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Master Agreement #: AR2490

Contractor: **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

Participating Entity: **STATE OF TENNESSEE**

The following products or services are included in this contract portfolio:

All products and services listed in the Strategic Communications Inc. NASPO Cloud Solutions program catalogs/ price lists.

**Master Agreement Terms and Conditions:**

1. Scope: This addendum covers **Cloud Solutions** led by the State of *Utah* for use by state agencies and other entities located in Tennessee authorized by that State's statutes to utilize State contracts with the prior approval of the State's Chief Procurement Official.
2. Participation: This Participating Addendum may be used by all State agencies, institutions of higher education, political subdivisions and other entities authorized to use statewide contracts in the State of Tennessee. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Officer.
3. Access to Cloud Solutions Services Requires State CIO Approval: Unless otherwise stipulated in this Participating Addendum, specific services accessed through the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative Master Agreements for Cloud Solutions by state executive branch agencies are subject to the authority and prior approval of the State Chief Information Officer's Office. The State Chief Information Officer means the individual designated by the state Governor within the Executive Branch with enterprise-wide responsibilities for leadership and management of information technology resources of a state.

Primary Contacts: The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

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**4. PARTICIPATING ENTITY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT**

These modifications or additions apply only to actions and relationships within the Participating Entity.  
Participating Entity must check one of the boxes below.

No changes to the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are required.

The following changes are modifying or supplementing the Master Agreement terms and conditions.

This Participating Addendum includes the supplemental Tennessee State specific terms and conditions attached as Attachment A and Participating Addendum, Attachment A, "Standard Terms and Conditions", Section 30, shall control in the event of a conflict between any of the documents comprising this Participating Addendum.

If there is a conflict between the Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement, the Participating Addendum takes precedence.

5. Subcontractors: All contactors, dealers, and resellers authorized in the State of Tennessee, as shown on the dedicated Contractor (cooperative contract) website, are approved to provide sales and service support to participants in the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement. The contractor's dealer participation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned Master Agreement.
6. Orders: Any order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a product and/or service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such order.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

Participating Entity: State of TN	Contractor:
Signature:	Signature: <i>Kathy mills</i>
Name: Michael F. Perry	Name: Kathy Mills
Title: Chief Procurement Officer	Title: CEO
Date: 5/11/2023	Date: 05/09/2023

*[Additional signatures may be added if required by the Participating Entity]*

For questions on executing a participating addendum, please contact:

NASPO ValuePoint

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**Please email fully executed PDF copy of this document to [PA@naspovaluepoint.org](mailto:PA@naspovaluepoint.org) to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate data bases.**

**State of Tennessee**  
**(“State,” “Participating Entity,” or “Purchasing Entity”)**

**NASPO ValuePoint Cloud Solutions**

**All references to “Contract” herein below shall collectively refer to the “Master Contract”, “Participating Addendum”, and “Supplemental Terms and Conditions”**

**Supplemental Terms and Conditions**



**Standard Terms and Conditions**

1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.
2. Modification and Amendment. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.
3. Subject to Funds Availability. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State’s exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds

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availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.

4. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.
5. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"), the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any Breach Condition and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
6. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
7. Conflicts of Interest. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.

The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.

8. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the

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Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.

9. Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.
  - a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation, in writing, by submitting to the State a completed and signed copy of the document at Attachment C, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
  - b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semi-annually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
  - c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
  - d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
  - e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
10. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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11. Monitoring. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
12. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
13. Strict Performance. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
14. Independent Contractor. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.
15. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless from any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.
16. Limitation of State's Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. Notwithstanding anything else herein, the State's total liability under this Contract (including without limitation any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Estimated Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
17. Limitation of Contractor's Liability. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Estimated Liability amount detailed in Special Terms and Conditions Item 2 and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for: (i) intellectual property or any Contractor indemnity obligations for

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infringement for third-party intellectual property rights; (ii) any claims covered by any specific provision in the Contract providing for liquidated damages; or (iii) any claims for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or acts or omissions that result in personal injuries or death. For clarity, except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Section, Contractor's indemnification obligations and other remedies available under this Contract are subject to the limitations on liability set forth in this Section.

18. Hold Harmless. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.

In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

19. HIPAA Compliance. The State and Contractor shall comply with obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding privacy (collectively the "Privacy Rules"). The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
- a. Contractor warrants to the State that it is familiar with the requirements of the Privacy Rules, and will comply with all applicable requirements in the course of this Contract.
  - b. Contractor warrants that it will cooperate with the State, including cooperation and coordination with State privacy officials and other compliance officers required by the Privacy Rules, in the course of performance of the Contract so that both parties will be in compliance with the Privacy Rules.
  - c. The State and the Contractor will sign documents, including but not limited to business associate agreements, as required by the Privacy Rules and that are reasonably necessary to keep the State and Contractor in compliance with the Privacy Rules. This provision shall not apply if information received or delivered by the parties under this Contract is NOT "protected health information" as defined by the Privacy Rules, or if the Privacy Rules permit the parties to receive or deliver the information without entering into a business associate agreement or signing another document.
  - d. The Contractor will indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any violation by the Contractor or its subcontractors of the Privacy Rules. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of protected health information, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any fines, penalties, or damages paid by the State because of the violation.



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20. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, *et seq.*, the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (“TCRS”), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, *et seq.*, accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of “employee/employer” and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.
21. Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 – 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
22. Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:
- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
  - b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
  - d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded, disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.

23. Force Majeure. “Force Majeure Event” means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided

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that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred, and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees for the affected obligations until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.

24. Statewide Contract Reports. All reports shall be submitted electronically in Microsoft Excel format. Reports shall include the ability to sort or summarize data in accordance with the Contract Administrator's specifications. All reports shall be provided at no additional cost to the State.

- a) Quarterly Reports: Contractor(s) will submit quarterly reports to the Contract Administrator no later than ten (10) days after the end of the State's quarter (e.g. a fiscal year quarter 2 report for October - December is due no later than January 10th). At the Contract Administrator's sole discretion, the State may extend the time allowed to complete quarterly reports. Quarterly reports shall provide statistical data on all purchases under this Contract by State Agencies, including State Agencies of the judicial or legislative branch, local governmental entities in the State of Tennessee, including but not limited to educational institutions, local governmental authorities, quasi-governmental bodies ("Other Governmental Bodies"), and certain not-for-profit entities under Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-2-1001. At minimum, the quarterly report's statistical data shall be detailed and broken down by line item to include:
1. Edison contract number
  2. Contract line item number
  3. Invoice date
  4. Invoice number
  5. Supplier part number
  6. Item or bundle description
  7. Quantity purchased
  8. Unit of measure
  9. Unit of measure description
  10. Name of State Agency, Other Governmental Body or not-for-profit entity

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11. Identity of purchaser: State entity or non-State entity
  12. State Agency location
  13. Unit/Contract price per line item
  14. List price as listed in supplier's catalog if catalog item
  15. Subtotals for each category above
  16. Grand totals for each category above
- b) Diversity Business and Subcontractor Usage Reports: The Contractor shall provide, as requested, a quarterly report of performance of this Contract by subcontractors, small business enterprises, and businesses owned by minorities, women, Tennessee service-disabled veterans. Such reports shall be submitted to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the TN Diversity Software available online at:  
<https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=981>
- c) Custom Reports: As reasonably requested by the State, the Contractor shall submit custom reports to the Contract Administrator within thirty (30) days of the request.
25. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor's performance of this Contract.
26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 - 408.
27. Entire Agreement. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
28. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
29. Headings. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
30. Incorporation of Additional Documents. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the

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Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:

- a. any amendment to this Contract, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments;
  - b. this Contract with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below), which includes Attachments A-G;
  - c. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking this Contract;
  - d. the State solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for this Contract;
  - e. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award this Contract; and
  - f. the Contractor's response seeking this Contract.
31. Iran Divestment Act. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.
32. Reserved.
33. Major Procurement Contract Sales and Use Tax. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-39-102 and to the extent applicable, the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors shall remit sales and use taxes on the sales of goods or services that are made by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors and that are subject to tax.
34. Confidentiality of Records. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.
35. Boycott of Israel. The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and covenants that it will not, for the duration of the Contract, engage in a Boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in Public Chapter No. 775.

