Student contacts Contractor or a Subcontractor directly to review any of the Student Data held by Contractor or a Subcontractor pursuant to the Contract, Contractor shall refer the Parent or Eligible Student to NYSED and notify NYSED.

2. Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

As required by Education Law § 2-d, the Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security and the Supplemental Information for this contract is attached to and incorporated in this DPA as Exhibit 2 Contractor understands and agrees that, as an agreement with a third party contractor who will receive Access to and/or Disclosure of Student Data, Education Law § 2-d requires NYSED to post Exhibit 2 to its website.

EXHIBIT 1 - Contractor's Data Privacy and Security Plan

Pursuant to Education Law § 2-d and § 121.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, NYSED is required to ensure that all contracts with a third-party contractor that has Access to or receives Information include a Data Privacy and Security Plan. For every contract, the Contractor must complete the following or provide a plan that materially addresses its requirements, including alignment with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, which is the standard for educational agency data privacy and security policies in New York state. **While this plan is not required to be posted to NYSED's website, contractors should nevertheless ensure that they do not include information that could compromise the security of their data and data systems.**

1. Contractor Name:

2. Outline how you will implement applicable data privacy and security contract requirements over the life of the Contract.

3. Specify the administrative, operational, and technical safeguards and practices that you have in place to protect Information.

4. Address the training received by your employees and any Subcontractors engaged in the provision of services under the Contract on the federal and state laws that govern the confidentiality of Information.

5. Outline how you will ensure that your employees and any Subcontractors are bound by written agreement to the requirements of this contract.

6. Specify how you will manage any data privacy and security incidents that implicate Information, including a description of any specific plans you have in place to identify data Breaches, unauthorized Access to Information and unauthorized Disclosure of Information, to meet your obligation to report such incidents to the NYSED.

7. If applicable, describe how Disclosed Information will be transitioned to NYSED when either (a) it is no longer needed by you to meet your obligations under this contract or (b) your authorization to Access Information or use Disclosed Information has terminated.

8. Describe your secure destruction and secure deletion practices and how you will certify to NYSED that all Access to Information has been revoked by you and, as applicable, your Subcontractors and that all Disclosed Information has been either securely deleted or securely destroyed by you and your Subcontractors.

9. Outline how your data privacy and security program/practices align with NYSED's applicable policies.

EXHIBIT 2 - Education Law § 2-d Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security and Supplemental Information for Contracts that Utilize Personally Identifiable Information

Parents (including legal guardians or persons in parental relationships) and Eligible Students (students 18 years and older) can expect the following:

1. A Student's Personally Identifiable Information ("Student PII") cannot be sold or released for any Commercial or Marketing purpose. Student PII, as defined by Education Law § 2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), includes direct identifiers such as a student's name or identification number, parent's name, or address; and indirect identifiers such as a student's date of birth, which when linked to or combined with other information can be used to distinguish or trace a student's identity. Please see FERPA's regulations at 34 CFR § 99.3 for a more complete definition.
2. The right to inspect and review the complete contents of the student's education record stored or maintained by an educational agency. This right may not apply to Parents of an Eligible Student.
3. State and federal laws such as Education Law § 2-d; the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education at 8 NYCRR Part 121, FERPA at 12 U.S.C. § 1232g (34 CFR Part 99); Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") at 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6502 (16 CFR Part 312); Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA") at 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (34 CFR Part 98); and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") at 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. (34 CFR Part 300) protect the confidentiality of Student PII.
4. Safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices including, but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection must be in place when Student PII is stored or transferred.
5. A complete list of all student data elements collected by New York State Education Department ("NYSED") is available at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/student-data-inventory and by writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
6. The right to have complaints about possible breaches and unauthorized disclosures of Student PII addressed. Complaints should be submitted to the NYS Education Department at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/report-improper-disclosure, by mail to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; by email to privacy@nysed.gov; or by telephone at 518-474-0937.
7. To be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if Student PII is either unlawfully accessed or unlawfully disclosed.
8. NYSED workers that have access to or receive disclosure of Student PII will receive training on applicable state and federal laws, policies, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices that protect PII.
9. NYSED contracts with vendors that receive Student PII will address statutory and regulatory data privacy and security requirements.

Supplemental Information

Pursuant to Education Law § 2-d and § 121.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, NYSED is required to post information to its website about its contracts with third-party contractors that will be provided Access to or receive Disclosure of Student Data and/or APPR Data.

