

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SERVICES
ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTRACT NUMBER GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF**

I. Overview

The State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services, seeks a solution **having no cost to the State** for employment and income verification services for former and current State of Delaware employees. This request for proposals (“RFP”) is issued pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* §§ [6981](#) and [6982](#).

The proposed schedule of events subject to the RFP is outlined below:

Public Notice	Date: August 29, 2014
Deadline for Questions	Date: September 5, 2014
Response to Questions Posted by:	Date: September 12, 2014
Deadline for Receipt of Proposals	Date: September 30, 2014 at 1:00 PM (Local Time)
Estimated Notification of Award	Date: December 30, 2014

Each proposal must be accompanied by a transmittal letter which briefly summarizes the proposing firm’s interest in providing the required professional services. The transmittal letter must also clearly state and justify any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP which the applicant may have taken in presenting the proposal. (Applicant exceptions must also be recorded on Attachment 3). Furthermore, the transmittal letter must attest to the fact that no activity related to this proposal contract will take place outside of the United States. The State of Delaware reserves the right to deny any and all exceptions taken to the RFP requirements.

MANDATORY PREBID MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has not been established for this Request for Proposal.

II. Scope of Services

A. Background

The State has a responsibility to provide employment verification for their 40,000+ employees in the form of employment and salary information. The Payroll Human Resources Statewide Technology PHRST Office receives requests primarily from mortgage lenders, loan companies, creditors/collection agencies, Division of Child Support, Legal Offices (court orders for wage attachments), the IRS, and SSA. The steadily increasing number of requests has resulted in a drain on valuable resources. To achieve needed process improvements the State is interested in working with a third-party vendor to outsource this service using an automated verification process for employment and income information.

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B. Scope of Work - Overview

State of Delaware is seeking a solution **having no cost to the State** for employment and income verification services for former and current employees. The goal of the proposed system is to improve turnaround time, provide efficiency of responses and remove paper processing within the State Agencies. Verification services required will include employment and salary information for mortgage loans, credit applications, apartment lease applications, public assistance applications, public housing, financial aid, support enforcement, etc. Vendor shall manage the password protocol for all users. State of Delaware shall provide the awarded vendor limited access to payroll data via an encrypted File Transfer Protocol (FTP) each payroll period.

C. Scope of Work - Requirements

1. The vendor shall communicate the capability to ensure all personnel data shall be maintained and processed with the highest degree of confidentiality, utilizing encryption, password protection, employee PIN numbers, separation of data within the computer, physical separation of tapes and master files, and restricted access to files and the physical site.
2. The vendor shall have the ability to pull down a payroll data file the State will be place on a SFTP server for the vendor to retrieve on a prescribed schedule that will be provided by the State of Delaware. The file the State of Delaware will provide will be a comma delimited, *.dat file.
 - a. The vendor shall affirm the established capability to work from a comma delimited, *.dat file without modification to a SFTP server.
3. The vendor shall provide secure, high speed internet access to online employment and wage data seven days per week, 24 hours per day.
4. The vendor shall have the ability to alternately provide information through toll-free phone and fax lines.
5. The vendor shall provide immediate response to queries via the internet or telephone and no more than a four (4) hour response if fax is used.
6. The vendor shall certify there shall be no transaction fee for searches that result in no match.
7. The vendor must acknowledge that the State retains all data property rights.
8. The solution will provide information via the Internet.
9. The solution shall provide an individual's current payroll data defined as an individual's most recent payroll data online that has been updated within ten (10) business days of the individual's last payday.
10. The solution shall provide current and/or historical wage and employment information for a minimum of a 36 month period.
11. The solution shall permit users to print a hard copy of the results of the search. This includes the ability to instantaneously print the located information and/or printable response that the information is not in the database.
12. The solution shall have the capability to make information available through inquiry by Social Security Number (SSN) and/or a unique employee/employer acquired 'code'.

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13. The solution shall make data available via online access and shall be in a format compatible with MS Excel.
14. The solution shall be capable of retaining employment and wage data for at least 40,000 individuals and allow for reasonable growth as determined by legislation.
15. The solution shall allow for volume independent requestors to apply for discounted fee schedules.

D. Verification Requirements for Employment and Income

Employment and income verification documentation must include:

1. Employer's name, address, telephone number and Department ID.
2. Employee's Job Title, Employment status, most recent start date, hire date and total time with employer.
3. Pay rate (i.e. hourly rate or salary), frequency of pay, total gross earnings, historical pay period summary of three (3) years or from date of employment if termination date is less than three years (if no longer employed).

E. Data Security and Privacy

1. Vendor must ensure the security and confidentiality of confidential information.
2. Vendor must protect against anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of confidential information.
3. Vendor must protect against unauthorized access to or use of Confidential information that could result in harm or inconvenience to any customer.
4. Vendor must dispose of confidential information in a secure manner.
5. Vendor must not allow non-consumer initiated transactions, up-selling or aggregate data mining of any kind.
6. In submitting a proposal the vendor shall
7. It shall be the responsibility of the vendor to assure the responsibility of any organization requesting access to State of Delaware data housed by the vendor.
8. As computer, network, and information security are of paramount concern, the State wants to ensure that computer/network hardware and software does not compromise the security of its IT infrastructure. Therefore, the Vendor is guaranteeing that any systems or software meets or exceeds the Top 20 Critical Security controls located at <http://www.sans.org/critical-security-controls/>.

F. Cyber Security Liability

It shall be the duty of the Vendor to assure that all products of its effort do not cause, directly or indirectly, any unauthorized acquisition of data that compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of information maintained by the State of Delaware. Vendor's agreement shall not limit or modify liability for information security breaches, and Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its agents and employees, from any and all liability, suits, actions or claims, together with all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of such breaches. In addition to all rights and remedies available to it in law or in equity, the State shall subtract from any payment made to Vendor all damages, costs and expenses caused by such information security breaches that have not been previously paid to Vendor.

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G. Information Security

Multifunction peripherals must be hardened when used or connected to the network. They should be configured to harden the network protocols used, management services, processing services (print, copy, fax, and scan), logging, and physical security. Care shall be taken to ensure that any State non-public data is removed from memory before service calls and/or equipment disposal.

Electronic information storage devices (hard drives, tapes, diskettes, compact disks, USB, multifunction peripherals, etc.) shall be disposed of in a manner corresponding to the classification of the stored information, up to and including physical destruction.

H. Statistical Reporting Responsibilities

1. Vendor shall provide monthly statistics on number of inquiries by type.
2. Vendor shall provide monthly statistics on the number of hits which yield employment information.
3. Vendor shall provide detailed information upon request, on inquiries made by individual users for a specific timeframe, for use by State of Delaware to monitor proper access to system.

I. Invoicing

Vendor must provide the invoicing processes, and payment terms and conditions for billing requestors/verifiers for services.

J. Cost

This contract for services will be **at no cost to the State of Delaware**. A Cost per Transaction will be provided by the vendor, which will be billed to the requestor/verifier. There will be no cost to the requestor/verifier for searches that result in no match.

K. Implementation and Support

Vendor must provide a timeline for implementation of the solution, including testing, prior to full implementation of services. Vendor will be required to provide a web base demonstration of their product and services.

Vendor shall provide customer support and/or helpdesk for requestors, answer questions and troubleshoot problems, whether routine or difficult problems and respond to requests for support within 4 hours. Where a "fix" is required, the corrective action must be completed in the same business day if a call for support is placed prior to 11:00 am or by the close of the second business day if the call is placed after 11:00 am.

L. Additional Incentives

Describe additional features, if any, which may be offered to the State, based on organizations of this size. The following format should be used to propose any additional incentives and is included in the price sheet:

Description of Incentive	Dollar Value

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III. Required Information

The following information shall be provided in each proposal in the order listed below. Failure to respond to any request for information within this proposal may result in rejection of the proposal at the sole discretion of the State.

A. Minimum Requirements

1. Provide Delaware license(s) and/or certification(s) necessary to perform services as identified in the scope of work.

Prior to the execution of an award document, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the Agency with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required.

2. Vendor shall provide responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) scope of work and clearly identify capabilities as presented in the General Evaluation Requirements below.
3. Complete all appropriate attachments and forms as identified within the RFP.
4. Proof of insurance and amount of insurance shall be furnished to the Agency prior to the start of the contract period and shall be no less than as identified in the bid solicitation, Section D, Item 5, subsection f.
5. Provide response to Employing Delawareans Report (Attachment 9)
6. Completed DTI Terms and Conditions for Cloud Providers and External Hosting (Attachment 11)
7. Completed Contractor Confidentiality and Integrity of Data Agreement (Attachment 12)
8. Completed Price Sheet (Appendix B)

B. General Evaluation Requirements

1. Experience and Reputation
2. Expertise in employment and income verification processes
3. Capacity to meet requirements (size, financial condition, etc.)
4. Demonstrated ability to perform the work required
5. Demonstrated ability of the solution to meet the functional and technical requirements
6. Familiarity with public sector environment

IV. Professional Services RFP Administrative Information

A. RFP Issuance

1. Public Notice

Public notice has been provided in accordance with 29 *Del. C.* [§6981](#).

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2. Obtaining Copies of the RFP

This RFP is available in electronic form through the State of Delaware Procurement website at www.bids.delaware.gov . Paper copies of this RFP will not be available.

3. Assistance to Vendors with a Disability

Vendors with a disability may receive accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFP or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact the Designated Contact no later than ten days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals.

4. RFP Designated Contact

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the State of Delaware. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other State of Delaware personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

MARIA FRY
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
100 ENTERPRISE PLACE, STE 4
DOVER, DE 19904
Maria.fry@state.de.us

To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, electronic mail (e-mail) correspondence is acceptable, but other forms of delivery, such as postal and courier services can also be used.

5. Consultants and Legal Counsel

The State of Delaware may retain consultants or legal counsel to assist in the review and evaluation of this RFP and the vendors' responses. Bidders shall not contact the State's consultant or legal counsel on any matter related to the RFP.

6. Contact with State Employees

Direct contact with State of Delaware employees other than the State of Delaware Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting State of Delaware employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration. Exceptions exist only for organizations currently doing business in the State who require contact in the normal course of doing that business.

7. Organizations Ineligible to Bid

Any individual, business, organization, corporation, consortium, partnership, joint venture, or any other entity including subcontractors currently debarred or suspended is ineligible to bid. Any entity ineligible to conduct business in the State of Delaware for any reason is ineligible to respond to the RFP.

8. Exclusions

The Proposal Evaluation Team reserves the right to refuse to consider any proposal from a vendor who:

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- a) Has been convicted for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of the contract or subcontract:
- b) Has been convicted under State or Federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently and seriously affects responsibility as a State contractor:
- c) Has been convicted or has had a civil judgment entered for a violation under State or Federal antitrust statutes:
- d) Has violated contract provisions such as;
 - 1) Knowing failure without good cause to perform in accordance with the specifications or within the time limit provided in the contract; or
 - 2) Failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with terms of one or more contracts;
- e) Has violated ethical standards set out in law or regulation; and
- f) Any other cause listed in regulations of the State of Delaware determined to be serious and compelling as to affect responsibility as a State contractor, including suspension or debarment by another governmental entity for a cause listed in the regulations.

B. RFP Submissions

1. Acknowledgement of Understanding of Terms

By submitting a bid, each vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

2. Proposals

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this RFP. The State reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with two (2) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD or DVD media disk, or USB memory drive. Please provide a separate electronic pricing file from the rest of the RFP proposal responses.