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**Special Terms and Conditions**

1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract's other terms and conditions.
2. Estimated Liability. The total purchases of any goods or services under the Contract are not known. The State estimates the purchases during the Term shall be \$25,000,000.00 ("Estimated Liability"). This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.
3. Payment Methodology. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment methodology for goods or services authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Special Terms and Conditions #2 above and which is based on the NASPO Valuepoint Contractor catalog found at:  
  
<https://www.naspovaluepoint.org/portfolio/cloud-solutions-2016-2026/strategic-communications-llc/>
4. Travel Compensation. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel, meals, or lodging.
5. Statement of Work. Cloud Solutions Professional Services shall be secured through a Statement of Work (SOW) executed between the Contractor and the State Agency or Purchasing Entity. This SOW constitutes an Order under this Participating Addendum [*NASPO Cloud Solutions SWC 3021*], (the "Contract") and incorporates by reference the terms and conditions, specifications, and other incorporated contract documents of the Contract. In case of any conflict between the SOW and the Contract, the Contract shall prevail.
6. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section 3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

State Agency Billing Address

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):
  - (1) Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
  - (2) Invoice date;
  - (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
  - (4) Customer account name: State Agency & Division Name;

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- (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer);
  - (6) Contractor name;
  - (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
  - (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);
  - (9) Contractor remittance address;
  - (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;
  - (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
  - (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section 3.) of each good or service invoiced;
  - (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
  - (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.
- b. Contractor's invoices shall:
- (1) Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A Master Agreement Terms and Conditions: 1.Scope and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section 3;
  - (2) Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
  - (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes; and
  - (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.
- c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements herein.
7. Deductions. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.
8. Prerequisite Documentation. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.
- a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
  - b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

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9. State Ownership of Goods. The State shall have ownership, right, title, and interest in all goods provided by Contractor under this Contract including full rights to use the goods and transfer title in the goods to any third parties.
  
10. Intellectual Property Indemnity. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims or suits which may be brought against the State concerning or arising out of any claim of an alleged patent, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property infringement. In any such claim or action brought against the State, the Contractor shall satisfy and indemnify the State for the amount of any settlement or final judgment, and the Contractor shall be responsible for all legal or other fees or expenses incurred by the State arising from any such claim. The State shall give the Contractor notice of any such claim or suit, however, the failure of the State to give such notice shall only relieve Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the State's failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State of Tennessee in any legal matter, as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.
  
11. Additional lines, items, or options. At its sole discretion, the State may make written requests to the Contractor to add lines, items, or options that are needed and within the Scope but were not included in the original Contract. Such lines, items, or options will be added to the Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), not an amendment.
  - a. After the Contractor receives a written request to add lines, items, or options, the Contractor shall have ten (10) business days to respond with a written proposal. The Contractor's written proposal shall include:
    - (1) The effect, if any, of adding the lines, items, or options on the other goods or services required under the Contract;
    - (2) Any pricing related to the new lines, items, or options;
    - (3) The expected effective date for the availability of the new lines, items, or options; and
    - (4) Any additional information requested by the State.
  - b. The State may negotiate the terms of the Contractor's proposal by requesting revisions to the proposal.
  - c. To indicate acceptance of a proposal, the State will sign it. The signed proposal shall constitute a MOU between the Parties, and the lines, items, or options shall be incorporated into the Contract as if set forth verbatim.
  - d. Only after a MOU has been executed shall the Contractor perform or deliver the new lines, items, or options.
  
12. Software License Warranty. Contractor grants a license to the State to use all software provided under this Contract in the course of the State's business and purposes.
  
13. Software Support and Maintenance Warranty. Contractor shall provide to the State all software upgrades, modifications, bug fixes, or other improvements in its software that it makes generally available to its customers.

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14. Extraneous Terms and Conditions. Contractor shall fill all orders submitted by the State under this Contract. No purchase order, invoice, or other documents associated with any sales, orders, or supply of any good or service under this Contract shall contain any terms or conditions other than as set forth in the Contract. Any such extraneous terms and conditions shall be void, invalid and unenforceable against the State. Any refusal by Contractor to supply any goods or services under this Contract conditioned upon the State submitting to any extraneous terms and conditions shall be a material breach of the Contract and constitute an act of bad faith by Contractor.
  
15. Contractor Hosted Services Confidential Data, Audit, and Other Requirements The following provisions shall only apply if an order expressly says that they apply to such order.
  - a. "Confidential State Data" is defined as data deemed confidential by State or Federal statute or regulation. The Contractor shall protect Confidential State Data as follows:
    - (1) The Contractor shall ensure that all Confidential State Data is housed in the continental United States, inclusive of backup data.
    - (2) The Contractor shall encrypt Confidential State Data at rest and in transit using the current version of Federal Information Processing Standard ("FIPS") 140-2 validated encryption technologies.
    - (3) The Contractor and the Contractor's processing environment containing Confidential State Data shall either (1) be in accordance with at least one of the following security standards: (i) International Standards Organization ("ISO") 27001; (ii) Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program ("FedRAMP"); or (2) be subject to an annual engagement by a CPA firm in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") for a System and Organization Controls for service organizations ("SOC") Type II audit. The State shall approve the SOC audit control objectives. The Contractor shall provide proof of current ISO certification or FedRAMP authorization for the Contractor and Subcontractor(s), or provide the State with the Contractor's and Subcontractor's annual SOC Type II audit report within 30 days from when the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor or Subcontractor. The Contractor shall submit corrective action plans to the State for any issues included in the audit report within 30 days after the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor or Subcontractor.

If the scope of the most recent SOC audit report does not include all of the current State fiscal year, upon request from the State, the Contractor must provide to the State a letter from the Contractor or Subcontractor stating whether the Contractor or Subcontractor made any material changes to their control environment since the prior audit and, if so, whether the changes, in the opinion of the Contractor or Subcontractor, would negatively affect the auditor's opinion in the most recent audit report.



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No additional funding shall be allocated for these certifications, authorizations, or audits as these are included in the Maximum Liability of this Contract.

Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements of the most current version of Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075.

Contractor shall meet requirements of current version of Minimum Acceptable Risk Standards for Exchanges ("MARS-E") controls.

(a) If the order will involve CJIS data, FTI data, then the following shall apply in lieu of section 15.a.(3):

The Contractor shall maintain a Security Management Certification from the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program ("FedRAMP"). A "Security Management Certification" shall mean written confirmation from FedRAMP that FedRAMP has assessed the Contractor's information technology Infrastructure, using a standardized approach to security assessment, authorization, and continuous monitoring for cloud products and services, and has certified that the Contractor meets FedRAMP standards. Information technology "Infrastructure" shall mean the Contractor's entire collection of hardware, software, networks, data centers, facilities and related equipment used to develop, test, operate, monitor, manage and/or support information technology services. The Contractor shall provide proof of current certification annually and upon State request. No additional funding shall be allocated for these certifications, authorizations, or audits as these are included in the Estimated Liability of this Contract.

(b) If the order will contain FTI data, the following sentence also applies to section 15.a.(3)(a) (FedRAMP) language above:  
Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements of the most current version of Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075.

(c) If the order will involve CMS data, the following sentence also applies to section 15.a.(3)(a) language above:  
Contractor shall meet requirements of current version of Minimum Acceptable Risk Standards for Exchanges ("MARS-E") controls.

(4) The Contractor must annually perform Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessments against its Processing Environment. "Processing Environment" shall mean the combination of software and hardware on which the Application runs. "Application" shall mean the computer code that supports and accomplishes the State's requirements as set forth in this Contract. "Penetration Tests" shall be in the form of attacks on the Contractor's computer system, with the purpose of discovering security weaknesses which have the potential to gain access to the Processing Environment's features and data. The "Vulnerability Assessment" shall be designed and executed to define, identify, and classify the security holes (vulnerabilities) in the Processing Environment. The Contractor shall allow the State, at its option,

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to perform Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessments on the Processing Environment.