1. Name of Contractor:

2. Description of the exclusive purpose(s) for which the Student Data and/or APPR Data will be used:

3. Type(s) of Data that Contractor will be provided Access to or Disclosure of:

Student Data Yes No

APPR Data Yes No

4. Contract Term:

Contract Start Date:

Contract End Date:

5. Subcontractor use and written agreement requirement:

Contractor will use Subcontractors Yes No

Contractor will not use Subcontractors Yes No

If Contractor plans to use Subcontractors, Contractor will not utilize Subcontractors without a written contract that requires the Subcontractors to adhere to, at a minimum, materially similar data protection obligations imposed on the Contractor by state and federal laws and regulations and this contract.

Contractor agrees to bind its Subcontractors by written agreement. Yes No

Not Applicable because Contractor will not use Subcontractors. Yes No

6. Data Transition and Secure Destruction

Yes No Contractor agrees that the confidentiality and data security obligations under this DPA will survive the expiration or termination of this contract but shall terminate upon Contractor's certifying, that Contractor and its Subcontractors:

- Are unable to Access any Information provided to Contractor pursuant to this contract
- Securely transfer Disclosed Student Data and APPR Data to NYSED, or at NYSED's option and written discretion, a successor contractor in a format agreed to by the Parties.
- Securely delete and destroy Disclosed Student Data and APPR Data.

7. Challenges to Data Accuracy

Yes No Contractor agrees that parents, eligible students, teachers, or principals who seek to challenge the accuracy of Student Data or APPR Data will be referred to NYSED and if a correction to data is deemed necessary, NYSED will notify Contractor. Contractor further agrees to facilitate such corrections within 21 days of receiving NYSED's written request.

8. Secure Storage and Data Security

Please indicate where Student Data and/or APPR Data will be stored:

- Yes No Using a cloud or infrastructure owned and hosted by a third party.
- Yes No Using Contractor owned and hosted solution
- Yes No Other:

Please describe how data privacy and security risks will be mitigated in a manner that does not compromise the security of the data:

9. Encryption requirement

Contractor agrees that Student Data and APPR Data will be encrypted while in motion and at rest.

- Yes No

10. Contractor Certification.

Contractor certifies that Contractor will comply with, and require its Subcontractors to comply with, applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations and NYSED policies.

Contractor's Name

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Attachment 1

21st Century Community Learning Centers Goals and Objectives

- 1) **Objective 1: 21st Century Community Learning Centers will offer a range of high-quality educational, developmental, and recreational services for students and their families.**
 - a) **Sub-Objective 1.1: Core educational services.** *100% of Centers will offer high quality services in core academic areas, e.g., reading and literacy, mathematics, and science.*
 - b) **Sub-Objective 1.2: Enrichment and support activities.** *100% of Centers will offer enrichment and youth development activities such as nutrition and health, art, music, technology and recreation.*
 - c) **Sub-Objective 1.3: Community Involvement.** *100% of Centers will establish and maintain partnerships within the community that continue to increase levels of community collaboration in planning, implementing and sustaining programs.*
 - d) **Sub-Objective 1.4: Services to parents and other adult community members.** *100% of Centers will offer services to parents of participating children.*
 - e) **Sub-Objective 1.5: Extended hours.** *More than 75% of Centers will offer services at least 15 hours a week on average and provide services when school is not in session, such as during the summer and on holidays.*

- 2) **Objective 2: Participants of 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs will demonstrate educational and social benefits and exhibit positive behavioral changes.**
 - a) **Sub-Objective 2.1: Achievement.** *Students regularly participating in the program will show continuous improvement in achievement through measures such as test scores, grades and/or teacher reports.*
 - b) **Sub-Objective 2.2: Behavior.** *Regular attendees in the program will show continuous improvements on measures such as school attendance, classroom performance and decreased disciplinary actions or other adverse behaviors.*

Attachment 2 – Services provided by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Technical Assistance Resource Centers

The purpose of the 21st CCLC Resource Centers (RCs) is to provide ongoing support to all 21st CCLC subgrantees to improve the quality of their programs and, in turn, improve the academic, social and emotional outcomes of the students and the literacy of their families. There will be one RC providing services to New York City subgrantees and one providing services to subgrantees in the rest of the state (RoS). The RCs will provide a variety of technical assistance, resources and professional development activities for the subgrantees to help them attain the 10 essential indicators of high quality after school programs listed below and as identified in the [Program Quality Self-Assessment \(QSA\) Tool](#) that includes performance indicators for each.