All properly sealed and marked proposals are to be sent to the State of Delaware and received no later than **1:00 PM (Local Time) on September 30, 2014**. The Proposals may be delivered by Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), US Mail, or by hand to:

**MARIA FRY
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
100 ENTERPRISE PLACE, STE 4
DOVER, DE 19904**

Vendors are directed to clearly print “BID ENCLOSED” and “CONTRACT NO. GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF” on the outside of the bid submission package.

Any proposal submitted by US Mail shall be sent by either certified or registered mail. Proposals must be received at the above address no later than **1:00 PM (Local Time) on September 30, 2014**. Any proposal received after this date shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. The proposing vendor bears the risk of

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delays in delivery. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed as to be made available to competing entities during the negotiation process.

Upon receipt of vendor proposals, each vendor shall be presumed to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. The failure or omission to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve vendors from any obligation in respect to this RFP.

3. Proposal Modifications

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a proposal must be made in writing, submitted in the same manner as the original response and conspicuously labeled as a change, amendment or modification to a previously submitted proposal. Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

4. Proposal Costs and Expenses

The State of Delaware will not pay any costs incurred by any Vendor associated with any aspect of responding to this solicitation, including proposal preparation, printing or delivery, attendance at vendor's conference, system demonstrations or negotiation process.

5. Proposal Expiration Date

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through December 16, 2014. The State of Delaware reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

6. Late Proposals

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the proposal title, vendor name, and time and date of the proposal opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

7. Proposal Opening

The State of Delaware will receive proposals until the date and time shown in this RFP. Proposals will be opened only in the presence of the State of Delaware personnel. Any unopened proposals will be returned to the submitting Vendor.

There will be no public opening of proposals but a public log will be kept of the names of all vendor organizations that submitted proposals. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed in accordance with [Executive Order # 31](#) and Title 29, Delaware Code, [Chapter 100](#).

8. Non-Conforming Proposals

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within the State of Delaware.

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9. Concise Proposals

The State of Delaware discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The State of Delaware's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

10. Realistic Proposals

It is the expectation of the State of Delaware that vendors can fully satisfy the obligations of the proposal in the manner and timeframe defined within the proposal. Proposals must be realistic and must represent the best estimate of time, materials and other costs including the impact of inflation and any economic or other factors that are reasonably predictable.

The State of Delaware shall bear no responsibility or increase obligation for a vendor's failure to accurately estimate the costs or resources required to meet the obligations defined in the proposal.

11. Confidentiality of Documents

All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the State of Delaware/Proposal Evaluation Team or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The State of Delaware is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, [29 Del. C. Ch. 100](#). Under the law, all the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the State of Delaware and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be recommended for selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by [29 Del. C. § 10002\(d\)](#), and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

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Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the State of Delaware will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed.

12. Multi-Vendor Solutions (Joint Ventures)

Multi-vendor solutions (joint ventures) will be allowed only if one of the venture partners is designated as the “**prime contractor**”. The “**prime contractor**” must be the joint venture’s contact point for the State of Delaware and be responsible for the joint venture’s performance under the contract, including all project management, legal and financial responsibility for the implementation of all vendor systems. If a joint venture is proposed, a copy of the joint venture agreement clearly describing the responsibilities of the partners must be submitted with the proposal. Services specified in the proposal shall not be subcontracted without prior written approval by the State of Delaware, and approval of a request to subcontract shall not in any way relieve Vendor of responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of the work. Further, vendor shall be and remain liable for all damages to the State of Delaware caused by negligent performance or non-performance of work by its subcontractor or its sub-subcontractor.

Multi-vendor proposals must be a consolidated response with all cost included in the cost summary. Where necessary, RFP response pages are to be duplicated for each vendor.

a. Primary Vendor

The State of Delaware expects to negotiate and contract with only one “prime vendor”. The State of Delaware will not accept any proposals that reflect an equal teaming arrangement or from vendors who are co-bidding on this RFP. The prime vendor will be responsible for the management of all subcontractors.

Any contract that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime vendor is solely responsible for fulfillment of any contract with the State as a result of this procurement. The State will make contract payments only to the awarded vendor. Payments to any-subcontractors are the sole responsibility of the prime vendor (awarded vendor).

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the State of Delaware from the full exercise of its options under Section IV.B.16 regarding multiple source contracting.

b. Sub-contracting

The vendor selected shall be solely responsible for contractual performance and management of all subcontract relationships. This contract allows subcontracting assignments; however, vendors assume all responsibility for work quality, delivery, installation, maintenance, and any supporting services required by a subcontractor.

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and major subcontractors must be identified by name. **The prime vendor shall be wholly responsible for the entire contract performance whether or not subcontractors are used.** Any sub-contractors must be approved by State of Delaware.

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c. Multiple Proposals

A primary vendor may not participate in more than one proposal in any form. Sub-contracting vendors may participate in multiple joint venture proposals.

13. Sub-Contracting

The vendor selected shall be solely responsible for contractual performance and management of all subcontract relationships. This contract allows subcontracting assignments; however, vendors assume all responsibility for work quality, delivery, installation, maintenance, and any supporting services required by a subcontractor.

Use of subcontractors must be clearly explained in the proposal, and subcontractors must be identified by name. Any sub-contractors must be approved by State of Delaware.

14. Discrepancies and Omissions

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify the State of Delaware's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

a. RFP Question and Answer Process

The State of Delaware will allow written requests for clarification of the RFP. All questions will be consolidated into a single set of responses and posted on the State's website at www.bids.delaware.gov by the date of **September 12, 2014**. Vendor names will be removed from questions in the responses released. Questions should be submitted in the following format. Deviations from this format will not be accepted.

Section number

Paragraph number

Page number

Text of passage being questioned

Questions not submitted electronically shall be accompanied by a CD and questions shall be formatted in Microsoft Word.

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15. State's Right to Reject Proposals

The State of Delaware reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part of any proposal, to waive defects, technicalities or any specifications (whether they be in the State of Delaware's specifications or vendor's response), to sit and act as sole judge of the merit and qualifications of each product offered, or to solicit new proposals on the same project or on a modified project which may include portions of the originally proposed project as the State of Delaware may deem necessary in the best interest of the State of Delaware.

16. State's Right to Cancel Solicitation

The State of Delaware reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The State of Delaware makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by the State of Delaware. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the State of Delaware selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by the State of Delaware to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The State of Delaware may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

17. State's Right to Award Multiple Source Contracting

Pursuant to 29 *Del. C.* [§ 6986](#), the State of Delaware may award a contract for a particular professional service to two or more vendors if the agency head makes a determination that such an award is in the best interest of the State of Delaware.

18. Notification of Withdrawal of Proposal

Vendor may modify or withdraw its proposal by written request, provided that both proposal and request is received by the State of Delaware prior to the proposal due date. Proposals may be re-submitted in accordance with the proposal due date in order to be considered further.

Proposals become the property of the State of Delaware at the proposal submission deadline. All proposals received are considered firm offers at that time.

19. Revisions to the RFP

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFP, an addendum will be posted on the State of Delaware's website at www.bids.delaware.gov. The State of Delaware is not bound by any statement related to this RFP made by any State of Delaware employee, contractor or its agents.

20. Exceptions to the RFP

Any exceptions to the RFP, or the State of Delaware's terms and conditions, must be recorded on Attachment 3. Acceptance of exceptions is within the sole discretion of the evaluation committee.

21. Award of Contract

The final award of a contract is subject to approval by the State of Delaware. The State of Delaware has the sole right to select the successful vendor(s) for award, to

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reject any proposal as unsatisfactory or non-responsive, to award a contract to other than the lowest priced proposal, to award multiple contracts, or not to award a contract, as a result of this RFP.

Notice in writing to a vendor of the acceptance of its proposal by the State of Delaware and the subsequent full execution of a written contract will constitute a contract, and no vendor will acquire any legal or equitable rights or privileges until the occurrence of both such events.

a. RFP Award Notifications

After reviews of the evaluation committee report and its recommendation, and once the contract terms and conditions have been finalized, the State of Delaware will award the contract.

The contract shall be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

It should be explicitly noted that the State of Delaware is not obligated to award the contract to the vendor who submits the lowest bid or the vendor who receives the highest total point score, rather the contract will be awarded to the vendor whose proposal is the most advantageous to the State of Delaware. The award is subject to the appropriate State of Delaware approvals.

After a final selection is made, the winning vendor will be invited to negotiate a contract with the State of Delaware; remaining vendors will be notified in writing of their selection status.

22. Cooperatives

Vendors, who have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with a cooperative, are welcome to submit the cooperative pricing for this solicitation.

C. RFP Evaluation Process

An evaluation team composed of representatives of the State of Delaware will evaluate proposals on a variety of quantitative criteria. Neither the lowest price nor highest scoring proposal will necessarily be selected.

The State of Delaware reserves full discretion to determine the competence and responsibility, professionally and/or financially, of vendors. Vendors are to provide in a timely manner any and all information that the State of Delaware may deem necessary to make a decision.

1. Proposal Evaluation Team

The Proposal Evaluation Team shall be comprised of representatives of the State of Delaware. The Team shall determine which vendors meet the minimum requirements pursuant to selection criteria of the RFP and procedures established in 29 *Del. C.* §§ [6981](#) and [6982](#). The Team may negotiate with one or more vendors during the same period and may, at its discretion, terminate negotiations with any or all vendors. The Team shall make a recommendation regarding the award to the Director, who shall have final authority, subject to the provisions of this RFP and 29

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Del. C. § 6982, to award a contract to the successful vendor in the best interests of the State of Delaware.

2. Proposal Selection Criteria

The Proposal Evaluation Team shall assign up to the maximum number of points for each Evaluation Item to each of the proposing vendor's proposals. All assignments of points shall be at the sole discretion of the Proposal Evaluation Team.

The proposals shall contain the essential information on which the award decision shall be made. The information required to be submitted in response to this RFP has been determined by the State of Delaware to be essential for use by the Team in the bid evaluation and award process. Therefore, all instructions contained in this RFP shall be met in order to qualify as a responsive and responsible contractor and participate in the Proposal Evaluation Team's consideration for award. Proposals which do not meet or comply with the instructions of this RFP may be considered non-conforming and deemed non-responsive and subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of the Team.

The Team reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.
- Select more than one vendor pursuant to 29 *Del. C. §6986*. Such selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - The proposing vendor(s) communicated capability and capacity to fulfill the requirements established in this Professional Services Request for Proposal.

Criteria Weight

All proposals shall be evaluated using the same criteria and scoring process. The following criteria shall be used by the Evaluation Team to evaluate proposals:

Criteria	Value
Vendor's proposed project timeline.	20
Familiarity and experience creating and running similar projects, including the ability to perform the work in a timely manner, company oversight and on-going project support and maintenance.	20

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Criteria	Value
Vendor's ability to meet the State's technology and information requirements	35
References	10
The extent to which the vendor agrees to Delaware's basic contract terms and required provisions without seeking exception.	50
Proposed Cost Structure	50
Total	185

Vendors are encouraged to review the evaluation criteria and to provide a response that addresses each of the scored items. Evaluators will not be able to make assumptions about a vendor's capabilities so the responding vendor should be detailed in their proposal responses.

3. Proposal Clarification

The Evaluation Team may contact any vendor in order to clarify uncertainties or eliminate confusion concerning the contents of a proposal. Proposals may not be modified as a result of any such clarification request.

4. References

The Evaluation Team may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, the State of Delaware may choose to visit existing installations of comparable systems, which may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the State of Delaware will pay travel costs only for State of Delaware personnel for these visits.