- (5) Upon State request, the Contractor shall provide a copy of all Confidential State Data it holds. The Contractor shall provide such data on media and in a format determined by the State
- (6) Upon termination of this Contract and in consultation with the State, the Contractor shall destroy all Confidential State Data it holds (including any copies such as backups) in accordance with the current version of National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") Special Publication 800-88. The Contractor shall provide a written confirmation of destruction to the State within ten (10) business days after destruction.
- (7) If the order will involve PCI data, the following shall apply:  
Contractor shall be certified to host Payment Card Industry ("PCI") data in accordance with the current version of PCI DSS ("Data Security Standard"), maintained by the PCI Security Standards Council.
- (8) If the order will involve storing or processing of State financial or other data that is used for reporting through the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) or for demonstrating compliance with Uniform Guidance, then the following shall apply:

The Contractor and any Subcontractor used by the Contractor to host State data, including data center vendors, shall be subject to an annual engagement by a CPA firm in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA") for a System and Organization Controls for service organizations ("SOC") Type II audit. The State shall approve the SOC audit control objectives. The Contractor shall provide the State with the Contractor's and Subcontractor's annual audit report within 30 days from when the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor or Subcontractor. The Contractor shall submit corrective action plans to the State for any issues included in the audit report within 30 days after the CPA firm provides the audit report to the Contractor and Subcontractor.

If the scope of the most recent SOC audit report does not include all of the current State fiscal year, upon request from the State, the Contractor must provide to the State a letter from the Contractor or Subcontractor stating whether the Contractor or Subcontractor made any material changes to their control environment since the prior audit and, if so, whether the changes, in the opinion of the Contractor or Subcontractor, would negatively affect the auditor's opinion in the most recent audit report.

No additional funding shall be allocated for these audits as they are included in the Maximum Liability of this Contract.

b. Minimum Requirements

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- (1) The Contractor and all data centers used by the Contractor to host State data, including those of all Subcontractors, must comply with the State's Enterprise Information Security Policies as amended periodically. The State's Enterprise Information Security Policies document is found at the following URL: <https://www.tn.gov/finance/strategic-technology-solutions/strategic-technology-solutions/sts-security-policies.html>.
- (2) The Contractor agrees to maintain the Application so that it will run on a current, manufacturer-supported Operating System. "Operating System" shall mean the software that supports a computer's basic functions, such as scheduling tasks, executing applications, and controlling peripherals.
- (3) If the Application requires middleware or database software, Contractor shall maintain middleware and database software versions that are at all times fully compatible with current versions of the Operating System and Application to ensure that security vulnerabilities are not introduced.

c. Business Continuity Requirements.

The Contractor shall maintain set(s) of documents, instructions, and procedures which enable the Contractor to respond to accidents, disasters, emergencies, or threats without any stoppage or hindrance in its key operations ("Business Continuity Requirements"). Business Continuity Requirements shall include:

- (1) "Disaster Recovery Capabilities" refer to the actions the Contractor takes to meet the Recovery Point and Recovery Time Objectives defined below. Disaster Recovery Capabilities shall meet the following objectives:
  - i. Recovery Point Objective ("RPO"). The RPO is defined as the maximum targeted period in which data might be lost from an IT service due to a major incident: [NUMBER OF HOURS/MINUTES]
  - ii. Recovery Time Objective ("RTO"). The RTO is defined as the targeted duration of time and a service level within which a business process must be restored after a disaster (or disruption) in order to avoid unacceptable consequences associated with a break in business continuity: [NUMBER OF HOURS/MINUTES]
- (2) The Contractor and the Subcontractor(s) shall perform at least one Disaster Recovery Test every three hundred sixty-five (365) days. A "Disaster Recovery Test" shall mean the process of verifying the success of the restoration procedures that are executed after a critical IT failure or disruption occurs. The Disaster Recovery Test shall use actual State Data Sets that mirror production data, and success shall be defined as the Contractor verifying that the Contractor can meet the State's RPO and RTO requirements. A "Data Set" is defined as a collection of related sets of information that is composed of separate elements but can be manipulated as a unit by a computer. The Contractor shall provide written confirmation to the State after each Disaster Recovery Test that its Disaster Recovery Capabilities meet the RPO and RTO requirements.

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- (3) The Contractor shall have the ability to provide base level protection against Layer 3 and Layer 4 Distributed Denial of Service volume based and protocol attacks such as SYN, UDP, and ICMP floods, DNS amplification and reflection attacks.
  - (4) The contractor shall have the ability to provide addition mitigation against Layer 7 Distributed Denial of Service attacks such as HTTP floods, WordPress XML-RPV Floods and Slowloris attacks.
- d. In the event of a cyber breach, the Contractor will allow the State to communicate directly with the Contractor's technical staff and any forensics experts who are assisting the Contractor with the breach analysis.

16. Comptroller Audit Requirements

- a. Upon reasonable notice and at any reasonable time, the Contractor and Subcontractor(s) agree to allow the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives to perform information technology control audits of the Contractor and all Subcontractors used by the Contractor. Contractor will maintain and cause its Subcontractors to maintain a complete audit trail of all transactions and activities in connection with this Contract. Contractor will provide to the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives access to Contractor and Subcontractor(s) personnel for the purpose of performing the information technology control audit.

The information technology control audit may include a review of general controls and application controls. General controls are the policies and procedures that apply to all or a large segment of the Contractor's or Subcontractor's information systems and applications and include controls over security management, access controls, configuration management, segregation of duties, and contingency planning. Application controls are directly related to the application and help ensure that transactions are complete, accurate, valid, confidential, and available. The audit shall include the Contractor's and Subcontractor's compliance with the State's Enterprise Information Security Policies and all applicable requirements, laws, regulations, or policies.

The audit may include interviews with technical and management personnel, physical inspection of controls, and review of paper or electronic documentation.

For any audit issues identified, the Contractor and Subcontractor(s) shall provide a corrective action plan to the State within 30 days from the Contractor or Subcontractor receiving the audit report.

Each party shall bear its own expenses incurred while conducting the information technology controls audit.

- b. For any Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), or Platform as a Service (PaaS) models provided by the Contractor where the State will use the Contractor's or Subcontractor's applications or data centers to store or process State financial or other data, the Contractor and Subcontractor shall be subject to an annual System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 Type 2 examination engagement or a SOC

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1 Type 2 examination engagement by a qualified and reputable CPA firm in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The scope of the SOC 2 Type 2 examination for SaaS models must include the security, availability, confidentiality, and processing integrity Trust Services Criteria. The scope of the SOC 2 Type 2 examination for IaaS and PaaS models must include the security, availability, and confidentiality Trust Services Criteria. The scope of the SOC 1 Type 2 examination must include a review of internal control over financial reporting that is relevant to the Contractor's and Subcontractor's scope of work.

The Contractor shall provide a complete, unredacted version of the SOC 1 Type 2 examination report and SOC 2 Type 2 examination report to the State upon request. For any examination issues or exceptions described in the SOC 1 Type 2 examination report or SOC 2 Type 2 examination report, the Contractor shall submit corrective action plans to the State within 30 days from the issuance of the examination reports.

In the event the CPA firm issues a modified opinion on the SOC examination report, meaning that the opinion is qualified, adverse, or disclaimed, the Contractor will immediately advise the State in writing of its plan to correct the issues that caused the modified opinion. The Contractor must demonstrate to the State that the issues have been corrected prior to the commencement of the next scheduled SOC examination.

If the scope of the most recent SOC examination report does not include all of the current State fiscal year, upon request from the State, the Contractor must provide to the State a letter from the Contractor or Subcontractor stating whether the Contractor or Subcontractor made any material changes to their control environment since the prior audit and, if so, whether the changes, in the opinion of the Contractor or Subcontractor, would negatively affect the auditor's opinion in the most recent SOC examination report.

No additional funding shall be allocated for these audits as they are included in the Estimated Liability of this Contract.

The Comptroller of the Treasury must approve any exceptions to this requirement.