1. Environment and Climate
 2. Administrative and Organization
 3. Relationships
 4. Staffing and Professional Development
 5. Programming and Activities
 6. Linkages Between the School Day and After School Programs
 7. Youth Participation and Engagement
 8. Parent, Family and Community Partnerships
 9. Program Sustainability and Growth
 10. Measuring Outcomes and Evaluation
- Supplemental Element: Informal STEM Learning

In addition, all activities of the RCs will reflect the following best practices to educate and develop students to become healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged:

- Be evidence-based and grounded in research;
- Incorporate continuing evaluation, identification, and implementation of improvement strategies for the work of the Center;
- Provide high-quality professional development, technical assistance and support to 21st CCLC subgrantees;
- Help schools coordinate and align 21st CCLC activities with their regular school day programs and practices;
- Establish organizational supports and policies that assure the Center's success - i.e., leadership, broad participation of stakeholders, adequate time and resources to meet the Center's responsibilities, and alignment with the existing requirements of the contract;
- Support the involvement of families and communities as partners in the 21st CCLC programs; and

- Ensure that technical assistance and professional development products and services are developmentally and culturally responsive to the needs of the subgrantees, the students and their families.

The NYC RC's work plan must include the following activities:

1. **Website.** Collaborate with the ROS RC to support its statewide web-based support system by providing information and resources that are specific to New York City subgrantees as well as those that are applicable to all 21st CCLC subgrantees. See **Part B (ROS) #1**.
2. **Manual for Program Administrators.** In the first year of the contract, as the lead on this deliverable, collaborate with the ROS RC, develop a manual for 21st CCLC program directors/managers parallel to the Evaluation Manual, but adaptable (as appropriate) to specific program variations (staffing, type of recipient, # of sites etc.). The Manual for Program Administrators should cover all essential areas of knowledge that program administrators must have in order to ensure that all Federal and State compliance indicators will be met under their direction. It should include a timeline for all reporting requirements, both fiscal and programmatic, as established by NYSED. The Manual should be reviewed and updated annually for approval by NYSED. Distinctions for ROS vs NYC, or rural vs. urban, school district [non-School Age Child Care registered (SACC)] vs. Community Based Organization (CBO) – SACC registered, or other variations in program type should be addressed as appropriate.
3. **Technical Assistance.** Provide and document technical assistance to NYC 21st CCLC subgrantees via phone, email, telephone/videoconferencing and site visits related to implementing and improving programs.
 - a. At least one RC staff will be available for communication with subgrantees on regular business days, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. when other RC staff members are conducting business in the field, i.e. on-site/virtual TA or SMV. The NYSED program office must be notified if there is time when at least one RC staff will not be available during those times due to vacations or other personal reasons. NYSED must also be notified when any full-time staff member will not be at work.
 - b. RC staff, and consultants as necessary, will become familiar with individual 21st CCLC programs and develop more collaborative and supportive relationships with them in order to facilitate the

identification and implementation of strategies to improve student outcomes and the operation of the program.

- c. RC staff, and consultants as necessary, will be familiar with various documents and data sources and kept abreast of critical program policies and guidance, including but not limited to EZReports content, Mid-Year Reports (MYRs) content, Annual Evaluation Reports (AERs), Risk Assessment (RA), Master Accountability File (MAF), Manual for Program Administrators, etc.) to inform *ongoing* technical assistance and other communications between RCs and subgrantees.
- d. Ensure that all NYC 21st CCLC program sites conduct the Quality Self-Assessment Tool (QSA) two times each year, preferably in the fall and spring, in order to identify and implement strategies for program improvement. Assist programs by telephone or e-mail, as needed, to ensure that the QSA is conducted as required.
- e. RC staff or consultants must conduct on-site technical assistance (TA) visits when more intense assistance is necessary, provided a pandemic or other catastrophic event does not prevent such activity. If such an event prevents on-site TA, virtual TA may suffice. It is anticipated that approximately 10%-15% of programs require an on-site TA visit during any program year. TA visits are targeted assistance visits and may not be combined with a monitoring visit. The three-hour technical assistance site visits shall be based on the needs of the individual program as requested by the program or identified by NYSED. Areas of technical assistance may include alignment of program activities with the regular school day, academic curricula, and program objectives; effective communication with building administrators and faculty; professional development for staff; engagement of parents, families and the community; recruitment and retention of student participants; use of the Quality Self-Assessment Tool; collection and entry of data for the federal Annual Performance Report and Statewide Data system; other NYSED priorities such as target enrollment, fiscal compliance, new program leaders, and other program administration issues.