5. Oral Presentations

After initial scoring and a determination that vendor(s) are qualified to perform the required services, selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Evaluation Team. All vendor(s) selected will be given an opportunity to present to the Evaluation Team.

The selected vendors will have their presentations scored or ranked based on their ability to successfully meet the needs of the contract requirements, successfully demonstrate their product and/or service, and respond to questions about the solution capabilities.

The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components. All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for the State of Delaware are the vendor's responsibility.

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D. Contract Terms and Conditions

1. Mandatory Contract Use

REF: Title 29, Chapter 6911(d) Delaware Code. All Covered Agencies as defined in 29 Del. C. §6902(6) shall procure all material, equipment and nonprofessional services through the statewide contracts administered by Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget. Delaware State University, Delaware Technical and Community College, school districts, and the Legislative Branch are specifically exempted from the requirements of this subchapter. In addition, the Delaware Transit Corporation is exempt from the entire procurement chapter. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6904(l) and (n) respectively, the Department of Elections and the Board of Pension Trustees have certain exemptions from the procurement chapter which may or may not apply to this Request for Proposals.

2. Cooperative Use of Award

As a publicly competed contract awarded in compliance with 29 DE Code Chapter 69, this contract is available for use by other states and/or governmental entities through a participating addendum. Interested parties should contact the State Contract Procurement Officer identified in the contract for instruction. Final approval for permitting participation in this contract resides with the Director of Government Support Services and in no way places any obligation upon the awarded vendor(s).

3. General Information

- a. The term of the contract between the successful bidder and the State shall be for three years with two optional extensions for a period of one (1) year for each extension.
- b. The selected vendor will be required to enter into a written agreement with the State of Delaware. The State of Delaware reserves the right to incorporate standard State contractual provisions into any contract negotiated as a result of a proposal submitted in response to this RFP. Any proposed modifications to the terms and conditions of the standard contract are subject to review and approval by the State of Delaware. Vendors will be required to sign the contract for all services, and may be required to sign additional agreements.
- c. The selected vendor or vendors will be expected to enter negotiations with the State of Delaware, which will result in a formal contract between parties. Procurement will be in accordance with subsequent contracted agreement. This RFP and the selected vendor's response to this RFP will be incorporated as part of any formal contract.
- d. The State of Delaware's standard contract will most likely be supplemented with the vendor's software license, support/maintenance, source code escrow agreements, and any other applicable agreements. The terms and conditions of these agreements will be negotiated with the finalist during actual contract negotiations.
- e. The successful vendor shall promptly execute a contract incorporating the terms of this RFP within twenty (20) days after award of the contract. No vendor is to begin any service prior to receipt of a State of Delaware purchase order signed by two authorized representatives of the agency requesting service, properly processed through the State of Delaware Accounting Office and the Department of Finance. The purchase order shall serve as the authorization to proceed in accordance with the bid specifications and the special instructions, once it is received by the successful vendor.

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- f. If the vendor to whom the award is made fails to enter into the agreement as herein provided, the award will be annulled, and an award may be made to another vendor. Such vendor shall fulfill every stipulation embraced herein as if they were the party to whom the first award was made.

4. Collusion or Fraud

Any evidence of agreement or collusion among vendor(s) and prospective vendor(s) acting to illegally restrain freedom from competition by agreement to offer a fixed price, or otherwise, will render the offers of such vendor(s) void.

By responding, the vendor shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that its proposal is not made in connection with any competing vendor submitting a separate response to this RFP, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud; that the vendor did not participate in the RFP development process and had no knowledge of the specific contents of the RFP prior to its issuance; and that no employee or official of the State of Delaware participated directly or indirectly in the vendor's proposal preparation.

Advance knowledge of information which gives any particular vendor advantages over any other interested vendor(s), in advance of the opening of proposals, whether in response to advertising or an employee or representative thereof, will potentially void that particular proposal.

5. Lobbying and Gratuities

Lobbying or providing gratuities shall be strictly prohibited. Vendors found to be lobbying, providing gratuities to, or in any way attempting to influence a State of Delaware employee or agent of the State of Delaware concerning this RFP or the award of a contract resulting from this RFP shall have their proposal immediately rejected and shall be barred from further participation in this RFP.

The selected vendor will warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure a contract resulting from this RFP upon agreement or understanding for a commission, or a percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warranty, the State of Delaware shall have the right to annul any contract resulting from this RFP without liability or at its discretion deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

All contact with State of Delaware employees, contractors or agents of the State of Delaware concerning this RFP shall be conducted in strict accordance with the manner, forum and conditions set forth in this RFP.

6. Solicitation of State Employees

Until contract award, vendors shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit any employee of the State of Delaware to leave the State of Delaware's employ in order to accept employment with the vendor, its affiliates, actual or prospective contractors, or any person acting in concert with vendor, without prior written approval of the State of Delaware's contracting officer. Solicitation of State of Delaware employees by a vendor may result in rejection of the vendor's proposal.

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This paragraph does not prevent the employment by a vendor of a State of Delaware employee who has initiated contact with the vendor. However, State of Delaware employees may be legally prohibited from accepting employment with the contractor or subcontractor under certain circumstances. Vendors may not knowingly employ a person who cannot legally accept employment under state or federal law. If a vendor discovers that they have done so, they must terminate that employment immediately.

7. General Contract Terms

a. Independent Contractors

The parties to the contract shall be independent contractors to one another, and nothing herein shall be deemed to cause this agreement to create an agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between parties. Each party shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable workers compensation, unemployment, disability insurance, social security withholding and all other similar matters. Neither party shall be liable for any debts, accounts, obligations or other liability whatsoever of the other party or any other obligation of the other party to pay on the behalf of its employees or to withhold from any compensation paid to such employees any social benefits, workers compensation insurance premiums or any income or other similar taxes.

It may be at the State of Delaware's discretion as to the location of work for the contractual support personnel during the project period. The State of Delaware shall provide working space and sufficient supplies and material to augment the Contractor's services.

b. Non-Appropriation

In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

c. Licenses and Permits

In performance of the contract, the vendor will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The cost of permits and other relevant costs required in the performance of the contract shall be borne by the successful vendor. The vendor shall be properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the State of Delaware as provided in 30 *Del. C.* § [2502](#).

Prior to receiving an award, the successful vendor shall either furnish the State of Delaware with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: (302) 577-8200—Public Service, (302) 577-8205—Licensing Department.

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Information regarding the award of the contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject vendor to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

d. Notice

Any notice to the State of Delaware required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

**GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
100 ENTERPRICE PLACE / STE 4
DOVER, DE 19904
MARIA FRY**

e. Indemnification

1. General Indemnification

By submitting a proposal, the proposing vendor agrees that in the event it is awarded a contract, it will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the State of Delaware, its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, or claims, together with all costs, expenses for attorney's fees, arising out of the vendor's, its agents and employees' performance work or services in connection with the contract, regardless of whether such suits, actions, claims or liabilities are based upon acts or failures to act attributable, whole or part, to the State, its employees or agents.

2. Proprietary Rights Indemnification

Vendor shall warrant that all elements of its solution, including all equipment, software, documentation, services and deliverables, do not and will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of any third party. In the event of any claim, suit or action by any third party against the State of Delaware, the State of Delaware shall promptly notify the vendor in writing and vendor shall defend such claim, suit or action at vendor's expense, and vendor shall indemnify the State of Delaware against any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability arising out of such claim, suit or action (including, without limitation, litigation costs, lost employee time, and counsel fees) whether or not such claim, suit or action is successful.

If any equipment, software, services (including methods) products or other intellectual property used or furnished by the vendor (collectively "Products") is or in vendor's reasonable judgment is likely to be, held to constitute an infringing product, vendor shall at its expense and option either:

- a) Procure the right for the State of Delaware to continue using the Product(s);
- b) Replace the product with a non-infringing equivalent that satisfies all the requirements of the contract; or
- c) Modify the Product(s) to make it or them non-infringing, provided that the modification does not materially alter the functionality or efficacy of the product or cause the Product(s) or any part of the work to fail to conform to the requirements of the Contract, or only alters the Product(s) to a degree that the State of Delaware agrees to and accepts in writing.

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f. Insurance

1. Vendor recognizes that it is operating as an independent contractor and that it is liable for any and all losses, penalties, damages, expenses, attorney's fees, judgments, and/or settlements incurred by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, or injury to any and all property, of any nature, arising out of the vendor's negligent performance under this contract, and particularly without limiting the foregoing, caused by, resulting from, or arising out of any act of omission on the part of the vendor in their negligent performance under this contract.
2. The vendor shall maintain such insurance as will protect against claims under Worker's Compensation Act and from any other claims for damages for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this contract. The vendor is an independent contractor and is not an employee of the State of Delaware.
3. During the term of this contract, the vendor shall, at its own expense, carry insurance minimum limits as follows:

a.	Commercial General Liability	\$1,000,000 per person and \$3,000,000 per occurrence
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And at least one of the following, as outlined below:

b.	Medical or Professional Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
c.	Misc. Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
d.	Product Liability	\$1,000,000/\$3,000,000

The successful vendor must carry (a) and at least one of (b), (c), or (d) above, depending on the type of Service or Product being delivered.

If the contractual service requires the transportation of departmental clients or staff, the vendor shall, in addition to the above coverage's, secure at its own expense the following coverage;

a.	Automotive Liability (Bodily Injury)	\$100,000/\$300,000
b.	Automotive Property Damage (to others)	\$ 25,000

4. The vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) as proof that the vendor has the required insurance. The COI shall be provided prior to agency contact prior to any work being completed by the awarded vendor(s).

g. Performance Requirements

The selected Vendor will warrant that it possesses, or has arranged through subcontractors, all capital and other equipment, labor, materials, and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the work hereunder in compliance with any and all Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes.

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h. Warranty

The Vendor will provide a warranty that the deliverables provided pursuant to the contract will function as designed for a period of no less than one (1) year from the date of system acceptance. The warranty shall require the Vendor correct, at its own expense, the setup, configuration, customizations or modifications so that it functions according to the State's requirements.

i. Costs and Payment Schedules

All contract costs must be as detailed specifically in the Vendor's cost proposal. No charges other than as specified in the proposal shall be allowed without written consent of the State of Delaware. The proposal costs shall include full compensation for all taxes that the selected vendor is required to pay.

The State of Delaware will require a payment schedule based on defined and measurable milestones. Payments for services will not be made in advance of work performed. The State of Delaware may require holdback of contract monies until acceptable performance is demonstrated (as much as 25%).

j. Penalties

The State of Delaware may include in the final contract penalty provisions for non-performance, such as liquidated damages.

k. Termination for Cause

If for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfil in timely and proper manner his obligations under the contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements or stipulations of the contract, the State of Delaware shall thereupon have the right to terminate the contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination, In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under the contract shall, at the option of the State of Delaware, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is useable to the State of Delaware.

l. Termination for Convenience

The State of Delaware may terminate the contract at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least twenty (20) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under the contract shall, at the option of the State of Delaware, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is useable to the State of Delaware. If the contract is terminated by the State of Delaware as so provided, the Vendor will be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the total compensation as the services actually performed bear to the total services of the Vendor as covered by the contract, less payments of compensation previously made. Provided however, that if less than 60 percent of the services covered by the contract have been performed upon the effective date of

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termination, the Vendor shall be reimbursed (in addition to the above payment) for that portion of actual out of pocket expenses (not otherwise reimbursed under the contract) incurred by the Vendor during the contract period which are directly attributable to the uncompleted portion of the services covered by the contract.

m. Non-discrimination

In performing the services subject to this RFP the vendor, as set forth in Title 19 Delaware Code Chapter 7 section [711](#), will agree that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant with respect to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, marital status, genetic information, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The successful vendor shall comply with all federal and state laws, regulations and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practice. Failure to perform under this provision constitutes a material breach of contract.

n. Covenant against Contingent Fees

The successful vendor will warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement of understanding for a commission or percentage, brokerage or contingent fee excepting bona-fide employees, bona-fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Vendor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the State of Delaware shall have the right to annul the contract without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

o. Vendor Activity

No activity is to be executed in an off shore facility, either by a subcontracted firm or a foreign office or division of the vendor. The vendor must attest to the fact that no activity will take place outside of the United States in its transmittal letter. Failure to adhere to this requirement is cause for elimination from future consideration.

p. Work Product

All materials and products developed under the executed contract by the vendor are the sole and exclusive property of the State. The vendor will seek written permission to use any product created under the contract.

q. Contract Documents

The RFP, the purchase order, the executed contract and any supplemental documents between the State of Delaware and the successful vendor shall constitute the contract between the State of Delaware and the vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter: contract, State of Delaware's RFP, Vendor's response to the RFP and purchase order. No other documents shall be considered. These documents will constitute the entire agreement between the State of Delaware and the vendor.