17. Prohibited Advertising or Marketing. The Contractor shall not suggest or imply in advertising or marketing materials that Contractor's goods or services are endorsed by the State. The restrictions on Contractor advertising or marketing materials under this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
18. Public Accountability. If the Contractor is subject to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-4-401, *et seq.*, or if this Contract involves the provision of services to citizens by the Contractor on behalf of the State, the Contractor agrees to establish a system through which recipients of services may present grievances about Contractor's operation of the service program. The Contractor shall also display in a prominent place, located near the passageway through which the public enters in order to receive contract-supported services, a sign at least eleven inches (11") in height and seventeen inches (17") in width stating the following:

NOTICE: THIS AGENCY IS A RECIPIENT OF TAXPAYER FUNDING. IF YOU OBSERVE AN AGENCY DIRECTOR OR EMPLOYEE ENGAGING IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT YOU CONSIDER

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TO BE ILLEGAL, IMPROPER, OR WASTEFUL, PLEASE CALL THE STATE  
COMPTROLLER'S TOLL-FREE HOTLINE: 1-800-232-5454

The sign shall be of the form prescribed by the Comptroller of the Treasury. The contracting state agency shall request copies of the sign from the Comptroller of the Treasury and provide signs to contractors.

19. Contractor Commitment to Diversity. The Contractor shall comply with and make reasonable business efforts to exceed the commitment to diversity represented by the Contractor's Response to NASPO Cloud Solutions (Attachment B) and resulting in this Contract.

The Contractor shall assist the State in monitoring the Contractor's performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a monthly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, and persons with disabilities. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the TN Diversity Software available online at:

<https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9810>

20. Unencumbered Personnel. The Contractor shall not restrict its employees, agents, subcontractors or principals who perform services for the State under this Contract from performing the same or similar services for the State after the termination of this Contract, either as a State employee, an independent contractor, or an employee, agent, subcontractor or principal of another contractor with the State.
21. Personally Identifiable Information. While performing its obligations under this Contract, Contractor may have access to Personally Identifiable Information held by the State ("PII"). For the purposes of this Contract, "PII" includes "Nonpublic Personal Information" as that term is defined in Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 or any successor federal statute, and the rules and regulations thereunder, all as may be amended or supplemented from time to time ("GLBA") and personally identifiable information and other data protected under any other applicable laws, rule or regulation of any jurisdiction relating to disclosure or use of personal information ("Privacy Laws"). Contractor agrees it shall not do or omit to do anything which would cause the State to be in breach of any Privacy Laws. Contractor shall, and shall cause its employees, agents and representatives to: (i) keep PII confidential and may use and disclose PII only as necessary to carry out those specific aspects of the purpose for which the PII was disclosed to Contractor and in accordance with this Contract, GLBA and Privacy Laws; and (ii) implement and maintain appropriate technical and organizational measures regarding information security to: (A) ensure the security and confidentiality of PII; (B) protect against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of PII; and (C) prevent unauthorized access to or use of PII. Contractor shall immediately notify State: (1) of any disclosure or use of any PII by Contractor or any of its employees, agents and representatives in breach of this Contract; and (2) of any disclosure of any PII to Contractor or its employees, agents and representatives where the purpose of such disclosure is not known to Contractor or its employees, agents and representatives. The State reserves the right to review Contractor's policies and procedures used to maintain the security and confidentiality of PII and Contractor shall, and cause its employees, agents and representatives to, comply with all reasonable requests or directions from the State to enable the State to verify or ensure that Contractor is in full compliance with its obligations under this Contract in relation to PII. Upon termination or expiration of the Contract or at the State's direction at any time in its sole discretion, whichever is earlier, Contractor shall immediately return to the State any and all PII which it has received under this Contract and shall destroy all records of such PII.

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The Contractor shall report to the State any instances of unauthorized access to or potential disclosure of PII in the custody or control of Contractor (“Unauthorized Disclosure”) that come to the Contractor’s attention. Any such report shall be made by the Contractor within twenty-four (24) hours after the Unauthorized Disclosure has come to the attention of the Contractor. Contractor shall take all necessary measures to halt any further Unauthorized Disclosures. The Contractor, at the sole discretion of the State, shall provide no cost credit monitoring services for individuals whose PII was affected by the Unauthorized Disclosure. The Contractor shall bear the cost of notification to all individuals affected by the Unauthorized Disclosure, including individual letters and public notice. The remedies set forth in this Section are not exclusive and are in addition to any claims or remedies available to this State under this Contract or otherwise available at law. The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

22. Statewide Contract. This Contract establishes a source or sources of supply for all Tennessee State Agencies. “Tennessee State Agency” refers to the various departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and agencies of the executive branch of government of the State of Tennessee with exceptions as addressed in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0690-03-01-.01. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required by this Contract to all Tennessee State Agencies. The Contractor shall make this Contract available to the following entities, who are authorized to and who may purchase off of this Statewide Contract (“Authorized Users”):

- a. all Tennessee State governmental entities (this includes the legislative branch; judicial branch; and, commissions and boards of the State outside of the executive branch of government);
- b. Tennessee local governmental agencies;
- c. members of the University of Tennessee or Tennessee Board of Regents systems;
- d. any private nonprofit institution of higher education chartered in Tennessee; and,
- e. any corporation which is exempted from taxation under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c) (3), as amended, and which contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to provide services to the public (Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-2-1001).

These Authorized Users may utilize this Contract by purchasing directly from the Contractor according to their own procurement policies and procedures. The State is not responsible or liable for the transactions between the Contractor and Authorized Users.

23. Survival. The terms, provisions, representations, and warranties contained in this Contract which by their sense and context are intended to survive the performance and termination of this Contract, shall so survive the completion of performance and termination of this Contract.

24. Inspection and Acceptance. The State shall have the right to inspect all goods or services provided by Contractor under this Contract. If, upon inspection, the State determines that the goods or services are Defective, the State shall notify Contractor, and Contractor shall re-deliver the goods or provide the services at no additional cost to the State. If after a period of thirty (30) days following delivery of goods or performance of services the State does not provide a notice of any Defects, the goods or services shall be deemed to have been accepted by the State.



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- 25. Term of Contract. This Contract shall be effective for the period beginning on 5/23/2023 (“Effective Date”) and ending on 9/15/2026, (“Term”). The State shall have no obligation for goods delivered or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.
- 26. Renewal Options. This Contract may be renewed upon satisfactory completion of the Term. The State reserves the right to execute up to two (2) renewal options under the same terms and conditions for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months each by the State, at the State’s sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of sixty (60) months or extend beyond the term of the Master Agreement.
- 27. Participating Addendum Term Extension. The State may extend the Term an additional period of time, not to exceed one hundred-eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of this Contract, under the same terms and conditions, at the State’s sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of sixty (60) months or extend beyond the term of the Master Agreement.
- 28. Warranty. Contractor represents and warrants that the term of the warranty (“Warranty Period”) shall be the greater of the Term of this Contract or any other warranty generally offered by Contractor, its suppliers, or manufacturers to customers of its goods or services. The goods or services provided under this Contract shall conform to the terms and conditions of this Contract throughout the Warranty Period. Any nonconformance of the goods or services to the terms and conditions of this Contract shall constitute a “Defect” and shall be considered “Defective.” If Contractor receives notice of a Defect during the Warranty Period, then Contractor shall correct the Defect, at no additional charge.

Contractor represents and warrants that the State is authorized to possess and use all equipment, materials, software, and deliverables provided under this Contract.

Contractor represents and warrants that all goods or services provided under this Contract shall be provided in a timely and professional manner, by qualified and skilled individuals, and in conformity with standards generally accepted in Contractor’s industry.

If Contractor fails to provide the goods or services as warranted, then Contractor will re-provide the goods or services at no additional charge. If Contractor is unable or unwilling to re-provide the goods or services as warranted, then the State shall be entitled to recover the fees paid to Contractor for the Defective goods or services. Any exercise of the State’s rights under this Section shall not prejudice the State’s rights to seek any other remedies available under this Contract or applicable law.

- 29. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor’s performance of this Contract.
- 30. Administrative Fees. The Contractor shall pay the State an Administrative Fee of one (1) percent (1.0% or 0.01) in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Master Agreement no later than 60 days following the end of each calendar quarter. The State’s Administrative Fee shall be submitted quarterly and is based on sales of products and services (less any charges for taxes or shipping).