4. **Professional Development.** In coordination with NYSED and the ROS RC, design and deliver relevant, research-based professional development to the 21st CCLCs, the content of which will be targeted to subgrantees' needs as identified by RC, developed fall and spring needs assessment surveys of the subgrantees, information gathered by NYSED from the subgrantees' mid-year reports, and consultation with the NYSED

State-level evaluator who conducts analyses of APR and other data sources. Professional development (PD) activities will reflect effective practices of expanded learning opportunity programming and social and emotional development and learning.

- a. Professional development (PD) activities that address the identified needs of the subgrantees and reflect effective practices in expanded learning opportunity programming and social and emotional development and learning will take place quarterly.
 - b. Four quarterly PD events; including annual fall and annual spring events, as well as two additional quarterly events. The annual fall and spring events may be approved to take place either in person or virtually. If conditions for in-person events are not optimal, the NYSED program office will determine allowing the event to take place virtually. Either the fall or spring events can also be a joint event with ROS RC, to be determined at the discretion of NYSED. The annual fall and spring events, if conducted in person, will take place in the New York City area at reasonably centralized locations for approximately 175 participants each. All programs located in the New York City area are expected to be represented at these two annual events. NYC subgrantees that are unable to attend either of these events may request to attend the ROS annual fall and/or spring event to meet attendance requirements at the discretion of the NYC and ROS RC directors. The RC is expected to make every effort to find low or no cost sites – e.g., institutions of higher education, a 21st CCLC program facility or other venue. Please note that these events must be conducted at no charge to the participants and that contract funds cannot be used to purchase food for these events. Subgrantees may use program funds for travel and per diem while in travel status at the [GSA rates for NYS](#). The other two quarterly PD events, planned and implemented in collaboration with the RoS RC and NYSED, and may be provided in a variety of formats – e.g., webinars, web casts, or videoconferences. In collaboration with NYSED, the State Evaluator and the NYC and RoS RC, the need may arise to provide up to six (6) additional webinar-type events for 21st CCLC grantees statewide on topics that arise for which subgrantees may need additional support.
 - c. The RC will conduct follow-up surveys following the fall and spring professional development events, compile the results and include them in the next quarterly report.
5. **Monitoring.** Conduct 25 site monitoring visits (SMVs) for New York City 21st CCLC subgrantees each year. NYSED reserves the right to require the number of SMVs to be conducted per quarter. All programs will be

selected in collaboration with NYSED and determined by NYSED's Risk Assessment process. A NYSED staff member may accompany Center staff on some of these visits.

- a. [SMVs will be conducted using the SMV protocols](#) and these typically take four to five hours depending on the situation. All SMVs will be conducted by two RC staff working together to allow one staff member to lead questioning while the other takes notes. In the case of unforeseen circumstances, SMVs may be conducted virtually with prior approval by NYSED. SMVs may not be scheduled on back to back days to allow for adequate SMV preparation (document review) and report writing time.
 - b. Written reports will be prepared and submitted to NYSED within 14 days of the completed SMV for approval by the NYSED program office. NYSED will approve within 14 days and the report and cover letter must be sent to the subgrantee within 30 days of the visit. SMV reports will be prepared using the NYSED approved [SMV report template](#) and cover letter template. The SMV report will identify Summary of Actions to be taken (with suggested timelines for corrective actions), Recommendations to Strengthen Practice, and Promising Practices.
 - c. An [Action Plan template](#) will be sent with the SMV Report if there are areas of partial and non-compliance identified on the SMV report and the suggested dates by which remedial action is to be completed. Subgrantees must then complete the AP by describing their plan, including those individuals responsible for carrying it out, and return it to the RC for approval within one week of receiving it. While full compliance of all areas must be completed by the subgrantee within six months of receiving their report, some out of compliance indicators may need to be addressed more immediately and should be indicated when that is the case. RCs must keep track of all AP deadlines and determine when the subgrantee is in full compliance, at which time they will send an email compliance letter. The compliance letter along with completed AP will be sent, with the NYSED program office copied, so that there is a record of the subgrantee's full compliance with this program.
6. **Collaboration.** Maintain a collaborative working relationship with NYSED, the ROS RC, and the State Evaluator and other entities as described below through regularly scheduled communications and ongoing contact to ensure that Centers' activities are aligned with NYSED policies and initiatives to improve students' academic achievement and social and emotional development.