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r. Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Delaware shall apply, except where Federal Law has precedence. The successful vendor consents to jurisdiction and venue in the State of Delaware.

In submitting a proposal, Vendors certify that they comply with all federal, state and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations including:

- 1) the laws of the State of Delaware;
- 2) the applicable portion of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- 3) the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government;
- 4) a condition that the proposal submitted was independently arrived at, without collusion, under penalty of perjury; and
- 5) that programs, services, and activities provided to the general public under resulting contract conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.

If any vendor fails to comply with (1) through (5) of this paragraph, the State of Delaware reserves the right to disregard the proposal, terminate the contract, or consider the vendor in default.

The selected vendor shall keep itself fully informed of and shall observe and comply with all applicable existing Federal and State laws, and County and local ordinances, regulations and codes, and those laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes adopted during its performance of the work.

s. Severability

If any term or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Agreement, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

t. Scope of Agreement

If the scope of any provision of the contract is determined to be too broad in any respect whatsoever to permit enforcement to its full extent, then such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the parties hereto consent and agree that such scope may be judicially modified accordingly and that the whole of such provisions of the contract shall not thereby fail, but the scope of such provisions shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to conform to the law.

u. Other General Conditions

- 1) **Current Version** – “Packaged” application and system software shall be the most current version generally available as of the date of the physical installation of the software.

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- 2) **Current Manufacture** – Equipment specified and/or furnished under this specification shall be standard products of manufacturers regularly engaged in the production of such equipment and shall be the manufacturer’s latest design. All material and equipment offered shall be new and unused.
- 3) **Volumes and Quantities** – Activity volume estimates and other quantities have been reviewed for accuracy; however, they may be subject to change prior or subsequent to award of the contract.
- 4) **Prior Use** – The State of Delaware reserves the right to use equipment and material furnished under this proposal prior to final acceptance. Such use shall not constitute acceptance of the work or any part thereof by the State of Delaware.
- 5) **Status Reporting** – The selected vendor will be required to lead and/or participate in status meetings and submit status reports covering such items as progress of work being performed, milestones attained, resources expended, problems encountered and corrective action taken, until final system acceptance.
- 6) **Regulations** – All equipment, software and services must meet all applicable local, State and Federal regulations in effect on the date of the contract.
- 7) **Changes** – No alterations in any terms, conditions, delivery, price, quality, or specifications of items ordered will be effective without the written consent of the State of Delaware.
- 8) **Additional Terms and Conditions** – The State of Delaware reserves the right to add terms and conditions during the contract negotiations.

v. Security of Sensitive Personal Information

1. Vendor shall notify Department of Technology and Information (DTI), Ordering Agency, and Government Support Services (GSS) within 24 hours of a suspected data breach. Such notification is to include the nature of the suspected breach, the number of records potentially affected, and the specific data potentially affected.
 - 1.1. Should the State of Delaware or Vendor determine that a data breach has actually occurred; Vendor will immediately take all reasonable and necessary measures to mitigate any injury or damage which may arise out of the data breach and shall implement corrective action as determined appropriate by Vendor, DTI, and GSS.
 - 1.2. Should any corrective action resultant from Section 1.1. above include restricted, altered, or severed access to computerized data; final approval of the corrective action shall reside with DTI.
 - 1.3. For any record confirmed to have been breached whether such breach was discovered by Vendor, the State, or any other entity and notwithstanding the definition of personally identifiable information as set forth at 6 *Del. C.* § 12B-101, Vendor shall:
 - 1.3.1. Notify, in a form acceptable to the State, any affected individual as may be required by 6 *Del. C.* § 12B-101 of the Delaware Code.

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- 1.3.2. Provide a written report detailing the nature, extent, and root cause of any such data breach no later than two (2) business days following notice of such a breach.
- 1.3.3. Meet and confer with representatives of DTI and GSS regarding required remedial action in relation to any such data breach within 24 hours of any notice of any data breach.

w. Data Breach

- 1. In general the term “data breach” means a compromise of the security, confidentiality, or integrity of, or the loss of, computerized data that results in, or there is a reasonable basis to conclude has resulted in –
 - 1.1. The unauthorized acquisition of sensitive personally identifiable information; or
 - 1.2. Access to sensitive personally identifiable information that is for an unauthorized purpose, or in excess of authorization.
 - 1.3. Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information as defined for this contract is personally identifiable information such as Name, Home Address, Phone Number, Email paired with another sensitive identifier such as Driver's license number, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Criminal History, Citizenship status, Medical Information, or Financial Information that could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness if compromised or disclosed.
- 2. Exclusion -The term “data breach” does not include any lawfully authorized investigative, protective, or intelligence activity of a law enforcement agency of the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, or of an intelligence agency of the United States.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the RFP and with respect to any remedial action required by statute or as may otherwise be demanded pursuant to Section IV. D.7.v.1.3. above, the State shall not be financially responsible for any required remedial action, effort or undertaking by Vendor unless the data breach was proximately caused by the State of Delaware or its employees

x. Affirmation

The Vendor must affirm that within the past five (5) years the firm or any officer, controlling stockholder, partner, principal, or other person substantially involved in the contracting activities of the business is not currently suspended or debarred and is not a successor, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business.

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E. RFP Miscellaneous Information

1. No Press Releases or Public Disclosure

Vendors may not release any information about this RFP. The State of Delaware reserves the right to pre-approve any news or advertising releases concerning this RFP, the resulting contract, the work performed, or any reference to the State of Delaware with regard to any project or contract performance. Any such news or advertising releases pertaining to this RFP or resulting contract shall require the prior express written permission of the State of Delaware.

2. Definitions of Requirements

To prevent any confusion about identifying requirements in this RFP, the following definition is offered: The words *shall*, *will* and/or *must* are used to designate a mandatory requirement. Vendors must respond to all mandatory requirements presented in the RFP. Failure to respond to a mandatory requirement may cause the disqualification of your proposal.

3. Production Environment Requirements

The State of Delaware requires that all hardware, system software products, and application software products included in proposals be currently in use in a production environment by at least three other customers, have been in use for at least six months, and have been generally available from the manufacturers for a period of six months. Unreleased or beta test hardware, system software, or application software will not be acceptable.

F. Attachments

The following attachments and appendixes shall be considered part of the solicitation:

- Attachment 1 – No Proposal Reply Form
- Attachment 2 – Non-Collusion Statement
- Attachment 3 – Exceptions
- Attachment 4 – Confidentiality and Proprietary Information
- Attachment 5 – Business References
- Attachment 6 – Subcontractor Information Form
- Attachment 7 – Monthly Usage Report
- Attachment 8 – Subcontracting (2nd Tier Spend) Report
- Attachment 9 – Employing Delawareans Report
- Attachment 10 – Office of Supplier Diversity Application
- Attachment 11 – DTI Terms and Conditions for External Hosting and Cloud Providers
- Attachment 12 – Contractor Confidentiality (Non-Disclosure) and Integrity of Data Agreement
- Appendix A – Minimum Response Requirements
- Appendix B – Pricing Form
- Appendix C – Sample Professional Services Agreement

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IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE

- **Attachments 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 must be included in your proposal**
- Attachment 6 must be included in your proposal if subcontractors will be involved.
- Attachments 7 and 8 represent required reporting on the part of awarded vendors. Those bidders receiving an award will be provided with active spreadsheets for reporting.

REQUIRED REPORTING

One of the primary goals in administering this contract is to keep accurate records regarding its actual value/usage. This information is essential in order to update the contents of the contract and to establish proper bonding levels if they are required. The integrity of future contracts revolves around our ability to convey accurate and realistic information to all interested parties.

A complete and accurate Usage Report (Attachment 7) shall be furnished in an **Excel format and submitted electronically**, no later than the 15th (or next business day after the 15th day) of each month, detailing the purchasing of all items on this contract. The reports shall be submitted and sent as an attachment to vendorusage@state.de.us. Submitted reports shall contain accurate descriptions of the products, goods or services procured, purchasing agency information, including the six-digit department and organization code, quantities procured and prices paid. Any exception to this mandatory requirement or failure to submit complete reports, or in the format required, may result corrective action, up to and including the possible cancellation of the award. Failure to provide the report with the minimum required information may also negate any contract extension clauses. Additionally, Vendors who are determined to be in default of this mandatory report requirement may have such conduct considered against them, in assessment of responsibility, in the evaluation of future proposals.

In accordance with Executive Orders 14 and 29 – Increasing Supplier Diversity Initiatives within State Government and Ensuring Representation of Veteran-Owned Businesses (VOBE) including Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOBE), the State of Delaware is committed to supporting its diverse business industry and population. The successful Vendor will be required to accurately report on the participation by Diversity Suppliers which includes: minority (MBE), woman (WBE), veteran owned business (VOBE), or service disabled veteran owned business (SDVOBE) under this awarded contract. The reported data elements shall include but not be limited to; name of state contract/project, the name of the Diversity Supplier, Diversity Supplier contact information (phone, email), type of product or service provided by the Diversity Supplier and any minority, women, veteran, or service disabled veteran certifications for the subcontractor (State OSD certification, Minority Supplier Development Council, Women’s Business Enterprise Council, VetBiz.gov). The format used for Subcontracting 2nd Tier report is shown as in Attachment 8.

Accurate 2nd tier reports shall be submitted to the contracting Agency’s Office of Supplier Diversity at vendorusage@state.de.us on the 15th (or next business day) of the month following each quarterly period. For consistency quarters shall be considered to end the last day of March, June, September and December of each calendar year. Contract spend during the covered periods shall result in a report even if the contract has expired by the report due date.

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Attachment 1

NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

Contract No. GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF

Contract Title: Employment Verification
Services

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received a proposal, but does not wish to bid, state their reason(s) below and return in a clearly marked envelope displaying the contract number. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Vendor's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- _____ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- _____ 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:

- _____ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- _____ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- _____ 5. We do not wish to sell to the State. Our objections are:

- _____ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
- _____ 7. Other: _____

_____ FIRM NAME

_____ SIGNATURE

_____ We wish to remain on the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

_____ We wish to be deleted from the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

CONTRACT NO.: GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF
CONTRACT TITLE: Employment Verification Services
OPENING DATE: September 30, 2014 at 1:00 PM (Local Time)

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents the Vendor's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this solicitation including all specifications and special provisions.

NOTE: Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Government Support Services.