<b>Period End</b>	<b>Admin Fee Due</b>
March 31	May 31
June 30	August 31



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September 30  
December 31

November 30  
February 28

The administrative fee shall be submitted to the following address:

Michael Winston, Director of Financial Management  
Department of General Services  
W.R. Snodgrass TN. Tower 24th Floor  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243

31. SOW Execution and Termination.

- a. SOW Execution. Cloud Solutions Professional Services orders placed under this Contract will be documented in separate Statements of Work, the form of which shall be substantially as set forth in Attachment G hereto, which shall describe the services and deliverables, timeline, charges and pricing methodology, and any assumptions associated with the work. Once executed by Contractor and the Purchasing Entity, such Statement of Work (the "SOW") shall be binding upon the parties thereto. Each SOW shall specifically reference this Contract. A SOW cannot conflict with or seek to delete the terms and conditions of the Contract. In the event of a conflict, the Contract shall prevail. SOWs shall not contain any other legal terms and conditions. Prior to execution of a SOW, each party shall notify the other if it believes that any provision in the SOW conflicts with the parameters set forth in this Section 31(a).
- b. SOW Change Orders. Either party may request changes to the Services, Deliverables, and/or any other aspect of a SOW through a written change request ("Change Request") that are necessary, within the scope of this Contract, but were not specified in the SOW. Promptly thereafter the parties shall discuss what impact the Change Request will have on the Services and Deliverables and on pricing, timing, and other terms of the applicable SOW. Any changes to a SOW agreed upon by the parties as a result of the foregoing process shall be set forth in a change order signed by the parties ("Change Order"). Once a Change Order is signed it shall amend, and become part of, the applicable SOW. Neither party is obligated to change the Services, Deliverables, or any other aspect of a SOW unless a Change Order for such change has been signed by the parties. Subsequent to the execution of a Change Order, the Contractor shall complete the required services. Unless otherwise provided in the Change Order, Work performed under a Change Order shall be subject to acceptance in accordance with Special Terms and Conditions, #5 above. The State will remunerate the Contractor only for acceptable work (i.e., work performed in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Change Order). All acceptable work performed pursuant to an approved Change Order, without a formal amendment of this Contract, shall be remunerated in accordance with and further limited by this Contract, PROVIDED THAT, the State shall be liable to the Contractor only for the cost of the actual goods or services provided to complete the necessary work, not to exceed the maximum cost for the change detailed in the Change Order. In no instance shall the State be liable to the Contractor for any amount exceeding the maximum cost specified by the Change Order authorizing the goods or services. Upon State approval of the work, the Contractor shall invoice the State in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Contract. Contractor shall be entitled to a Change Order to address any resulting adverse impacts to schedule, price or other aspects of the applicable SOW if delays are encountered that are beyond the

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reasonable control of Contractor, including delays caused by other service providers or third party software and hardware vendors or their related products and/or services.

c. SOW Termination.

- i. The applicable Purchasing Entity may terminate a SOW for convenience without cause and for any reason. The Purchasing Entity shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the Purchasing Entity and for services completed in accordance with the terms of the SOW as of the termination date. In no event shall the Purchasing Entity be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the Purchasing Entity or for any services neither requested by the State nor performed by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the applicable Order. In no event shall the Purchasing Entity's exercise of its right to terminate the applicable SOW for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the Purchasing Entity for any damages or claims arising under the SOW.
- ii. If a party to a SOW ("SOW Breaching Party") fails to properly perform its obligations under the SOW, or if a party to a SOW materially violates any terms of the applicable SOW ("SOW Breach Condition"), the other party to the SOW ("SOW Non-breaching Party") may provide written notice to the SOW Breaching Party specifying the SOW Breach Condition. If within thirty (30) days of notice, the SOW Breaching Party has not cured the SOW Breach Condition, the SOW Non-breaching Party may terminate the applicable SOW. In the event the SOW Non-breaching Party is the Purchasing Entity, the Purchasing Entity may withhold payments under the applicable SOW in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. The SOW Breaching Party shall not be relieved of liability to the SOW Non-breaching Party for damages sustained by virtue of any breach of the applicable SOW, and the SOW Non-breaching Party may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of the applicable SOW.
- iii. If any SOW is terminated pursuant to this Section, this Contract shall continue to apply to all SOWs that have not been terminated.
- iv. This section shall not limit the State's right to terminate the Contract for convenience or cause in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of the Standard Terms and Conditions, above.

**Attachments**

- B. Sample Letter of Diversity Commitment
- C. Attestation Re Personnel Used in Contract Performance
- D. Federally Mandated Requirements for Technology Contracts With Access To Federal Tax Return Information
- E. HIPAA Business Associate Agreement Compliance with Privacy and Security Rules
- F. Statement of Work Template



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**ATTACHMENT B**

**LETTER OF DIVERSITY COMMITMENT**

**Strategic Communications LLC**

310 Evergreen Road, Louisville, Ky 40243

May 9th, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Strategic Communications LLC is committed to achieving or surpassing a goal of (numeral) percent spend with certified diversity business enterprise firms on State of Tennessee contract # (Edison document #). Diversity businesses are defined as those that are owned by minority, women, service-disabled veterans, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small businesses which are certified by the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-DBE).

We confirm our commitment of 100% participation on the Contract 78633 by using the following Diversity businesses:

- (i) Name and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, service-disabled veteran, or disability) of anticipated diversity subcontractors and suppliers: Strategic Communications LLC is a Minority Woman Owned Company
- (ii) Participation estimates (expressed as a percent of the total contract value to be dedicated to diversity subcontractors and suppliers):  
100%.
- (iii) Description of anticipated services to be performed by diversity subcontractors and suppliers: \_\_\_\_\_ Cloud products and services

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We accept that our commitment to diversity advances the State's efforts to expand opportunity of diversity businesses to do business with the State as contractors and sub-contractors.



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Further, we commit to:

1. Using applicable reporting tools that allow the State to track and report purchases from businesses owned by minority, women, service-disabled veterans, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small businesses.
2. Reporting monthly to the Go-DBE office the dollars spent with certified diversity businesses owned by minority, women, service-disabled veterans, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small business accomplished under contract # (Edison number).

(Strategic Communications LLC) is committed to working with the Go-DBE office to accomplish this goal.

Regards,

**(Company authority – signature and title)**

*Kathy mills*

CEO



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ATTACHMENT C

**ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:	78633
CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:	Strategic Communications LLC
EDISON VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	SWC3021

The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.

*Kathy mills*

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**CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE**

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.

Kathy Mills

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**PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY**

05-09-2023

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**DATE OF ATTESTATION**

**Federally Mandated Requirements for Technology Contracts  
with Access to Federal Tax Return Information**

**I. PERFORMANCE**

In performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by officers or employees with the following requirements:

- (1) All work will be performed under the supervision of the Contractor.
- (2) The Contractor and Contractor's officers or employees to be authorized access to FTI must meet background check requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The Contractor will maintain a list of officers or employees authorized access to FTI. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS.
- (3) FTI in hardcopy or electronic format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Contract. FTI in any format shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this Contract. Inspection or disclosure of FTI to anyone other than the Contractor or the Contractor's officers or employees authorized is prohibited.
- (4) FTI will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, any related output and products require the same level of protection as required for the source material.
- (5) The Contractor will certify that FTI processed during the performance of this Contract will be completely purged from all physical and electronic data storage with no output to be retained by the Contractor at the time the work is completed. If immediate purging of physical and electronic data storage is not possible, the Contractor will certify that any FTI in physical or electronic storage will remain safeguarded to prevent unauthorized disclosures.
- (6) Any spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printout that may result during the processing of FTI will be given to the agency. When this is not possible, the Contractor will be responsible for the destruction of the spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printouts and will provide the agency with a statement containing the date of destruction, description of material destroyed, and the destruction method.
- (7) All computer systems receiving, processing, storing, or transmitting FTI must meet the requirements in IRS Publication 1075. To meet functional and assurance requirements, the security features of the environment must provide for the managerial, operational, and technical controls. All security features must be available and activated to protect against unauthorized use of and access to FTI.