- a. NYSED program staff will schedule and conduct with both RCs monthly conference calls of approximately one hour
- b. NYSED, RCs and the State Evaluator will participate in quarterly meetings of approximately two to four hours duration to discuss the RCs' activities and to address emerging issues of concern. At least one quarterly meeting, at NYSED's discretion, will be in person in Albany, and the remaining three may be either in person or via teleconference. Part of the quarterly meetings will include participation of the State evaluation team representation.
- c. The RC and NYSED program staff will communicate frequently and informally on an ongoing basis.
- d. Actively participate with the [Network for Youth Success](#) Committee on Capacity Building. The Network for Youth Success serves as the federally required advisory committee for NYSED's 21st CCLC program. Note that NYSED program staff also participate in the activities of the Network for Youth Success's Steering, Capacity Building, and Policy Committees.
 - i. The RC will collaborate with the Network for Youth Success in efforts to improve student outcomes.
 - ii. A designated RC staff member will attend in-person/virtually the Capacity Building Committee's quarterly meetings (2 to 3 hours each) in New York City.
- e. The RC will be familiar with the [US DOE's Professional Development and Technical assistance website](#) and resources to share with subgrantees.
- f. Work in cooperation with the independent State evaluator. The State-level evaluation is responsible for measuring the effectiveness of NYSED's administration of the 21st CCLC program as well as measuring the RCs' effectiveness in supporting 21st CCLC subgrantees.
 - i. The RCs are expected to comply with any and all requests for data by compiling requested data, responding to the evaluator's inquiries about the Center's work, and submitting Quarterly and Annual reports to both the NYSED and the State-level evaluator. The results of this evaluation that is required by the United States Department of Education will be used to guide NYSED's efforts to improve its administration of the program and the assistance it provides to local

subgrantees to improve program quality and outcomes for participating students. Provide information as requested by the NYSED independent evaluator in a timely manner.

- ii. Activities required to provide the State evaluator with requested information are not expected to exceed two hours each month.
 - g. Participate, either in person, or virtually if offered, in the annual USDOE sponsored Summer Institute for 21st Century State Education Agency (SEA) coordinators, technical assistance providers and subgrantees. One RC professional staff member will attend. The Institute is held at a different location each year. In previous years, the Institute has been held in Texas, Florida, and Illinois. It has also taken place virtually. The Institute is ordinarily three full days in duration.
7. **Update of Work Plan.** The NYC RC's work plan of activities will be updated annually based on the annual self-assessment of progress and effectiveness of its work. The updated Work Plan will be submitted at least 30 days before the start of each contract year (by September 1 of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively) to NYSED for approval prior to implementation. The RC and NYSED will use the updated plan in tracking the RC's annual progress toward meeting objectives, developing strategies for improvement, and making data-based decisions throughout the year.
- a. The updated annual Work Plan will be consistent with the required deliverables as referenced in the RFP
 - b. The updated annual Work Plan must include the use of valid and reliable indicators and measures that will be used to report on both implementation and as appropriate, outcomes of the RC's activities, i.e. the effectiveness.
8. **Progress Reporting.** Prepare and submit quarterly and annual progress reports to NYSED that includes the status of implementation of all activities and where appropriate the effectiveness of those activities for which measurable outcomes have been established, as per the approved Work Plan. The format of these reports must include all components of the updated and approved Work Plan and be approved in advance by the NYSED. The annual progress reports can include the fourth quarter progress report for that year. Quarterly reports will be due on the last days of January, April, July and October of each contract year - the first quarterly report will be due on January 31, 2022; and annual reports will be due on the last day of October of each contract year, beginning with the first report

due on October 31, 2022. The final annual report is due on October 31, 2026.

- a. All reports must include progress on implementation of all deliverables as specified in this RFP, including dates of completion, barriers and challenges that were encountered, indicators of success, and how success was measured.
 - b. These reports will serve as self-assessment tools for the RC and as a means for NYSED to track the RC's progress toward achieving its objectives; annual reports will include all components as stated in A. above and in addition, contain a section on lessons learned and any proposed changes to next annual updated Work Plan.
9. **Annual Performance Report (APR) and EZReports.** With the RC's designated Data Monitor taking the lead, ensure that NYC subgrantees enter accurate data about their programs into two different web-based software systems and monitor and troubleshoot issues that subgrantees may be experiencing. The NYC RC Data Systems Monitor will oversee reporting in both the EZReports system and the 21APR system. New York State contracts with Thomaskelly Software Associates to provide a web-based data collection, reporting and project management system called EZReports. All subgrantees are provided with free site licenses to utilize the system. Subgrantees must enter their program and student data in the system which is set up for automated download of subgrantee's data into the federal web-based reporting system for the Annual Performance Report (APR) called 21APR. The APR is a federal requirement of all subgrantees. The federal database is currently managed by The Tactile Group, the USDOE contractor. There are a few data elements that cannot be uploaded from EZReports to 21APR and so will require a limited amount of data entry directly into 21APR.
- a. Provide technical assistance via telephone and E-Mail to subgrantees to ensure that all have entered the required program and student data appropriately and accurately by the due dates specified by NYSED.
 - b. In coordination with EZReports staff, the State evaluator staff and NYSED staff, provide assistance in reviewing the data for anomalies before it recommends to NYSED that the data is ready to be certified and uploaded for submission to the USDOE.
 - c. Apprise NYSED in a timely manner of the progress NYC subgrantees have made toward completing all data in EZReports prior to the automated upload to for the APR and any difficulties that may require NYSED or EZReports' staff assistance.