COMPANY NAME _____ Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
(Please type or print) _____

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER _____ STATE OF DELAWARE
LICENSE NUMBER _____

COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS: CERT. NO.: _____	Certification type(s)	Circle all that apply	
	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	Yes	No
Woman Business Enterprise (WBE)	Yes	No	
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	Yes	No	
Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE)	Yes	No	
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise (SDVOBE)	Yes	No	

[The above table is for informational and statistical use only.]

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:
(COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AFFIRMATION: Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, Director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment?

YES _____ NO _____ if yes, please explain _____

THIS PAGE SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, BE NOTARIZED AND BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

Contract No. GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF
Contract Title: Employment Verification Services

EXCEPTION FORM

Proposals must include all exceptions to the specifications, terms or conditions contained in this RFP. If the vendor is submitting the proposal without exceptions, please state so below.

By checking this box, the Vendor acknowledges that they take no exceptions to the specifications, terms or conditions found in this RFP.

Paragraph # and page #	Exceptions to Specifications, terms or conditions	Proposed Alternative

Note: use additional pages as necessary.

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Attachment 5

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BUSINESS REFERENCES

List a minimum of three business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a State contract within the last 5 years, please list the contract.

1.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

2.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

3.	Contact Name & Title:	
	Business Name:	
	Address:	
	Email:	
	Phone # / Fax #:	
	Current Vendor (YES or NO):	
	Years Associated & Type of Work Performed:	

STATE OF DELAWARE PERSONNEL MAY NOT BE USED AS REFERENCES.

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Attachment 6

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION FORM

PART I – STATEMENT BY PROPOSING VENDOR		
1. CONTRACT NO. GSS14706-EMPL_VERIF	2. Proposing Vendor Name:	3. Mailing Address
4. SUBCONTRACTOR		
a. NAME	4c. Company OSD Classification: Certification Number: _____	
b. Mailing Address:	4d. Women Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4e. Minority Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4f. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4g. Veteran Owned Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4h. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. DESCRIPTION OF WORK BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
6a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	7. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	8. DATE SIGNED
6b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		
PART II – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
9a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	10. BY (<i>Signature</i>)	11. DATE SIGNED
9b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		

* Use a separate form for each subcontractor

STATE OF DELAWARE
MONTHLY USAGE REPORT

SAMPLE REPORT - FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY

State of Delaware									
Monthly Usage Report									
Supplier Name:				Insert Contract No.	Report Start Date:				
Contact Name:					Report End Date:				
Contact Phone:					Today's Date:				
Agency Name or School District	Division or Name of School	Budget Code	UNSPSC	Item Description	Contract Item Number	Unit of Measure	Qty	Contract Proposal Price/Rate	Total Spend
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Note: A copy of the Usage Report will be sent by electronic mail to the Awarded Vendor. The report shall be submitted electronically in **EXCEL** and sent as an attachment to vendorusage@state.de.us. It shall contain the six-digit department and organization code for each agency and school district.

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Attachment 8

SAMPLE REPORT - FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY

State of Delaware																				
Subcontracting (2nd tier) Quarterly Report																				
Prime Name:							Report Start Date:													
Contract Name/Number							Report End Date:													
Contact Name:							Today's Date:													
Contact Phone:							*Minimum Required		Requested detail											
Vendor Name*	Vendor TaxID*	Contract Name/ Number*	Vendor Contact Name*	Vendor Contact Phone*	Report Start Date*	Report End Date*	Amount Paid to Subcontractor*	Work Performed by Subcontractor UNSPSC	M/WBE Certifying Agency	Veteran /Service Disabled Veteran Certifying Agency	2nd tier Supplier Name	2nd tier Supplier Address	2nd tier Supplier Phone Number	2nd tier Supplier email	Description of Work Performed	2nd tier Supplier Tax Id				

Note: A copy of the Subcontracting Quarterly Report will be sent by electronic mail to the Awarded Vendor.

Completed reports shall be saved in an Excel format, and submitted to the following email address: vendorousage@state.de.us

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Attachment 9

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EMPLOYING DELAWAREANS REPORT

As required by House Bill # 410 (Bond Bill) of the 146th General Assembly and under Section 30, No bid for any public works or professional services contract shall be responsive unless the prospective bidder discloses its reasonable, good-faith determination of:

1. Number of employees reasonable anticipated to be employed on the project: _____
2. Number and percentage of such employees who are bona fide legal residents of Delaware: _____
Percentage of such employees who are bona fide legal residents of Delaware: _____
3. Total number of employees of the bidder: _____
4. Total percentage of employees who are bona fide resident of Delaware: _____

If subcontractors are to be used:

1. Number of employees who are residents of Delaware: _____
2. Percentage of employees who are residents of Delaware: _____

“Bona fide legal resident of this State” shall mean any resident who has established residence of at least 90 days in the State.

State of Delaware
Office of Supplier Diversity
Certification Application

The most recent application can be downloaded from the following site:
<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/certify.shtml>

Submission of a completed Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD) application is optional and does not influence the outcome of any award decision.

The minimum criteria for certification require the entity must be at least 51% owned and actively managed by a person or persons who are eligible: minorities, women, veterans, and/or service disabled veterans. Any one or all of these categories may apply to a 51% owner.



Complete application and mail, email or fax to:

Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD)
100 Enterprise Place, Suite 4
Dover, DE 19904-8202
Telephone: (302) 857-4554 Fax: (302) 677-7086
Email: osd@state.de.us
Web site: <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/osd/index.shtml>

**THE OSD ADDRESS IS FOR OSD APPLICATIONS ONLY.
NO BID RESPONSE PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE OSD.**

DTI Terms and Conditions for External Hosting and
Cloud Providers

The terms and conditions clauses 1-9 **are mandatory for every engagement** and exceptions will be considered non-compliant and non-responsive. The terms and conditions clauses 10-23 **are preferred but not mandatory** and the applicability of each depends on the nature of engagement.

Synopsis:	This policy provides a way for State of Delaware organizations to utilize offsite hosting facilities including cloud computing (Software as a Service, etc.)		
Authority:	Title 29, Delaware Code, §9004C – General powers, duties and functions of DTI “2) Implement statewide and interagency technology solutions, policies, standards and guidelines as recommended by the Technology Investment Council on an ongoing basis and the CIO, including, but not limited to, statewide technology and information architectures, statewide information technology plans, development life cycle methodologies, transport facilities, communications protocols, data and information sharing considerations, the technique of obtaining grants involving the State’s informational resources and the overall coordination of information technology efforts undertaken by and between the various State agencies;”		
Applicability:	This Policy is applicable to all users of the State of Delaware communications and computing resources. DTI is an Executive Branch Agency and has no authority over the customers in Legislative and Judicial Branches, as well as School Districts, and other Federal and Local Government entities that use these resources. However, all users, including these entities, must agree to abide by all policies, standards promulgated by DTI as a condition of access and continued use of these resources.		
Effective Date :	5/15/2013	Expiration Date :	None
POC for Changes:	Elayne Starkey, Chief Security Officer		
Approval By:	Secretary Jim Sills, Chief Information Officer		
Approved On:	5/15/2013		

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	Terms and Conditions Clauses 1-9 are mandatory for every engagement. Exceptions will be considered non-compliant and non-responsive.	Acknowledgment (initial)
1	The State of Delaware shall own all right, title and interest in its data that is related to the services provided by this contract. The Service Provider shall not access State of Delaware User accounts, or State of Delaware Data, except (i) in the course of data center operations, (ii) response to service or technical issues, (iii) as required by the express terms of this contract, or (iv) at State of Delaware's written request.	
2	<p>Protection of personal privacy and sensitive data shall be an integral part of the business activities of the Service Provider to ensure that there is no inappropriate or unauthorized use of State of Delaware information at any time. To this end, the Service Provider shall safeguard the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of State information and comply with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Personal information obtained by the Service Provider shall become and remain property of the State of Delaware. b) At no time shall any data or processes which either belongs to or are intended for the use of State of Delaware or its officers, agents, or employees, be copied, disclosed, or retained by the Service Provider or any party related to the Service Provider for subsequent use in any transaction that does not include the State of Delaware. c) The Service Provider shall not use any information collected in connection with the service issued from this proposal for any purpose other than fulfilling the service. d) The Service Provider shall encrypt all non-public data in transit to the cloud during the life of the contract. e) For engagements where the Service Provider stores sensitive personally identifiable or otherwise confidential information, this data shall be encrypted at rest. Examples are Social Security Number, Date of Birth, Driver's License number; passwords, financial data, and federal/state tax information. 	
3	The Service Provider shall not store or transfer non-public State of Delaware data outside of the United States. This includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.	
4	The Service Provider shall inform the State of Delaware of any actual security breach that jeopardizes the State of Delaware data or processes. This notice shall be given to the State of Delaware within 24 hours of its discovery. Full disclosure of the jeopardized data shall be made. In addition, the Service Provider shall inform the State of Delaware of the actions it is taking or will take to reduce the risk of further loss to the State.	
5	Delaware Code requires public breach notification when citizen's personally identifiable information is lost or stolen. Reference: <u>6 Del. C. § 12B-101(4)</u> . All communication shall be coordinated with the State of Delaware. When the Service Provider is liable for the loss, the State of Delaware shall recover all costs of response and recovery from the breach, for example: 3-year credit monitoring services, mailing costs, website, and telephone call center services. Without limitation of additional legal bases, pursuant to the <u>State of Delaware Constitution of 1897 at Article VIII, §§ 3 and 4</u> and <u>29 Del. C. § 6519(a)</u> the State of Delaware is not legally permitted to agree to any limitations on liability.	
6	The Service Provider shall contact the State of Delaware upon receipt of any electronic discovery, litigation holds, discovery searches, and expert testimonies related to, or which in any way might reasonably require access to the data of the State. The Service Provider shall not respond to subpoenas, service of process, and other legal requests related to the State of Delaware without first notifying the State unless prohibited by law from providing such notice.	
7	<p>In the event of termination of the contract, the Service Provider shall implement an orderly return of State of Delaware data in a State-defined format and the subsequent secure disposal of State of Delaware data.</p> <p>Suspension of services: During any period of suspension, the Service Provider shall not take any action to intentionally erase any State of Delaware data.</p> <p>Termination of any services or agreement in entirety: In the event of termination of any services or agreement in entirety, the Service Provider shall not take</p>	

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	<p>any action to intentionally erase any State of Delaware data for a period of 90 days after the effective date of the termination. After such 90 day period, the Service Provider shall have no obligation to maintain or provide any State of Delaware data and shall thereafter, unless legally prohibited, delete all State of Delaware data in its systems or otherwise in its possession or under its control.</p> <p>Post-Termination Assistance: The State of Delaware shall be entitled to any post-termination assistance generally made available with respect to the Services unless a unique data retrieval arrangement has been established as part of the Service Level Agreement.</p> <p>Secure Data Disposal When requested by the State of Delaware, the provider shall destroy all requested data in all of its forms, for example: disk, CD/DVD, backup tape, and paper. Data shall be permanently deleted and shall not be recoverable, according to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) approved methods and certificates of destruction shall be provided to the State of Delaware.</p>	
8	The Service Provider shall conduct criminal background checks and not utilize any staff, including sub-contractors, to fulfill the obligations of the contract who has been convicted of any crime of dishonesty, including but not limited to criminal fraud, or otherwise convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor offense for which incarceration for up to 1 year is an authorized penalty. The Service Provider shall promote and maintain an awareness of the importance of securing the State’s information among the Service Provider’s employees and agents.	
9	<p>The Service Provider shall comply with and adhere to the following State Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Modeling Standard • Strong Password Standard <p>These standards are available at http://dti.delaware.gov/information/standards-policies.shtml. Any future updates to the above standards that apply to this contract shall be mutually agreed on between both parties and documented via a contract addendum as needed.</p>	