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- (8) No work involving FTI furnished under this Contract will be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the IRS.
- (9) Contractor will ensure that the terms of FTI safeguards described herein are included, without modification, in any approved subcontract for work involving FTI.
- (10) To the extent the terms, provisions, duties, requirements, and obligations of this Contract apply to performing services with FTI, the Contractor shall assume toward the subcontractor all obligations, duties and responsibilities that the agency under this Contract assumes toward the Contractor, and the subcontractor shall assume toward the Contractor all the same obligations, duties and responsibilities which the Contractor assumes toward the agency under this Contract.
- (11) In addition to the subcontractor's obligations and duties under an approved subcontract, the terms and conditions of this Contract apply to the subcontractor, and the subcontractor is bound and obligated to the Contractor hereunder by the same terms and conditions by which the Contractor is bound and obligated to the agency under this Contract.
- (12) For purposes of this Contract, the term "Contractor" includes any officer or employee of the Contractor with access to or who uses FTI, and the term "subcontractor" includes any officer or employee of the subcontractor with access to or who uses FTI.
- (13) The agency will have the right to void the Contract if the Contractor fails to meet the terms of FTI safeguards described herein.

**II. CRIMINAL/CIVIL SANCTIONS**

- (1) Each officer or employee of a Contractor to whom FTI is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing that FTI disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any FTI for a purpose not authorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.
- (2) Each officer or employee of a Contractor to whom FTI is or may be accessible shall be notified in writing that FTI accessible to such officer or employee may be accessed only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that access/inspection of FTI without an official need-to-know for a purpose not authorized herein constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.
- (3) Each officer or employee of a Contractor to whom FTI is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing that any such unauthorized access, inspection or disclosure of FTI may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000 for each unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure, or the sum of actual damages sustained as a result of such

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unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure, plus in the case of a willful unauthorized access, inspection, or disclosure or an unauthorized access/inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the cost of the action. These penalties are prescribed by IRC sections 7213, 7213A and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

- (3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the Contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.
- (4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each officer or employee understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding FTI. A contractor and each officer or employee must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification of their understanding of the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding FTI. The initial certification and recertifications must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, a contractor and each officer or employee must be advised of the provisions of IRC sections 7213, 7213A, and 7431 (see Exhibit 4, Sanctions for Unauthorized Disclosure, and Exhibit 5, Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure). The training on the agency's security policy and procedures provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See Section 10) For the initial certification and the annual recertifications, the contractor and each officer or employee must sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

**III. INSPECTION**

The IRS and the Agency, with 24 hour notice, shall have the right to send its inspectors into the offices and plants of the Contractor to inspect facilities and operations performing any work with FTI under this Contract for compliance with requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. The IRS' right of inspection shall include the use of manual and/or automated scanning tools to perform compliance and vulnerability assessments of information technology (IT) assets that access, store, process or transmit FTI. Based on the inspection, corrective actions may be required in cases where the Contractor is found to be noncompliant with FTI safeguard requirements.





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**ATTACHMENT E**

**HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT  
COMPLIANCE WITH PRIVACY AND SECURITY RULES**

THIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is between **The State of Tennessee, Department of General Services Central Procurement Office** (hereinafter "Covered Entity") and **Strategic Communications Inc.** (hereinafter "Business Associate"). Covered Entity and Business Associate may be referred to herein individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties."

**BACKGROUND**

Parties acknowledges that they are subject to the Privacy and Security Rules (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164) promulgated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191 as amended by Public Law 111-5, Division A, Title XIII (the HITECH Act), in certain aspects of its operations.

Business Associate provides services to Covered Entity pursuant to one or more contractual relationships detailed below and hereinafter referred to as "Service Contracts."

**LIST OF AGREEMENTS AFFECTED BY THIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT:**

**LIST OF CONTRACTS AFFECTED BY HIPAA REQUIREMENTS OR NOT APPLICABLE**

**Contract Name: SWC3021 Cloud Solutions      Execution Date: May 23, 2023**

In the course of executing Service Contracts, Business Associate may come into contact with, use, or disclose Protected Health Information ("PHI"). Said Service Contract(s) are hereby incorporated by reference and shall be taken and considered as a part of this document the same as if fully set out herein.

In accordance with the federal privacy and security regulations set forth at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A, C, D and E, which require Covered Entity to have a written memorandum with each of its Business Associates, the Parties wish to establish satisfactory assurances that Business Associate will appropriately safeguard PHI and, therefore, make this Agreement.

**DEFINITIONS**

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in 45 CFR §§ 160.103, 164.103, 164.304, 164.501 and 164.504.

- 1.1 "Breach of the Security of the [Business Associate's Information] System" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at T.C.A. § 47-18-2107
- 1.2 "Business Associate" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.3 "Covered Entity" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.4 "Designated Record Set" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.

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- 1.5 "Electronic Protected Health Care Information" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.6 "Genetic Information" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.7 "Health Care Operations" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.8 "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).
- 1.9 "Information Holder" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at T.C.A. § 47-18-2107
- 1.10 "Marketing" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- 1.11 "Personal information" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at T.C.A. § 47-18-2107
- 1.12 "Privacy Official" shall have the meaning as set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 164.530(a)(1).
- 1.13 "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, subparts A, and E.
- 1.14 "Protected Health Information" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- 1.15 "Required by Law" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 164.512.
- 1.16 "Security Incident" shall have the meaning set out in its definition at 45 C.F.R. § 160.304.
- 1.17 "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.

**2. OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE (Privacy Rule)**

- 2.1 Business Associate is authorized to use PHI for the purposes of carrying out its duties under the Services Contract. In the course of carrying out these duties, including but not limited to carrying out the Covered Entity's duties under HIPAA, Business Associate shall fully comply with the requirements under the Privacy Rule applicable to "business associates," as that term is defined in the Privacy Rule and not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement, the Service Contracts, or as Required By Law. Business Associate is subject to requirements of the Privacy Rule as required by Public Law 111-5, Section 13404 [designated as 42 U.S.C. 17934] In case of any conflict between this Agreement and the Service Contracts, this Agreement shall govern.
- 2.2 The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) was adopted as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. HITECH and its implementing regulations impose new requirements on Business Associates with respect to privacy, security, and breach notification. Business Associate hereby acknowledges and agrees that to the extent it is functioning as a Business Associate of Covered Entity, Business Associate shall comply with HITECH. Business Associate and the Covered Entity further agree that the provisions of HIPAA

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and HITECH that apply to business associates and that are required to be incorporated by reference in a business associate agreement have been incorporated into this Agreement between Business Associate and Covered Entity. Should any provision not be set forth specifically, it is as if set forth in this Agreement in its entirety and is effective as of the Applicable Effective Date, and as amended.

- 2.3 Business Associate shall use appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement, Services Contract(s), or as Required By Law. This includes the implementation of Administrative, Physical, and Technical Safeguards to reasonably and appropriately protect the Covered Entity's PHI against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards, utilizing the technology commercially available to the Business Associate. The Business Associate shall maintain appropriate documentation of its compliance with the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, its policies, procedures, records of training and sanctions of members of its Workforce.
- 2.4 Business Associate shall require any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PHI received from, maintained, created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity or that carries out any duties for the Business Associate involving the use, custody, disclosure, creation of, or access to PHI or other confidential information, to agree, by written contract with Business Associate, to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- 2.5 Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 2.6 Business Associate shall require its employees, agents, and subcontractors to promptly report, to Business Associate, immediately upon becoming aware of any use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of the PHI not provided for by this Agreement. Business Associate will also provide additional information reasonably requested by the Covered Entity related to the breach.
- 2.7 As required by the Breach Notification Rule, Business Associate shall, and shall require its subcontractor(s) to, maintain systems to monitor and detect a Breach of Unsecured PHI, whether in paper or electronic form.
  - 2.7.1 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notice of a Provisional or Actual Breach of Unsecured PHI immediately upon becoming aware of the Breach.
  - 2.7.2 Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity in timely providing the appropriate and necessary information to Covered Entity.
  - 2.7.3 Covered Entity shall make the final determination whether the Breach requires notification and whether the notification shall be made by Covered Entity or Business Associate.
- 2.8 If Business Associate receives PHI from Covered Entity in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, to PHI in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity, in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR § 164.524, provided that Business Associate shall have at least 30 business days from Covered Entity notice to provide access to, or deliver such information.