Part B (ROS):

The ROS RC bidder's work plan must include the following activities:

1. **Website.** Establish and maintain a statewide web-based support system that includes up-to-date research-based resources and information on effective practices in expanded learning opportunity programming to build the capacity of subgrantees to provide effective programs for the participating students and their families. The website should be fully operational within two months of the RC's contract approval date. The website will be updated weekly and include:
 - a. Information on how to contact the RCs and the types of assistance and resources they offer.
 - b. Links to current research on expanded learning opportunities and programming areas such as academic enrichment and other enrichment such as youth development activities, service learning, nutrition and health education, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, arts, music, physical fitness and social emotional wellness programs, technology education programs, financial literacy programs, environmental literacy programs, mathematics, science, career and technical programs, internship or apprenticeship programs, etc.
 - c. Annotated bibliography and supporting materials on expanded learning opportunity programming, in areas such as those referenced above and others.
 - d. RC-developed streaming video, PowerPoint presentations or other electronic offerings on effective expanded learning opportunity programming, as referenced above and others...
 - e. By the first of every month, an E-newsletter to provide current information on expanded learning opportunity programming, including those areas referenced above and others. Newsletter drafts will be prepared and submitted to NYSED for approval at least two weeks prior to scheduled distribution.

2. **Manual for Program Administrators.** In the first year of the contract, assist NYC RC, in the development of a manual for 21st CCLC program directors/managers. The Manual for Program Administrators should cover all essential areas of knowledge that program administrators must have in order to ensure that all Federal and State compliance indicators will be met under their direction. It should include a timeline for all reporting requirements, both fiscal and programmatic, as established by NYSED. The Manual should be reviewed and updated annually for approval by NYSED. Distinctions for ROS vs NYC, or rural vs. urban,

school district [non-School Age Child Care registered (SACC)] vs. Community Based Organization (CBO) – SACC registered, or other variations in program type should be addressed as appropriate.

2. **Technical Assistance.** Provide and document technical assistance to ROS 21st CCLC subgrantees via phone, email, telephone/videoconferencing and site visits related to implementing and improving programs.
 - a. At least one RC staff will be available for communication with subgrantees on regular business days, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. when other RC staff members are conducting business in the field, i.e. on-site TA or SMV. The NYSED program office must be notified if there is time when at least one RC staff will not be available during those times due to vacations or other personal reasons. NYSED must also be notified when any full-time staff member will not be at work.
 - b. RC staff, and consultants as necessary, will become familiar with individual 21st CCLC programs and develop more collaborative and supportive relationships with them in order to facilitate the identification and implementation of strategies to improve student outcomes and the operation of the program.
 - c. RC staff, and consultants as necessary, will be familiar with various documents and data sources and kept abreast of critical program policies and guidance, including but not limited to EZReports content, Mid-Year Reports (MYRs) content, Annual Evaluation Reports (AERs), Risk Assessment RA, Master Accountability File (MAF), Manual for Program Administrators, etc.) to inform *ongoing* technical assistance and other communications between RCs and subgrantees.
 - d. Ensure that all ROS 21st CCLC program sites conduct the Quality Self-Assessment Tool (QSA) two times each year, preferably in the fall and spring, in order to identify and implement strategies for program improvement. Assist programs by telephone or e-mail, as needed, to ensure that the QSA is conducted as required.
 - e. RC staff or consultants must conduct on-site technical assistance (TA) visits when more intense assistance is necessary, provided a pandemic or other catastrophic event does not prevent such activity. If such an event prevents on-site TA, virtual TA may suffice. It is anticipated that approximately 10%-15% of programs require an on-

site TA visit during any program year. TA visits are targeted assistance visits and may not be combined with a monitoring visit. The three- hour technical assistance site visits shall be based on the needs of the individual program as requested by the program or identified by NYSED. Areas of technical assistance may include alignment of program activities with the regular school day, academic curricula, and program objectives; effective communication with building administrators and faculty; professional development for staff; engagement of parents, families and the community; recruitment and retention of student participants; use of the Quality Self-Assessment Tool; collection and entry of data for the federal Annual Performance Report and Statewide Data system; other NYSED priorities such as target enrollment, fiscal compliance, new program leaders, and other program administration issues.

- 3. Professional Development.** In coordination with NYSED and the NYC RC, design and deliver relevant, research-based professional development to the 21st CCLCs, the content of which will be targeted to subgrantees' needs as identified by RC, developed fall and spring needs assessment surveys of the subgrantees, information gathered by NYSED from the subgrantees' mid- year reports, and consultation with the NYSED State-level evaluator who conducts analyses of APR and other data sources. Professional development (PD) activities will reflect effective practices of expanded learning opportunity programming and social and emotional development and learning.
- a. Professional development (PD) activities that address the identified needs of the subgrantees and reflect effective practices in expanded learning opportunity programming and social and emotional development and learning will take place quarterly.
 - b. Four quarterly PD events; including annual fall and annual spring events, as well as two additional quarterly events. The annual fall and spring events may be approved to take place either in person or virtually. If conditions for in-person events are not optimal, the NYSED program office will determine allowing the event to take place virtually. Either the fall or spring events can also be a joint event with ROS RC, to be determined at the discretion of NYSED. The annual fall and spring events, if conducted in person, will take place in an area at reasonably centralized locations for approximately 175 participants each. All programs located in the Rest of State are expected to be represented at these two annual events. ROS subgrantees that are unable to attend either of these events may request to attend the NYC annual fall and/or spring event to meet attendance requirements at the discretion of the

NYC and ROS RC directors. The RC is expected to make every effort to find low or no cost sites – e.g., institutions of higher education, a 21st CCLC program facility or other venue. Please note that these events must be conducted at no charge to the participants and that contract funds cannot be used to purchase food for these events. Subgrantees may use program funds for travel and per diem while in travel status at the [GSA rates for NYS](#). The other two quarterly PD events, planned and implemented in collaboration with the RoS RC and NYSED, and may be provided in a variety of formats – e.g., webinars, web casts, or videoconferences. In collaboration with NYSED, the State Evaluator and the NYC and RoS RC, the need may arise to provide up to six (6) additional webinar-type events for 21st CCLC grantees statewide on topics that arise for which subgrantees may need additional support.

- c. The RC will conduct follow-up surveys following the fall and spring professional development events, compile the results and include them in the next quarterly report.

4. **Monitoring.** Conduct 20 site monitoring visits (SMVs) for ROS 21st CCLC subgrantees each year. NYSED reserves the right to require the number of SMVs to be conducted per quarter. All programs will be selected in collaboration with NYSED and determined by NYSED's risk assessment process. A NYSED staff member may accompany Center staff on some of these visits.
 - a. [SMVs will be conducted using the SMV protocols](#) and these typically take four to five hours depending on the situation. All SMVs will be conducted by two RC staff working together to allow one staff member to lead questioning while the other takes notes. In the case of unforeseen circumstances, SMVs may be conducted virtually with prior approval by NYSED. SMVs may not be scheduled on back to back days to allow for adequate SMV preparation (document review) and report writing time.
 - b. Written reports will be prepared and submitted to NYSED within 14 days of the completed SMV for approval by the NYSED program office. NYSED will approve within 14 days and the report and cover letter must be sent to the subgrantee within 30 days of the visit. SMV reports will be prepared using the NYSED approved [SMV report template](#) and cover letter template. The SMV report will identify Summary of Actions to be taken (with timelines for corrective actions), Recommendations to Strengthen Practice, and Promising Practices.