	Terms and Conditions Clauses 10-23 are preferred but not mandatory. The applicability of each depends on the nature of engagement.	Acknowledgment (initial)
10	The Service Provider shall allow the State of Delaware access to system security logs, latency statistics, etc. that affect this engagement, its data and or processes. This includes the ability for the State of Delaware to request a report of the records that a specific user accessed over a specified period of time.	
11	The Service Provider shall allow the State of Delaware to audit conformance to the contract terms. The State of Delaware may perform this audit or contract with a third party at its discretion at the State’s expense.	
12	The Service Provider shall perform an independent audit of their data centers at least annually at their expense, and provide a redacted version of the audit report upon request. The Service Provider may remove their proprietary information from the redacted version. For example, a Service Organization Control (SOC) 2 audit report would be sufficient.	
13	Advance notice (to be determined at contract time) shall be given to the State of Delaware of any major upgrades or system changes that the Service Provider will be performing. A major upgrade is a replacement of hardware, software or firmware with a newer or better version, in order to bring the system up to date or to improve its characteristics and usually includes a new version number. The State of Delaware reserves the right to defer these changes if desired.	
14	The Service Provider shall disclose its non-proprietary security processes and technical limitations to the State of Delaware such that adequate protection and flexibility can be attained between the State of Delaware and the Service Provider. For example: virus checking and port sniffing – the State of Delaware and the Service Provider shall understand each other’s roles and responsibilities.	
15	The Service Provider shall enforce separation of job duties, require commercially reasonable non-disclosure agreements, and limit staff knowledge of customer data to that which is absolutely needed to perform job duties.	

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16	The State of Delaware shall have the ability to import or export data in piecemeal or in entirety at its discretion without interference from the Service Provider. This includes the ability for the State of Delaware to import or export data to/from other Service Providers.
17	The Service Provider shall be responsible for the acquisition and operation of all hardware, software and network support related to the services being provided. The technical and professional activities required for establishing, managing, and maintaining the environment are the responsibilities of the Service Provider. The system shall be available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year basis (with agreed-upon maintenance downtime), and providing service to customers as defined in the Service Level Agreement.
18	The Service Provider shall identify all of its strategic business partners related to services provided under this contract, including but not limited to, all subcontractors or other entities or individuals who may be a party to a joint venture or similar agreement with the Service Provider, who will be involved in any application development and/or operations.
19	The State shall have the right at any time to require that the Service Provider remove from interaction with State any Service Provider representative who the State believes is detrimental to its working relationship with the Service Provider. The State will provide the Service Provider with notice of its determination, and the reasons it requests the removal. If the State signifies that a potential security violation exists with respect to the request, the Service Provider shall immediately remove such individual. The Service Provider shall not assign the person to any aspect of the contract or future work orders without the State's consent.
20	The Service Provider shall provide a business continuity and disaster recovery plan upon request and ensure that the State's Recovery Time Objective (RTO) of XXX hours/days is met. (<i>XXX will be negotiated by both parties.</i>)
21	The Service Provider shall comply with and adhere to the following State Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Common Look and Feel Standard <p>This standard is available at http://dti.delaware.gov/information/standards-policies.shtml. Any future updates to the above standards that apply to this contract shall be mutually agreed on between both parties and documented via a contract addendum as needed.</p>
22	The Service Provider shall use web services exclusively to interface with the State's data in near real-time when possible.
23	The Service provider shall encrypt all State of Delaware non-public data that resides on any Service Provider's mobile devices during the life of the contract.

ENFORCEMENT OF DTI Terms and Conditions for External Hosting and Cloud Providers

DTI will enforce this policy during the course of normal business activities, including review of proposed projects and during the design, development, or support of systems. This policy may also be enforced by others during the course of their normal business activities, including audits and design reviews.

Contract: _____

Name of Vendor: _____

Date: _____



State of Delaware
DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION

William Penn Building
801 Silver Lake Boulevard
Dover, Delaware 19904

Contractor Confidentiality (Non-Disclosure) and Integrity of Data Agreement

The Department of Technology and Information is responsible for safeguarding the confidentiality and integrity of data in State computer files regardless of the source of those data or medium on which they are stored; e.g., electronic data, computer output microfilm (COM), tape, or disk. Computer programs developed to process State Agency data will not be modified without the knowledge and written authorization of the Department of Technology and Information. All data generated from the original source data, shall be the property of the State of Delaware. The control of the disclosure of those data shall be retained by the State of Delaware and the Department of Technology and Information.

I/we, as an employee(s) of _____ or officer of my firm, when performing work for the Department of Technology and Information, understand that I/we act as an extension of DTI and therefore I/we are responsible for safeguarding the States' data and computer files as indicated above. I/we will not use, disclose, or modify State data or State computer files without the written knowledge and written authorization of DTI. Furthermore, I/we understand that I/we are to take all necessary precautions to prevent unauthorized use, disclosure, or modification of State computer files, and I/we should alert my immediate supervisor of any situation which might result in, or create the appearance of, unauthorized use, disclosure or modification of State data. Penalty for unauthorized use, unauthorized modification of data files, or disclosure of any confidential information may mean the loss of my position and benefits, and prosecution under applicable State or Federal law.

This statement applies to the undersigned Contractor and to any others working under the Contractor's direction.

I, the Undersigned, hereby affirm that I have read DTI's Policy on Confidentiality (Non-Disclosure) and Integrity of Data and understood the terms of the above Confidentiality (Non-Disclosure) and Integrity of Data Agreement, and that I/we agree to abide by the terms above.

Contractor or Employee Signature _____

Date: _____

Contractor Name: _____

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**APPENDIX A
MINIMUM MANDATORY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Each vendor solicitation response should contain at a minimum the following information:

1. Transmittal Letter as specified on page 1 of the Request for Proposal including an Applicant's experience, if any, providing similar services.
2. The remaining vendor proposal package shall identify how the vendor proposes meeting the contract requirements and shall include pricing. Vendors are encouraged to review the Evaluation criteria identified to see how the proposals will be scored and verify that the response has sufficient documentation to support each criteria listed.
3. Pricing as identified in the solicitation
4. One (1) complete, signed and notarized copy of the non-collusion agreement (See Attachment 2). Bid marked "ORIGINAL", **MUST HAVE ORIGINAL SIGNATURES AND NOTARY MARK.** All other copies may have reproduced or copied signatures – Form must be included.
5. One (1) completed RFP Exception form (See Attachment 3) – please check box if no information – Form must be included.
6. One (1) completed Confidentiality Form (See Attachment 4) – please check if no information is deemed confidential – Form must be included.
7. One (1) completed Business Reference form (See Attachment 5) – please provide references other than State of Delaware contacts – Form must be included.
8. One (1) complete and signed copy of the Subcontractor Information Form (See Attachment 6) for each subcontractor – only provide if applicable.
9. One (1) complete Employing Delawareans Report (See Attachment 9)
10. One (1) complete OSD application (See link on Attachment 10) – only provide if applicable
11. One (1) completed DTI Terms and Conditions for External Hosting and Cloud Providers Form (See Attachment 11)
12. One (1) completed Contractor Confidentiality (Non-Disclosure) and Integrity of Data Agreement (See Attachment 12)

The items listed above provide the basis for evaluating each vendor's proposal. **Failure to provide all appropriate information may deem the submitting vendor as "non-responsive" and exclude the vendor from further consideration.** If an item listed above is not applicable to your company or proposal, please make note in your submission package.

Vendors shall provide proposal packages in the following formats:

1. Two (2) paper copies of the vendor proposal paperwork. **One (1) paper copy must be an original copy, marked "ORIGINAL" on the cover, and contain original signatures.**

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2. One (1) electronic copy of the vendor proposal saved to CD or DVD media disk, or USB memory stick. Copy of electronic price file shall be a separate file from all other files on the electronic copy. (If Agency has requested multiple electronic copies, each electronic copy must be on a separate computer disk or media).

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**APPENDIX B
PRICING FORMS**

Vendors must use pricing sheets in Appendix B Excel file found with the posting of this RFP located at <http://bids.delaware.gov>

**APPENDIX C
SAMPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Appendix C is included with this RFP and provides bidders with an opportunity to review the Professional Services Agreement that will be executed between the awarded vendor(s) and the State.

Appendix C **should not** be included in a respondent's proposal.

Any exceptions a respondent may have to Appendix C must be listed on Attachment 3 of the RFP. Attachment 3 must be included in the respondent's proposal. **Exceptions not listed on Attachment 3 will not be considered at any point in the evaluation or award process.**

**APPENDIX C
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (Agreement) is entered into as of _____, 20__ (Effective Date) and will end on _____, 20__, by and between the State of Delaware, Department of _____, Division of _____, _____ ("Delaware"), and VENDOR NAME, a _____ corporation, with offices at _____.

WHEREAS, Delaware desires to obtain certain services to _____; and _____.

WHEREAS, VENDOR NAME desires to provide such services to Delaware on the terms set forth below;

WHEREAS, Delaware and VENDOR NAME represent and warrant that each party has full right, power and authority to enter into and perform under this Agreement;

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the premises and mutual agreements herein, Delaware and VENDOR NAME agree as follows:

1. Services.

- 1.1. VENDOR NAME shall perform for Delaware the services specified in the Appendices to this Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 1.2. Any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the following documents shall be resolved by giving precedence to such documents in the following order: (a) this Agreement (including any amendments or modifications thereto); (b) Delaware's request for proposals, attached hereto as Appendix ____; and (c) VENDOR NAME's response to the request for proposals, attached hereto as Exhibit _____. The aforementioned documents are specifically incorporated into this Agreement and made a part hereof.
- 1.3. Delaware may, at any time, by written order, make changes in the scope of this Agreement and in the services or work to be performed. No services for which additional compensation may be charged by VENDOR NAME shall be furnished, without the written authorization of Delaware. When Delaware desires any addition or deletion to the deliverables or a change in the Services to be provided under this Agreement, it shall notify VENDOR NAME, who shall then submit to Delaware a "Change Order" for approval authorizing said change. The Change Order shall state whether the change shall cause an alteration in the price or the time required by VENDOR NAME for any aspect of its performance under this Agreement. Pricing of changes shall be consistent with those established within this Agreement.
- 1.4. VENDOR NAME will not be required to make changes to its scope of work that result in VENDOR NAME's costs exceeding the current unencumbered budgeted appropriations for the services. Any claim of either party for an adjustment under Section 1 of this Agreement shall be asserted in the manner specified in the writing that authorizes the adjustment.

2. Payment for Services and Expenses.

- 2.1. The term of the initial contract shall be from _____, 20__ through _____, 20__.
- 2.2. Delaware will pay VENDOR NAME for the performance of services described in Appendix _____, Statement of Work. The fee will be paid in accordance with the payment schedule attached hereto as part of Appendix _____.