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- 2.9 If Business Associate receives PHI from Covered Entity in a Designated Record Set, then Business Associate shall make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to the 45 CFR § 164.526 at the request of Covered Entity or an Individual, and in the time and manner designated by Covered Entity, provided that Business Associate shall have at least 30 business days from Covered Entity notice to make an amendment.
- 2.10 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, created by or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health in Human Services or the Secretary's designee, in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of determining Covered Entity's or Business Associate's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- 2.11 Business Associate shall document disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosure of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528.
- 2.12 Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity or an Individual, in time and manner designated by Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with this Agreement, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for and accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528, provided that Business Associate shall have at least 30 business days from Covered Entity notice to provide access to, or deliver such information which shall include, at minimum, (a) date of the disclosure; (b) name of the third party to whom the PHI was disclosed and, if known, the address of the third party; (c) brief description of the disclosed information; and (d) brief explanation of the purpose and basis for such disclosure. Business Associate shall provide an accounting of disclosures directly to an individual when required by section 13405(c) of Public Law 111-5 [designated as 42 U.S.C. 17935(c)].
- 2.13 Business Associate agrees it must limit any use, disclosure, or request for use or disclosure of PHI to the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure, or request in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Rule.
  - 2.13.1 Business Associate represents to Covered Entity that all its uses and disclosures of, or requests for, PHI shall be the minimum necessary in accordance with the Privacy Rule requirements.
  - 2.13.2 Covered Entity may, pursuant to the Privacy Rule, reasonably rely on any requested disclosure as the minimum necessary for the stated purpose when the information is requested by Business Associate.
  - 2.13.3 Business Associate acknowledges that if Business Associate is also a covered entity, as defined by the Privacy Rule, Business Associate is required, independent of Business Associate's obligations under this Memorandum, to comply with the Privacy Rule's minimum necessary requirements when making any request for PHI from Covered Entity.
- 2.14 Business Associate shall adequately and properly maintain all PHI received from, or created or received on behalf of, Covered Entity

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2.15 If Business Associate receives a request from an Individual for a copy of the individual's PHI, and the PHI is in the sole possession of the Business Associate, Business Associate will provide the requested copies to the individual and notify the Covered Entity of such action. If Business Associate receives a request for PHI in the possession of the Covered Entity, or receives a request to exercise other individual rights as set forth in the Privacy Rule, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity of such request and forward the request to Covered Entity. Business Associate shall then assist Covered Entity in responding to the request.

2.16 Business Associate shall fully cooperate in good faith with and to assist Covered Entity in complying with the requirements of the Privacy Rule.

**3 OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE (Security Rule)**

3.1 Business Associate shall fully comply with the requirements under the Security Rule applicable to "business associates," as that term is defined in the Security Rule. In case of any conflict between this Agreement and Service Agreements, this Agreement shall govern.

3.2 Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the covered entity as required by the Security Rule and Public Law 111-5. This includes specifically, but is not limited to, the utilization of technology commercially available at the time to the Business Associate to protect the Covered Entity's PHI against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards. The Business Associate understands that it has an affirmative duty to perform a regular review or assessment of security risks, conduct active risk management and supply best efforts to assure that only authorized persons and devices access its computing systems and information storage, and that only authorized transactions are allowed. The Business Associate will maintain appropriate documentation to certify its compliance with the Security Rule.

3.3 Business Associate shall ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides electronic PHI received from or created for Covered Entity or that carries out any duties for the Business Associate involving the use, custody, disclosure, creation of, or access to PHI supplied by Covered Entity, to agree, by written contract (or the appropriate equivalent if the agent is a government entity) with Business Associate, to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.

3.4 Business Associate shall require its employees, agents, and subcontractors to report to Business Associate within five (5) business days, any Security Incident (as that term is defined in 45 CFR § 164.304) of which it becomes aware. Business Associate shall promptly report any Security Incident of which it becomes aware to Covered Entity.

3.5 Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records including policies and procedures relating to the security of electronic PHI received from, created by or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health in Human Services or the Secretary's designee, in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of determining Covered Entity's or Business Associate's compliance with the Security Rule.

3.6 Business Associate shall fully cooperate in good faith with and to assist Covered Entity in complying with the requirements of the Security Rule.

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- 3.7 Notification for the purposes of Sections 2.8 and 3.4 shall be in writing made by email/fax, certified mail or overnight parcel immediately upon becoming aware of the event, with supplemental notification by facsimile and/or telephone as soon as practicable, to:

**Strategic Communications LLC**  
**310 Evergreen Rd.**  
**Louisville, KY 40243**

- 3.8 Business Associate identifies the following key contact persons for all matters relating to this Agreement:

Chris Mills  
naspo@yourstrategic.com  
502-657-3437

Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity of any change in the key contact during the term of this Agreement in writing within ten (10) business days.

**4. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- 4.1 Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in Service Contract(s), provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy and Security Rule, if done by Covered Entity. Business Associate's disclosure of PHI shall be subject to the limited data set and minimum necessary requirements of Section 13405(b) of Public Law 111-5, [designated as 42 U.S.C. 13735(b)]
- 4.2 Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI as required for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
- 4.3 Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or provided that, if Business Associate discloses any PHI to a third party for such a purpose, Business Associate shall enter into a written agreement with such third party requiring the third party to: (a) maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI and not to use or further disclose such information except as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed, and (b) notify Business Associate of any instances in which it becomes aware in which the confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of the PHI is breached immediately upon becoming aware.
- 4.4 Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use PHI to provide data aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 42 CFR § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- 4.5 Business Associate may use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State Authorities consistent with 45 CFR 164.502(j)(1).
- 4.6 Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI that is Genetic Information for underwriting purposes. Moreover, the sale, marketing or the sharing for commercial use or any purpose construed by Covered Entity as the sale, marketing or commercial use of member's personal or

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financial information with affiliates, even if such sharing would be permitted by federal or state laws, is prohibited.

- 4.7 Business Associate shall enter into written agreements that are substantially similar to this Business Associate Agreements with any Subcontractor or agent which Business Associate provides access to Protected Health Information.
- 4.8 Business Associates shall implement and maintain information security policies that comply with the HIPAA Security Rule.

### **5. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY**

- 5.1 Covered Entity shall provide Business Associate with the Notice of Privacy Practices that Covered Entity produces in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitations in its notice that affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- 5.2 Covered Entity shall provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an Individual to use or disclose PHI, if such changes affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses.
- 5.3 Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use of PHI.

### **6. PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS BY COVERED ENTITY**

Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy or Security Rule, if done by Covered Entity.

### **7. TERM AND TERMINATION**

- 7.1 Term. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date on which it is signed by both parties and shall terminate when all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, Section 7.3. below shall apply.
- 7.2 Termination for Cause.
  - 7.2.1 This Agreement authorizes and Business Associate acknowledges and agrees Covered Entity shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement and Service Contracts in the event Business Associate fails to comply with, or violates a material provision of, requirements of the Privacy and/or Security Rule or this Memorandum.
  - 7.2.2 Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity shall either:
    - 7.2.2.1 Provide a reasonable opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation, or

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7.2.2.2 If Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible or if Business Associate does not cure a curable breach or end the violation within a reasonable time as specified by, and at the sole discretion of, Covered Entity, Covered Entity may immediately terminate this Agreement and the Service Agreement.

7.2.2.3 If neither cure nor termination is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health in Human Services or the Secretary's designee.

7.3 Effect of Termination.

7.3.1 Except as provided in Section 7.3.2. below, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI.

7.3.2 In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is not feasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction unfeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of PHI is unfeasible; Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Memorandum to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction unfeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

**8. MISCELLANEOUS**

8.1 Regulatory Reference. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy and or Security Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

8.2 Indemnity. The Business Associate shall indemnify the Covered Entity and hold it harmless for any claims, losses or other damages arising from or associated with any act or omission of Business Associate under this Agreement. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of the Agreement or the release of PHI contrary to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any resultant fines, penalties, or damages paid by the Covered Entity.

8.3 Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191, including any amendments required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to implement the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health and related regulations upon the effective date of such amendment, regardless of whether this Agreement has been formally amended, including, but not limited to changes required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5.

8.4 Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under Section 7.3. of this Memorandum shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity and the Business Associate to comply with the Privacy and Security Rules.