- c. An [Action Plan template](#) will be sent with the SMV Report if there are areas of partial and non-compliance identified on the SMV report and the suggested dates by which remedial action is to be completed. Subgrantees must then complete the AP by describing their plan, including those individuals responsible for carrying it out, and return it to the RC for approval within one week of receiving it. While full compliance of all areas must be completed by the subgrantee within six months of receiving their report, some out of compliance indicators may need to be addressed more immediately and should be indicated when that is the case. RCs must keep track of all AP deadlines and determine when the subgrantee is in full compliance, at which time they will send an email compliance letter. The compliance letter along with completed AP will be sent, with the NYSED program office copied, so that there is a record of the subgrantee's full compliance with this program.
5. **Collaboration.** Maintain a collaborative working relationship with NYSED, the NYC RC, and the State Evaluator and other entities as described below through regularly scheduled communications and ongoing contact to ensure that Centers' activities are aligned with NYSED policies and initiatives to improve students' academic achievement and social and emotional development.
- a. NYSED program staff will schedule and conduct with both RCs monthly conference calls of approximately one hour
 - b. NYSED, RCs and the State Evaluator will participate in quarterly meetings of approximately two to four hours duration to discuss the RCs' activities and to address emerging issues of concern. At least one quarterly meeting, at NYSED's discretion, will be in person in Albany, and the remaining three may be either in person or via teleconference. Part of the quarterly meetings will include participation of the State evaluation team representation.
 - c. The RC and NYSED program staff will communicate frequently and informally on an ongoing basis.
 - d. Actively participate in the [Network for Youth Success](#) Committee on Capacity Building. The Network for Youth Success serves as the federally required advisory committee for NYSED's 21st CCLC program. Note that NYSED program staff also participate in the activities of the Network for Youth Success's Steering, Capacity Building, and Policy Committees.
 - i. The RC will collaborate with the Network for Youth Success in efforts to improve student outcomes.

- ii. A designated RC staff member will attend the Capacity Building Committee’s quarterly meetings (2 to 3 hours each) in New York City.
- e. The RC will be familiar with the [US DOE’s Professional Development and Technical assistance website](#) and resources to share with subgrantees.
- f. Work in cooperation with the independent State-level evaluator. The State-level evaluation is responsible for measuring the effectiveness of NYSED’s administration of the 21st CCLC program as well as measuring the RCs’ effectiveness in supporting 21st CCLC subgrantees.
 - i. The RCs are expected to comply with any and all requests for data by compiling requested data, responding to the evaluator’s inquiries about the Center’s work, and submitting Quarterly and Annual reports to both the NYSED and the State-level evaluator. The results of this evaluation that is required by the United States Department of Education will be used to guide NYSED’s efforts to improve its administration of the program and the assistance it provides to local subgrantees to improve program quality and outcomes for participating students. Provide information as requested by the NYSED independent evaluator in a timely manner.
 - ii. Activities required to provide the State evaluator with requested information are not expected to exceed two hours each month.
- g. **Summer Institute.** Participate, either in-person, or virtually if offered, in the annual USDOE sponsored Summer Institute for 21st Century State Education Agency (SEA) coordinators, technical assistance providers and subgrantees. One RC professional staff member will attend. The Institute is held at a different location each year. In previous years, the Institute has been held in Texas, Florida, and Illinois. It has also been offered virtually. The Institute is ordinarily three full days in duration.

7. Update of Work Plan. The ROS RC’s work plan of activities will be updated annually based on the annual self-assessment of progress and effectiveness of its work. The updated Work Plan will be submitted at least 30 days before the start of each contract year (by September 1 of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, respectively) to NYSED for approval prior to implementation. The RC and NYSED will use the updated plan in tracking the RC’s annual progress toward meeting objectives, developing strategies for improvement, and making data-based decisions throughout the year.

- a. The updated annual Work Plan will be consistent with the required deliverables as referenced in the RFP
- b. The updated annual Work Plan must include the use of valid and reliable indicators and measures that will be used to report on both implementation and as appropriate, outcomes of the RC's activities, i.e. the effectiveness.

8. Progress Reporting. Prepare and submit quarterly and annual progress reports to NYSED that includes the status of implementation of all activities and where appropriate the effectiveness of those activities for which measurable outcomes have been established, as per the approved Work Plan. The format of these reports must include all components of the updated and approved Work Plan and be approved in advance by the NYSED. The annual progress reports can include the fourth quarter progress report for that year. Quarterly reports will be due on the last days of January, April, July and October of each contract year - the first quarterly report will be due on January 31, 2022; and annual reports will be due on the last day of October of each contract year, beginning with the first report due on October 31, 2022. The final annual report is due on October 31, 2026.

- a. All reports must include progress on implementation of all deliverables as specified in this RFP, including dates of completion, barriers and challenges that were encountered, indicators of success, and how success was measured.
- b. These reports will serve as self-assessment tools for the RC and as a means for NYSED to track the RC's progress toward achieving its objectives; annual reports will include all components as stated in A. above and in addition, contain a section on lessons learned and any proposed changes to next annual updated Work Plan.

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