- 2.3. Delaware's obligation to pay VENDOR NAME for the performance of services described in Appendix ____, Statement of Work will not exceed the fixed fee amount of \$_____. It is expressly understood that the work defined in the appendices to this Agreement must be completed by VENDOR NAME and it shall be VENDOR NAME's responsibility to ensure that hours and tasks are properly budgeted so that all services are completed for the agreed upon fixed fee. Delaware's total liability for all charges for services that may become due under this Agreement is limited to the total maximum expenditure(s) authorized in Delaware's purchase order(s) to VENDOR NAME.
- 2.4. VENDOR NAME shall submit monthly invoices to Delaware in sufficient detail to support the services provided during the previous month. Delaware agrees to pay those invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt. In the event Delaware disputes a portion of an invoice, Delaware agrees to pay the undisputed portion of the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt and to provide VENDOR NAME a detailed statement of Delaware's position on the disputed portion of the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt. Delaware's failure to pay any amount of an invoice that is not the subject of a good-faith dispute within thirty (30) days of receipt shall entitle VENDOR NAME to charge interest on the overdue portion at the lower of 1.0% per month. All payments should be sent to VENDOR NAME, VENDOR ADDRESS.
- 2.5. Unless provided otherwise in an Appendix, all expenses incurred in the performance of the services are to be paid by VENDOR NAME. If an Appendix specifically provides for expense reimbursement, VENDOR NAME shall be reimbursed only for reasonable expenses incurred by VENDOR NAME in the performance of the services, including, but not necessarily limited to, travel and lodging expenses, communications charges, and computer time and supplies.
- 2.6. Delaware is a sovereign entity, and shall not be liable for the payment of federal, state and local sales, use and excise taxes, including any interest and penalties from any related deficiency, which may become due and payable as a consequence of this Agreement.
- 2.7. Delaware shall subtract from any payment made to VENDOR NAME all damages, costs and expenses caused by VENDOR NAME's negligence, resulting from or arising out of errors or omissions in VENDOR NAME's work products, which have not been previously paid to VENDOR NAME.
- 2.8. Invoices shall be submitted to:

3. Responsibilities of VENDOR NAME.

- 3.1. VENDOR NAME shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and coordination of all services furnished by VENDOR NAME, its subcontractors and its and their principals, officers, employees and agents under this Agreement. In performing the specified services, VENDOR NAME shall follow practices consistent with generally accepted professional and technical standards. VENDOR NAME shall be responsible for ensuring that all services, products and deliverables furnished pursuant to this Agreement comply with the standards promulgated by the Department of Technology and Information ("DTI") published at <http://dti.delaware.gov/>, and as modified from time to time by DTI during the term of this Agreement. If any service, product or deliverable furnished pursuant to this Agreement does not conform to DTI standards, VENDOR NAME shall, at its expense and option either (1) replace it with a conforming equivalent or (2) modify it to conform to DTI standards. VENDOR NAME shall be and remain liable in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable law for all damages to Delaware caused by VENDOR NAME's failure to ensure compliance with DTI standards.
- 3.2. It shall be the duty of the VENDOR NAME to assure that all products of its effort are technically sound and in conformance with all pertinent Federal, State and Local statutes, codes, ordinances,

resolutions and other regulations. VENDOR NAME will not produce a work product that violates or infringes on any copyright or patent rights. VENDOR NAME shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors or omissions in its work products.

- 3.3. Permitted or required approval by Delaware of any products or services furnished by VENDOR NAME shall not in any way relieve VENDOR NAME of responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of its work. Delaware's review, approval, acceptance, or payment for any of VENDOR NAME's services herein shall not be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement, and VENDOR NAME shall be and remain liable in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and applicable law for all damages to Delaware caused by VENDOR NAME's performance or failure to perform under this Agreement.
- 3.4. VENDOR NAME shall appoint a Project Manager who will manage the performance of services. All of the services specified by this Agreement shall be performed by the Project Manager, or by VENDOR NAME's associates and employees under the personal supervision of the Project Manager. The positions anticipated include:

Project	Team	Title	% of Project Involvement
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- 3.5. Designation of persons for each position is subject to review and approval by Delaware. Should the staff need to be diverted off the project for what are now unforeseeable circumstances, VENDOR NAME will notify Delaware immediately and work out a transition plan that is acceptable to both parties, as well as agree to an acceptable replacement plan to fill or complete the work assigned to this project staff position. Replacement staff persons are subject to review and approval by Delaware. If VENDOR NAME fails to make a required replacement within 30 days, Delaware may terminate this Agreement for default. Upon receipt of written notice from Delaware that an employee of VENDOR NAME is unsuitable to Delaware for good cause, VENDOR NAME shall remove such employee from the performance of services and substitute in his/her place a suitable employee.
- 3.6. VENDOR NAME shall furnish to Delaware's designated representative copies of all correspondence to regulatory agencies for review prior to mailing such correspondence.
- 3.7. VENDOR NAME agrees that its officers and employees will cooperate with Delaware in the performance of services under this Agreement and will be available for consultation with Delaware at such reasonable times with advance notice as to not conflict with their other responsibilities.
- 3.8. VENDOR NAME has or will retain such employees as it may need to perform the services required by this Agreement. Such employees shall not be employed by Delaware or any other political subdivision of Delaware.
- 3.9. VENDOR NAME will not use Delaware's name, either express or implied, in any of its advertising or sales materials without Delaware's express written consent.
- 3.10. The rights and remedies of Delaware provided for in this Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

4. Time Schedule.

- 4.1. A project schedule is included in Appendix A.
- 4.2. Any delay of services or change in sequence of tasks must be approved in writing by Delaware.

4.3. In the event that **VENDOR NAME** fails to complete the project or any phase thereof within the time specified in the Contract, or with such additional time as may be granted in writing by Delaware, or fails to prosecute the work, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will insure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extensions thereof, Delaware shall suspend the payments scheduled as set forth in Appendix A.

5. **State Responsibilities.**

5.1. In connection with **VENDOR NAME**'s provision of the Services, Delaware shall perform those tasks and fulfill those responsibilities specified in the appropriate Appendices.

5.2. Delaware agrees that its officers and employees will cooperate with **VENDOR NAME** in the performance of services under this Agreement and will be available for consultation with **VENDOR NAME** at such reasonable times with advance notice as to not conflict with their other responsibilities.

5.3. The services performed by **VENDOR NAME** under this Agreement shall be subject to review for compliance with the terms of this Agreement by Delaware's designated representatives. Delaware representatives may delegate any or all responsibilities under the Agreement to appropriate staff members, and shall so inform **VENDOR NAME** by written notice before the effective date of each such delegation.

5.4. The review comments of Delaware's designated representatives may be reported in writing as needed to **VENDOR NAME**. It is understood that Delaware's representatives' review comments do not relieve **VENDOR NAME** from the responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy of all work delivered under this Agreement.

5.5. Delaware shall, without charge, furnish to or make available for examination or use by **VENDOR NAME** as it may request, any data which Delaware has available, including as examples only and not as a limitation:

a. Copies of reports, surveys, records, and other pertinent documents;

b. Copies of previously prepared reports, job specifications, surveys, records, ordinances, codes, regulations, other documents, and information related to the services specified by this Agreement.

VENDOR NAME shall return any original data provided by Delaware.

5.6. Delaware shall assist **VENDOR NAME** in obtaining data on documents from public officers or agencies and from private citizens and business firms whenever such material is necessary for the completion of the services specified by this Agreement.

5.7. **VENDOR NAME** will not be responsible for accuracy of information or data supplied by Delaware or other sources to the extent such information or data would be relied upon by a reasonably prudent contractor.

5.8. Delaware agrees not to use **VENDOR NAME**'s name, either express or implied, in any of its advertising or sales materials. **VENDOR NAME** reserves the right to reuse the nonproprietary data and the analysis of industry-related information in its continuing analysis of the industries covered.

6. **Work Product.**

6.1. All materials, information, documents, and reports, whether finished, unfinished, or draft, developed, prepared, completed, or acquired by **VENDOR NAME** for Delaware relating to the services to be

performed hereunder shall become the property of Delaware and shall be delivered to Delaware's designated representative upon completion or termination of this Agreement, whichever comes first. VENDOR NAME shall not be liable for damages, claims, and losses arising out of any reuse of any work products on any other project conducted by Delaware. Delaware shall have the right to reproduce all documentation supplied pursuant to this Agreement.

- 6.2. VENDOR NAME retains all title and interest to the data it furnished and/or generated pursuant to this Agreement. Retention of such title and interest does not conflict with Delaware's rights to the materials, information and documents developed in performing the project. Upon final payment, Delaware shall have a perpetual, nontransferable, non-exclusive paid-up right and license to use, copy, modify and prepare derivative works of all materials in which VENDOR NAME retains title, whether individually by VENDOR NAME or jointly with Delaware. Any and all source code developed in connection with the services provided will be provided to Delaware, and the aforementioned right and license shall apply to source code. The parties will cooperate with each other and execute such other documents as may be reasonably deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of this Section.
- 6.3. In no event shall VENDOR NAME be precluded from developing for itself, or for others, materials that are competitive with the Deliverables, irrespective of their similarity to the Deliverables. In addition, VENDOR NAME shall be free to use its general knowledge, skills and experience, and any ideas, concepts, know-how, and techniques within the scope of its consulting practice that are used in the course of providing the services.
- 6.4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any attachment hereto, any and all intellectual property or other proprietary data owned by VENDOR NAME prior to the effective date of this Agreement ("Preexisting Information") shall remain the exclusive property of VENDOR NAME even if such Preexisting Information is embedded or otherwise incorporated into materials or products first produced as a result of this Agreement or used to develop such materials or products. Delaware's rights under this section shall not apply to any Preexisting Information or any component thereof regardless of form or media.

7. Confidential Information.

To the extent permissible under 29 *Del. C.* § 10001, et seq., the parties to this Agreement shall preserve in strict confidence any information, reports or documents obtained, assembled or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

8. Warranty.

- 8.1. VENDOR NAME warrants that its services will be performed in a good and workmanlike manner. VENDOR NAME agrees to re-perform any work not in compliance with this warranty brought to its attention within a reasonable time after that work is performed.
- 8.2. Third-party products within the scope of this Agreement are warranted solely under the terms and conditions of the licenses or other agreements by which such products are governed. With respect to all third-party products and services purchased by VENDOR NAME for Delaware in connection with the provision of the Services, VENDOR NAME shall pass through or assign to Delaware the rights VENDOR NAME obtains from the manufacturers and/or vendors of such products and services (including warranty and indemnification rights), all to the extent that such rights are assignable.

9. Indemnification; Limitation of Liability.

- 9.1. VENDOR NAME shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its agents and employees, from any and all liability, suits, actions or claims, together with all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) directly arising out of:

- a. the negligence or other wrongful conduct of the VENDOR NAME, its agents or employees, or
 - b. VENDOR NAME's breach of any material provision of this Agreement not cured after due notice and opportunity to cure, provided as to (A) or (B) that
 - i. VENDOR NAME shall have been notified promptly in writing by Delaware of any notice of such claim; and
 - ii. VENDOR NAME shall have the sole control of the defense of any action on such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise.
- 9.2. If Delaware promptly notifies VENDOR NAME in writing of a third party claim against Delaware that any Deliverable infringes a copyright or a trade secret of any third party, VENDOR NAME will defend such claim at its expense and will pay any costs or damages that may be finally awarded against Delaware. VENDOR NAME will not indemnify Delaware, however, if the claim of infringement is caused by:
- a. Delaware's misuse or modification of the Deliverable;
 - b. Delaware's failure to use corrections or enhancements made available by VENDOR NAME;
 - c. Delaware's use of the Deliverable in combination with any product or information not owned or developed by VENDOR NAME;
 - d. Delaware's distribution, marketing or use for the benefit of third parties of the Deliverable or
 - e. Information, direction, specification or materials provided by Client or any third party. If any Deliverable is, or in VENDOR NAME's opinion is likely to be, held to be infringing, VENDOR NAME shall at its expense and option either
 - i. Procure the right for Delaware to continue using it,
 - ii. Replace it with a non-infringing equivalent,
 - iii. Modify it to make it non-infringing.
- 9.3. The foregoing remedies constitute Delaware's sole and exclusive remedies and VENDOR NAME's entire liability with respect to infringement.
- 9.4. Delaware agrees that VENDOR NAME' total liability to Delaware for any and all damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to this Agreement from any cause, including but not limited to contract liability or VENDOR NAME negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty shall not, in the aggregate, exceed fees paid to VENDOR NAME.
- 9.5. In no event shall VENDOR NAME be liable for special, indirect, incidental, economic, consequential or punitive damages, including but not limited to lost revenue, lost profits, replacement goods, loss of technology rights or services, loss of data, or interruption or loss of use of software or any portion thereof regardless of the legal theory under which such damages are sought, and even if VENDOR NAME has been advised of the likelihood of such damages.

10. Employees.

- 10.1. VENDOR NAME has and shall retain the right to exercise full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons employed by VENDOR NAME in the performance of the services hereunder; provided, however, that it will, subject to scheduling and staffing considerations, attempt to honor Delaware's request for specific individuals.
- 10.2. Except as the other party expressly authorizes in writing in advance, neither party shall solicit, offer work to, employ, or contract with, whether as a partner, employee or independent contractor, directly or indirectly, any of the other party's Personnel during their participation in the services or during the twelve (12) months thereafter. For purposes of this Section, Personnel includes any individual or company a party employs as a partner, employee or independent contractor and with which a party comes into direct contact in the course of the services.
- 10.3. Possession of a Security Clearance, as issued by the Delaware Department of Public Safety, may be required of any employee of VENDOR NAME who will be assigned to this project.

11. Independent Contractor.

- 11.1. It is understood that in the performance of the services herein provided for, VENDOR NAME shall be, and is, an independent contractor, and is not an agent or employee of Delaware and shall furnish such services in its own manner and method except as required by this Agreement. VENDOR NAME shall be solely responsible for, and shall indemnify, defend and save Delaware harmless from all matters relating to the payment of its employees, including compliance with social security, withholding and all other wages, salaries, benefits, taxes, exactions, and regulations of any nature whatsoever.
- 11.2. VENDOR NAME acknowledges that VENDOR NAME and any subcontractors, agents or employees employed by VENDOR NAME shall not, under any circumstances, be considered employees of Delaware, and that they shall not be entitled to any of the benefits or rights afforded employees of Delaware, including, but not limited to, sick leave, vacation leave, holiday pay, Public Employees Retirement System benefits, or health, life, dental, long-term disability or workers' compensation insurance benefits. Delaware will not provide or pay for any liability or medical insurance, retirement contributions or any other benefits for or on behalf of Delaware or any of its officers, employees or other agents.
- 11.3. VENDOR NAME shall be responsible for providing liability insurance for its personnel.
- 11.4. As an independent contractor, VENDOR NAME has no authority to bind or commit Delaware. Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed to create a joint venture, partnership, fiduciary or agency relationship between the parties for any purpose.

12. Suspension.

- 12.1. Delaware may suspend performance by VENDOR NAME under this Agreement for such period of time as Delaware, at its sole discretion, may prescribe by providing written notice to VENDOR NAME at least 30 working days prior to the date on which Delaware wishes to suspend. Upon such suspension, Delaware shall pay VENDOR NAME its compensation, based on the percentage of the project completed and earned until the effective date of suspension, less all previous payments. VENDOR NAME shall not perform further work under this Agreement after the effective date of suspension. VENDOR NAME shall not perform further work under this Agreement after the effective date of suspension until receipt of written notice from Delaware to resume performance.

12.2. In the event Delaware suspends performance by VENDOR NAME for any cause other than the error or omission of the VENDOR NAME, for an aggregate period in excess of 30 days, VENDOR NAME shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment of the compensation payable to VENDOR NAME under this Agreement to reimburse VENDOR NAME for additional costs occasioned as a result of such suspension of performance by Delaware based on appropriated funds and approval by Delaware.

13. Termination.

13.1. This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by either party in the event of substantial failure of the other party to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement through no fault of the terminating party; but only after the other party is given:

- a. Not less than 30 calendar days written notice of intent to terminate; and
- b. An opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to termination.

13.2. This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by Delaware for its convenience, but only after VENDOR NAME is given:

- a. Not less than 30 calendar days written notice of intent to terminate; and
- b. An opportunity for consultation with Delaware prior to termination.

13.3. If termination for default is effected by Delaware, Delaware will pay VENDOR NAME that portion of the compensation which has been earned as of the effective date of termination, but:

- a. No amount shall be allowed for anticipated profit on performed or unperformed services or other work, and
- b. Any payment due to VENDOR NAME at the time of termination may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs occasioned to Delaware by reason of VENDOR NAME's default.
- c. Upon termination for default, Delaware may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise. In the event VENDOR NAME shall cease conducting business, Delaware shall have the right to make an unsolicited offer of employment to any employees of VENDOR NAME assigned to the performance of the Agreement, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10.2.

13.4. If after termination for failure of VENDOR NAME to fulfill contractual obligations it is determined that VENDOR NAME has not so failed, the termination shall be deemed to have been effected for the convenience of Delaware.

13.5. The rights and remedies of Delaware and VENDOR NAME provided in this section are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

13.6. Gratuities.

- a. Delaware may, by written notice to VENDOR NAME, terminate this Agreement if it is found after notice and hearing by Delaware that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by VENDOR NAME or any agent or representative of VENDOR NAME to any officer or employee of Delaware with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this Agreement.

- b. In the event this Agreement is terminated as provided in 13.6.a hereof, Delaware shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against VENDOR NAME it could pursue in the event of a breach of this Agreement by VENDOR NAME.
- c. The rights and remedies of Delaware provided in Section 13.6 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

14. Severability.

If any term or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or otherwise unenforceable, the same shall not affect the other terms or provisions hereof or the whole of this Agreement, but such term or provision shall be deemed modified to the extent necessary in the court's opinion to render such term or provision enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly, preserving to the fullest permissible extent the intent and agreements of the parties herein set forth.

15. Assignment; Subcontracts.

- 15.1. Any attempt by VENDOR NAME to assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of Delaware shall be void. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 15.2. Services specified by this Agreement shall not be subcontracted by VENDOR NAME, without prior written approval of Delaware.
- 15.3. Approval by Delaware of VENDOR NAME's request to subcontract or acceptance of or payment for subcontracted work by Delaware shall not in any way relieve VENDOR NAME of responsibility for the professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of the work. All subcontractors shall adhere to all applicable provisions of this Agreement.
- 15.4. VENDOR NAME shall be and remain liable for all damages to Delaware caused by negligent performance or non-performance of work under this Agreement by VENDOR NAME, its subcontractor or its sub-subcontractor.
- 15.5. The compensation due shall not be affected by Delaware's approval of the VENDOR NAME's request to subcontract.

16. Force Majeure.

Neither party shall be liable for any delays or failures in performance due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

17. Non-Appropriation of Funds.

- 17.1. Validity and enforcement of this Agreement is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly of the specific funds necessary for contract performance. Should such funds not be so appropriated Delaware may immediately terminate this Agreement, and absent such action this Agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the State requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available, at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.
- 17.2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate and Delaware's obligations under it shall be extinguished at the end of the fiscal year in which Delaware fails to appropriate monies for the ensuing fiscal year sufficient for the payment of all amounts which will then become due.

18. State of Delaware Business License.

VENDOR NAME and all subcontractors represent that they are properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the State of Delaware as provided in 30 *Del. C. ' 2502.*

19. Complete Agreement.

19.1. This agreement and its Appendices shall constitute the entire agreement between Delaware and VENDOR NAME with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall not be modified or changed without the express written consent of the parties. The provisions of this agreement supersede all prior oral and written quotations, communications, agreements and understandings of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

19.2. If the scope of any provision of this Agreement is too broad in any respect whatsoever to permit enforcement to its full extent, then such provision shall be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law, and the parties hereto consent and agree that such scope may be judicially modified accordingly and that the whole of such provisions of the Agreement shall not thereby fail, but the scope of such provision shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to conform to the law.

19.3. VENDOR NAME may not order any product requiring a purchase order prior to Delaware's issuance of such order. Each Appendix, except as its terms otherwise expressly provide, shall be a complete statement of its subject matter and shall supplement and modify the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the purposes of that engagement only. No other agreements, representations, warranties or other matters, whether oral or written, shall be deemed to bind the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

20. Miscellaneous Provisions.

20.1. In performance of this Agreement, VENDOR NAME shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations. VENDOR NAME shall solely bear the costs of permits and other relevant costs required in the performance of this Agreement.

20.2. Neither this Agreement nor any appendix may be modified or amended except by the mutual written agreement of the parties. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party against which it is sought to be enforced.

20.3. The delay or failure by either party to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of that party's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

20.4. VENDOR NAME covenants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. VENDOR NAME further covenants, to its knowledge and ability, that in the performance of said services no person having any such interest shall be employed.

20.5. VENDOR NAME acknowledges that Delaware has an obligation to ensure that public funds are not used to subsidize private discrimination. VENDOR NAME recognizes that if they refuse to hire or do business with an individual or company due to reasons of race, color, gender, ethnicity, disability, national origin, age, or any other protected status, Delaware may declare VENDOR NAME in breach of the Agreement, terminate the Agreement, and designate VENDOR NAME as non-responsible.

20.6. VENDOR NAME warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, or a percentage, brokerage or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warranty, Delaware shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or at its discretion deduct from the contract price or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

20.7. This Agreement was drafted with the joint participation of both parties and shall be construed neither against nor in favor of either, but rather in accordance with the fair meaning thereof.

20.8. VENDOR NAME shall maintain all public records, as defined by 29 Del. C. ' 502(1), relating to this Agreement and its deliverables for the time and in the manner specified by the Delaware Division of Archives, pursuant to the Delaware Public Records Law, 29 Del. C. Ch. 5. During the term of this Agreement, authorized representatives of Delaware may inspect or audit VENDOR NAME' performance and records pertaining to this Agreement at the VENDOR NAME business office during normal business hours.

21. Insurance.

21.1. VENDOR NAME shall maintain the following insurance during the term of this Agreement:

- a. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with applicable law, **and**
- b. Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence, **and**
- c. Medical/Professional Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence; or
- d. Miscellaneous Errors and Omissions - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence, or
- e. Automotive Liability Insurance covering all automotive units used in the work with limits of not less than \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident as to bodily injury and \$25,000 as to property damage to others.

21.2. VENDOR NAME shall provide forty-five (45) days written notice of cancellation or material change of any policies.

21.3. Before any work is done pursuant to this Agreement, the Certificate of Insurance and/or copies of the insurance policies, referencing the contract number stated herein, shall be filed with the State. The certificate holder is as follows:

21.4. In no event shall the State of Delaware be named as an additional insured on any policy required under this agreement.

22. Assignment of Antitrust Claims.

As consideration for the award and execution of this contract by the State, VENDOR NAME hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to Delaware all of its right, title and interest in and to all known or unknown causes of action it presently has or may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Delaware, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the State pursuant to this contract.

23. Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, except where Federal Law has precedence. VENDOR NAME consents to jurisdiction venue in the State of Delaware.

24. Notices.

Any and all notices required by the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be mailed, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. All notices shall be sent to the following addresses:

DELAWARE:

(Agency contact address) _____

VENDOR:

(Vendor contact address) _____

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date and year first above written.

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF _____

Witness

Name

Title

Date

VENDOR NAME

Witness

Name

Title