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8.6 Notices and Communications. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand, by facsimile transmission, by overnight courier service, or by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the respective party at the appropriate facsimile number or address as set forth below, or to such other party, facsimile number, or address as may be hereafter specified by written notice.

COVERED ENTITY:

**Central Procurement Office  
Tennessee Tower, 3rd Floor  
312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37243**

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

**Strategic Communications Inc.  
310 Evergreen Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40243**

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effectively given as of the date of hand delivery; as of the date specified for overnight courier service delivery; as of three (3) business days after the date of mailing; or on the day the facsimile transmission is received mechanically by the facsimile machine at the receiving location and receipt is verbally confirmed by the sender.

8.7 Strict Compliance. No failure by any Party to insist upon strict compliance with any term or provision of this Agreement, to exercise any option, to enforce any right, or to seek any remedy upon any default of any other Party shall affect, or constitute a waiver of, any Party's right to insist upon such strict compliance, exercise that option, enforce that right, or seek that remedy with respect to that default or any prior, contemporaneous, or subsequent default. No custom or practice of the Parties at variance with any provision of this Agreement shall affect, or constitute a waiver of, any Party's right to demand strict compliance with all provisions of this Agreement

8.8 Severability. With respect to any provision of this Agreement finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, such court shall have jurisdiction to reform such provision so that it is enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, and the Parties shall abide by such court's determination. In the event that any provision of this Agreement cannot be reformed, such provision shall be deemed to be severed from this Agreement, but every other provision of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

8.9 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee except to the extent that Tennessee law has been pre-empted by HIPAA.

8.10 Compensation. There shall be **no** remuneration for performance under this Agreement except as specifically provided by, in, and through, existing administrative requirements of Tennessee State government and services contracts referenced herein.

8.11 Security Breach. A violation of HIPAA or the Privacy or Security Rules constitutes a breach of this Business Associate Agreement and a breach of the Service Contract(s) listed on page one of this agreement, and shall be subject to all available remedies for such breach.

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**PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM**



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIKE F. PERRY, CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Date:

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS INC

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Stella Kathy Mills*  
NAME AND TITLE

05/09/2023

Date:

Statement of Work Template

***SWC #3021 Cloud Solutions***  
***[Insert Requesting State Agency name]***  
**Statement of Work**



For

***[Insert Project Title]***

***[Insert Planview Work ID - Sequential #]***

***[Date]***

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## 1.0 Statement of Work

### 1.1 Project Title

This Statement of Work (SOW) is being executed between *[insert Contractor name]* (“Contractor”) and *[Insert Agency]* (“Agency” or “Purchasing Entity”) for *[insert a brief description of the project]*, effective as of *[Insert Effective Date]* (the “SOW Effective Date”).

This Statement of Work (SOW) constitutes an Order under that certain *[Contract or Participating Addendum]* between *[contractor name]* and the State of Tennessee, *[contract name and number]*, (the “Contract”) and incorporates by reference the terms and conditions, specifications, and other incorporated contract documents of the Contract. In case of any conflict between this SOW and the Contract, the Contract shall prevail.

### 1.2 Background

- Describe the history of your project and the prior events that brought you to this SOW*

### 1.3 Reference to other applicable documents

The following documents are hereby incorporated by reference into this SOW:

- List any pertinent documents or supporting materials pertaining to the SOW, if any, otherwise write “None”.*

### 1.4 General Security Requirements – Pick List

- Confidential State Data
- Confidential Data Housed in the United States
- Confidential State Data Encrypted at Rest using FIPS
- Annual Penetration Tests and Vulnerability Assessment of Processing Environment
- Contractor Supplied Copy of State Confidential Data it is Housing
- Upon request after termination of the contract, Destruction of State Confidential Data
- FTI Data – requires IRS Publication 1075
- CMS Data and MARS-E controls
- PCI and PCI DSS controls
- CJIS Data – Must consult TBI first
- HIPAA Data – Must include a BAA
- Confidential State Date Processing Environment:
- ISO 27001 and FedRAMP
- AICPA and SOC II

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### **2.0 AGENCY STAFFING AND ROLES**

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#### 2.1 Staffing

##### Project Manager – Agency

The Agency's Project Manager is:

Name:

Address:

City:

State & Zip

Phone:

Cell:

Fax:

Email:

*Insert contact information for any additional relevant staff.*

#### 2.2 Agency Staff and Roles

- Who within the agency will have decision-making authority, including approval of changes, report, documentation and deliverables?*
- State agency staff (if any) to assist with the project effort*
- Individuals key to the project and detail their roles and responsibilities*

### **3.0 PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND DELIVERABLES**

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#### 3.1 Requirements

*Describe:*

- Tasks to be performed and any additional Contractor qualifications for specialized projects*
- Any known non-standard work schedule tasks*
- Location(s) where project work is required to be performed or may be performed, including the use of onsite, offsite, and offshore resources at the procuring State agency's discretion*
- Include tasks that do not result in specific deliverables (i.e. project management)*
- Include any security requirements from Special Terms and Conditions, Section 13 of the Contract that are applicable to this SOW.*

#### 3.2 Agency Tasks and Responsibilities

- Include tasks to be performed by the agency*
- Precise definition of all hardware, software, data services, and facilities the agency will provide*

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- Identify any RTO and RPO disaster recovery timelines for the project (Special Term and Condition 15.c.1)*

### **3.3 Deliverables**

*Describe the Deliverables to be provided under this SOW, including the estimated delivery dates.*

*If no Deliverables, state "none."*

### **3.4 Exclusions**

*Describe*

*e:*

- Tasks which are not part of the scope of this project*

## **4.0 COST CRITERIA**

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### **4.1 Payment Methodology**

*Describe the payment methodology and the associated charges applicable to this SOW.*

### **4.2 SOW Monetary Cap**

Check one of the following to apply to this SOW:

- This SOW is a fixed fee SOW. The total charges under this SOW is [\_\_\_\_\_] dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) [specify SOW monetary cap] for the performance of the work as set forth in this SOW.
- This SOW is a time and materials SOW. The total charges under this SOW is [\_\_\_\_\_] dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) [specify SOW monetary cap] for the performance of the work as set forth in this SOW (the "SOW NTE Amount"). The Agency shall compensate the Contractor for actual work performed, in an amount not to exceed the SOW NTE Amount. The Agency shall not be obligated to pay for, and the Contractor shall not be obligated to perform, work under this SOW in excess of the SOW NTE Amount unless and until the parties execute a written amendment to this SOW to increase such SOW NTE Amount.
- This SOW is a consumption-based SOW. The estimated charges under this SOW is [\_\_\_\_\_] dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) [specify SOW estimated budget]. For clarity, the terms of this SOW and the Contract will continue to apply to any Cloud Services provided in excess of the specified estimated charges.

### **4.3 State Agency Billing Address**

*Insert the applicable State Agency billing address.*

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**5.0 DELIVERABLE ACCEPTANCE**

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*Define the process for submitting, approving and rejecting deliverables (including testing dates and scenarios)*

**6.0 ESTIMATED TIMELINE AND PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

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Project must begin no later than [Month, Year] and be completed by [Month, Year].

**7.0 PROJECT MANAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

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*Describe what will be required as far as project management, which reports will be required, how often these reports will be required, and what must be submitted to the State procuring agency.*

**8.0 ADDITIONAL STATE POLICIES AND STANDARDS**

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*Specifically reference any additional state policies and standards that would apply, to the extent applicable to Contractor in its performance of the work under the Order. If none, write "none".*

- *Insert any other relevant links to the latest versions of the policies, standards and environment*

**9.0 KEY ASSUMPTIONS**

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*Identify any additional agency or contractor assumptions*

*If additional sections are required for your specific project, please leave the above section numbering as it is and add your new sections here as 10.0, 11.0 etc.*

This SOW will not be effective, and Contractor shall not commence services hereunder, until it is approved and signed by Contractor and the Participating Entity.



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In witness whereof, the parties have executed this SOW as of the last date of execution of the signatories below.

<i>[Insert State Purchasing Agency]</i>	<i>[Contractor Name]</i> Strategic Communications LLC
Signature:	Signature:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date: