CONTRACT

Between

STATE OF CONNECTICUT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT



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All references in this Contract to any statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order shall mean such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order, respectively, as it has been amended, replaced or superseded at any time. Notwithstanding any language in this Contract that relates to such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order, and notwithstanding a lack of a formal amendment to this Contract, this Contract shall always be read and interpreted as if it contained the most current and applicable wording and requirements of such statute, public act, regulation, code or executive order as if their most current language had been used in and requirements incorporated into this Contract at the time of its execution.

Now therefore, in consideration of these presents, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, the Contractor and the State agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the following corresponding definitions:
- (a) Cancellation: An end to the Contract effected pursuant to a right which the Contract creates due to a breach.
- (b) Claims: All actions, suits, claims, demands, investigations and proceedings of any kind, open, pending or threatened, whether mature, unmatured, contingent, known or unknown, at law or in equity, in any forum.
- (c) Consuming Agency: All agencies listed. Bills should be sent to the appropriate Consuming Agency.
- (d) Contract: This Contract, as of its effective date, between the Contractor and the University for any or all Goods or Services at the price submitted by the Contractor and accepted by the University.
- (e) Contractor Parties: A Contractor's members, directors, officers, shareholders, partners, managers, principal officers, representatives, agents, servants, consultants, employees or any one of them or any other person or entity with whom the Contractor is in privity of oral or written contract and the Contractor intends for such other person or entity to perform under the Contract in any capacity.
- (f) Day: All calendar days, other than Saturdays, Sundays and days designated as national or State of Connecticut holidays upon which banks in Connecticut are closed.
- (g) Expiration: An end to the Contract due to the completion in full of the mutual performances of the parties or due to the Contract's term being completed.
- (h) Force Majeure: Events that materially affect the cost of the Goods or Services or the time schedule within which to perform and are outside the control of the party asserting that such an event has occurred, including, but not limited to, labor troubles unrelated to the Contractor, failure of or inadequate permanent power, unavoidable casualties, fire not caused by the Contractor, extraordinary weather conditions, disasters, riots, acts of God, insurrection or war.

- (i) Goods: For purposes of the Contract, all things which are movable at the time that the Contract is effective and which include, without limiting this definition, supplies, materials and equipment, as specified in the Solicitation and set forth in **Exhibit A**.
- (j) Goods or Services: Goods, Services or both, as specified in the Solicitation and set forth in Exhibit A.
- (k) Records: All working papers and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Contractor in performing the Contract, including but not limited to, documents, data, plans, books, computations, drawings, specifications, notes, reports, records, estimates, summaries and correspondence, kept or stored in any form.
- (l) Services: The performance of labor or work, as specified in the Solicitation and set forth in Exhibit A.
- (m) Solicitation: A request by the University, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, a request for information or request for quotes, inviting submittals of offers to provide Goods or Services in response to and in accordance with the Solicitation.
- (n) State: The State of Connecticut, the University and any office, department, board, council, commission, institution or other agency of the State.
- (o) Termination: An end to the Contract effected pursuant to a right which the Contract creates, other than for a breach.
- (p) Title: all ownership, title, licenses, rights and interest, including, but not limited to, perpetual use, of and to the Goods or Services.
- (q) University: University shall mean the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Health Center.
- 2. Term of Contract; Contract Extension. The Contract will be in effect for ____full monthly billing cycles for each account. The start date for deliveries shall be ____unless a different date is referenced in the notes section of Exhibit A for the account(s).
 - With thirty (30) days notice, the State may extend this Contract, prior to Termination, Expiration or Cancellation, for one month or larger increments at a time, for a total period of twelve (12) additional months. Any contract term extension between the State and the Supplier will be based upon mutually agreed price(s).
- 3. <u>Description of Goods or Services.</u> The Contractor shall perform as set forth in <u>Exhibit A.</u> For the purposes of this Contract, to perform and the performance in Exhibit A is referred to as "Perform" and the "Performance."
- 4. Price Schedule, Payment Terms and Billing. Payment terms under this Contract are set forth in **Exhibit B**. Payment shall be made only after the University receives and accepts the Goods or Services and after it receives a properly completed invoice. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, payment for all accepted Goods or Services shall be due within thirty (30) days after acceptance of the Goods or Services, or thirty (30) days if the Contractor is a certified small contractor or minority business enterprise as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60g. The Contractor shall submit an invoice to the University for the

Performance. The invoice shall include detailed information for Goods or Services, delivered and performed, as applicable, and accepted. Any late payment charges shall be calculated in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

5. Reserved.

- 6. Order and Delivery. The Contract shall bind the Contractor to furnish and deliver the Goods or Services in accordance with Exhibit A and at the prices set forth in Exhibit B. Subject to the sections in this Contract concerning Force Majeure, Termination, Cancellation Expiration and Open Market Purchases, the Contract shall bind the University to order the Goods or Services from the Contractor, and to pay for the accepted Goods or Services in accordance with Exhibit B.
- 7. <u>Contract Amendments</u>. No amendment to or modification or other alteration of the Contract shall be valid or binding upon the State unless made in writing, signed by both parties and, if applicable, approved by the Connecticut Attorney General.
- 8. <u>Assignment</u>. The Contractor shall not assign any of its rights or obligations under the Contract, voluntarily or otherwise, in any manner without the prior written consent of the University. The University may void any purported assignment in violation of this section and declare the Contractor in breach of Contract. Any Cancellation by the University for a breach is without prejudice to the University's or the State's rights or possible Claims. Please refer to Exhibit A for more details.

9. Termination, Cancellation and Expiration.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Contract, the University, through a duly authorized employee, may terminate the Contract whenever the University makes a written determination that such Termination is in the best interests of the State. The University shall notify the Contractor in writing of Termination pursuant to this section, which notice shall specify the effective date of Termination and the extent to which the Contractor must complete Performance under the Contract prior to such date.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Contract, the University, through a duly authorized employee, may, after making a written determination that the Contractor has breached the Contract, Cancel the Contract in accordance with the provisions in the Breach section of this Contract.
- (c) The University shall send the notice of Termination or Cancellation via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Contractor at the most current address which the Contractor has furnished to the University for purposes of correspondence, or by hand delivery. Upon receiving such notice from the University, the Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected in accordance with the notice, undertake all commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate any losses or damages, and deliver to the University, all Records. The Records are deemed to be the property of University and the Contractor shall deliver them to the University, no later than thirty (30) days after the Termination, Cancellation or Expiration of the Contract or fifteen (15) days after the Contractor receives a written request from the University for the Records. The Contractor shall deliver those Records that exist in electronic, magnetic or other intangible form in a non-proprietary format, such as, but not limited to, ASCII or .TXT.
- (d) Upon receipt of a written notice of Termination or Cancellation from the University, the Contractor shall cease operations as directed by the University in the notice, and take all actions that are necessary or appropriate, or that the University may reasonably direct, for the protection and preservation of the Goods and any other property. Except

for any work which the University directs the Contractor to Perform in the notice prior to the effective date of Termination or Cancellation, and except as otherwise provided in the notice, the Contractor shall terminate or conclude all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and shall not enter into any further subcontracts, purchase orders or commitments.

- (e) In the case of any Termination or Cancellation, the University, shall, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of Termination or Cancellation, reimburse the Contractor for its Performance rendered and accepted by the University in accordance with Exhibit A, in addition to all actual and reasonable costs incurred after Termination or Cancellation in completing those portions of the Performance which the Contractor was required to complete by the notice. However, the Contractor is not entitled to receive and the University is not obligated to tender to the Contractor any payments for anticipated or lost profits. Upon request by the University, the Contractor shall assign to the University, or any replacement contractor which the University designates, all subcontracts, purchase orders and other commitments, deliver to the University all Records and other information pertaining to its Performance, and remove from State premises, whether leased or owned, all such equipment, waste material and rubbish related to its Performance as the University may request.
- (f) For breach or violation of any of the provisions in the section concerning Representations and Warranties, the University may Cancel the Contract in accordance with its terms and revoke any consents to assignments given as if the assignments had never been requested or consented to, without liability to the Contractor or Contractor Parties or any third party.
- (g) Upon Termination, Cancellation or Expiration of the Contract, all rights and obligations shall be null and void, so that no party shall have any further rights or obligations to any other party, except with respect to the sections which survive Termination, Cancellation or Expiration of the Contract. All representations, warranties, agreements and rights of the parties under the Contract shall survive such Termination, Cancellation or Expiration to the extent not otherwise limited in the Contract and without each one of them having to be specifically mentioned in the Contract.
- (h) Termination or Cancellation of the Contract pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a breach of contract by the University.
- 10. <u>Cost Modifications</u>. The parties may agree to a reduction in the cost of the Contract at any time during which the Contract is in effect. Without intending to impose a limitation on the nature of the reduction, the reduction may be to hourly, staffing or unit costs, the total cost of the Contract or the reduction may take such other form as the State deems to be necessary or appropriate.
- 11. <u>Breach</u>. If either party breaches the Contract in any respect, the non-breaching party shall provide written notice of such breach to the breaching party and afford the breaching party an opportunity to cure the breach within Thirty (30) days from the date that the breaching party receives such notice. In the case of a Contractor breach, any other time period which the University sets forth in the notice shall trump such thirty (30) days. Such right to cure period shall be extended if the non-breaching party is satisfied that the breaching party is making a good faith effort to cure but the nature of the breach is such that it cannot be cured within the right to cure period. The notice may include an effective Contract Cancellation date if the breach is not cured by the stated date and, unless otherwise modified by the non-breaching party in writing prior

to the Cancellation date, no further action shall be required of any party to effect the Cancellation as of the stated date. If the notice does not set forth an effective Contract Cancellation date, then the non-breaching party may cancel the Contract by giving the breaching party no less than twenty four (24) hours' prior written notice. If the University believes that the Contractor has not performed according to the Contract, the University may withhold payment in whole or in part pending resolution of the Performance issue, provided that the University notifies the Contractor in writing prior to the date that the payment would have been due in accordance with Exhibit B.

12. Waiver.

- (a) No waiver of any breach of the Contract shall be interpreted or deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. All remedies afforded in the Contract shall be taken and construed as cumulative, that is, in addition to every other remedy provided in the Contract or at law or in equity.
- (b) A party's failure to insist on strict performance of any provision of the Contract shall only be deemed to be a waiver of rights and remedies concerning that specific instance of Performance and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent rights, remedies or breach.
- 13. Open Market Purchases. Except to the extent that the Contractor is performing within a right to cure period, failure of the Contractor to Perform within the time specified in the Contract, or failure to replace rejected or substandard Goods or fulfill unperformed Services when so requested and as the Contract provides or allows, constitutes a breach of the Contract and as a remedy for such breach, such failure shall constitute the University's authority for, if it deems it to be necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion, to Terminate the Contract and/or to purchase on the open market, Goods or Services to replace those which have been rejected, not delivered, or not performed. The shall invoice the Contractor for all such purchases to the extent that they exceed the costs and expenses in Exhibit B and the Contractor shall pay the University's invoice immediately after receiving the invoice. If the University does not Terminate the Contract, the University will deduct such open market purchases from the Contract quantities. However, if the University deems it to be in the best interest of the State, then the University may accept and use the Goods or Services delivered which are substandard in quality, subject to an adjustment in price to be determined by the University.

14. Purchase Orders.

- (a) The Contract itself is not an authorization for the Contractor to ship Goods or begin Performance in any way. The Contractor may begin Performance only after it has received a duly issued purchase order against the Contract for Performance.
- (b) The University shall issue a purchase order against the Contract directly to the Contractor and to no other party.
- (c) All purchase orders shall be in written or electronic form, bear the Contract number (if any) and comply with all other State and the University requirements, particularly the requirements concerning procurement. Purchase orders issued in compliance with such requirements shall be deemed to be duly issued.
- (d) A Contractor making delivery without a duly issued purchase order in accordance with this section does so at the Contractor's own risk.

15. Indemnification.

- (a) The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the State, the Client Agencies, its officers, representatives, agents, servants, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all (1) Claims arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with the Contract, including the acts of commission or omission (collectively, the "Acts") of the Contractor or Contractor Parties; and (2) liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorneys' and other professionals' fees, arising, directly or indirectly, in connection with Claims, Acts or the Contract. The Contractor shall use counsel reasonably acceptable to the State in carrying out its obligations under this section. The Contractor's obligations under this section to indemnify, defend and hold harmless against Claims includes Claims concerning confidentiality of any part of or all of the Contractor's response to the Solicitation or any Records, any intellectual property rights, other proprietary rights of any person or entity, copyrighted or uncopyrighted compositions, secret processes, patented or unpatented inventions, articles or appliances furnished or used in the Performance of the Contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall reimburse the State for any and all damages to the real or personal property of the State caused by the Acts of the Contractor or any Contractor Parties. The State shall give the Contractor reasonable notice of any such Claims.
- (c) The Contractor's duties under this section shall remain fully in effect and binding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract, without being lessened or compromised in any way, even where the Contractor is alleged or is found to have merely contributed in part to the Acts giving rise to the Claims and/or where the State is alleged or is found to have contributed to the Acts giving rise to the Claims.
- (d) The Contractor shall carry and maintain at all times during the term of the Contract, and during the time that any provisions survive the term of the Contract, sufficient general liability insurance to satisfy its obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall name the State as an additional insured on the policy and shall provide a copy of the policy to the University, prior to the effective date of the Contract. The Contractor shall not begin Performance until the delivery of the policy to the University. The University shall be entitled to recover under the insurance policy event if a body of competent jurisdiction determines that the University or the State is contributorily negligent.
- (e) The rights provided in this section for the benefit of the State shall encompass the recovery of attorneys' and other professionals' fees expended in pursuing a Claim against a third party.
- (f) This section shall survive the Termination, Cancellation or Expiration of the Contract, and shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage.
- 16. Forum and Choice of Law. The Contract shall be deemed to have been made in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Both Parties agree that it is fair and reasonable for the validity and construction of the Contract to be, and it shall be, governed by the laws and court decisions of the State of Connecticut, without giving effect to its principles of conflicts of laws. To the extent that any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut do not bar an action against the State, and to the extent that these courts are courts of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of venue, the complaint shall be made returnable to the Judicial District of Hartford only or shall be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut only, and shall not be transferred to any other court, provided, however, that nothing here constitutes a waiver or compromise of the sovereign immunity of the State of

Connecticut. The Contractor waives any objection which it may now have or will have to the laying of venue of any Claims in any forum and further irrevocably submits to such jurisdiction in any suit, action or proceeding.

- 17. Contractor Guaranties. Contractor shall:
- (a) Perform fully under the Contract;
- (b) With respect to the provision of Services, pay for all permits, licenses and fees and give all required or appropriate notices;
- (c) Adhere to all Contractual provisions ensuring the confidentiality of Records that the Contractor has access to and are exempt from disclosure under the State's Freedom of Information Act or other applicable law; and
- (d) Reserved.
- 18. <u>Implied Warranties</u>. The University does not disclaim, exclude or modify the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or the warranty of merchantability.
- 19. Reserved
- 20. Setoff. In addition to all other remedies that the University may have, the State, in its sole discretion, may setoff (1) any costs or expenses that the State incurs resulting from the Contractor's unexcused non-Performance under the Contract and under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State and (2) any other amounts that are due or may become due from the State to the Contractor, against amounts otherwise due or that may become due to the Contractor under the Contract, or under any other agreement or arrangement that the Contractor has with the State. The State's right of setoff shall not be deemed to be the State's exclusive remedy for the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' breach of the Contract, all of which shall survive any setoffs by the State.
- 21. <u>Force Majeure</u>. The State and the Contractor shall not be excused from their obligation to Perform in accordance with the Contract except in the case of Force Majeure events and as otherwise provided for in the Contract. In the case of any such exception, the non-performing party shall give immediate written notice to the other, explaining the cause and probable duration of any such non-Performance.
- 22. <u>Advertising</u>. The Contractor shall not refer to sales to the University for advertising or promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, posting any material or data on the Internet, without the University's prior written approval.
- 23. <u>Americans With Disabilities Act</u>. The Contractor shall be and remain in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("Act"), to the extent applicable, during the term of the Contract. The University may Cancel the Contract if the Contractor fails to comply with the Act.
- 24. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Contractor represents and warrants to the University for itself and Contractor Parties, as appropriate, that:
- (a) if they are entities, they are duly and validly existing under the laws of their respective states of organization and authorized to conduct business in the State of Connecticut in the manner contemplated by the Contract. Further, as appropriate, they have taken all

- necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and Performance of the Contract and have the power and authority to execute, deliver and Perform their obligations under the Contract;
- (b) they will comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and municipal ordinances in satisfying their obligations to the State under and pursuant to the Contract, including, but not limited to (1) Connecticut General Statutes Title 1, Chapter 10, concerning the State's Codes of Ethics and (2) Title 4a concerning State purchasing, including, but not limited to 22a-194a concerning the use of polystyrene foam;
- (c) the execution, delivery and Performance of the Contract will not violate, be in conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute (with or without due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any of the following, as applicable: (1) any provision of law; (2) any order of any court or the State; or (3) any indenture, agreement, document or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it may be bound;
- (d) they are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any governmental entity;
- (e) as applicable, they have not, within the three years preceding the Contract, in any of their current or former jobs, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them or against any person who would Perform under the Contract, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a transaction or contract with any governmental entity. This includes, but is not limited to, 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;
- (f) they are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of the offenses listed above;
- (g) they have not within the three years preceding the Contract had one or more contracts with any governmental entity Cancelled;
- (h) they have not employed or retained any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, to solicit or secure the Contract and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any entity or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for them, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract or any assignments made in accordance with the terms of the Contract;
- (i) to the best of their knowledge, there are no Claims that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract;
- (j) they shall disclose, to the best of their knowledge, to the University in writing any Claims involving them that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract, no later than ten (10) days after becoming aware or after they should have become aware of any such Claims. For purposes of the Contractor's obligation to disclose any Claims to the University, the ten (10) days in the section of this Contract concerning Disclosure of Contractor Parties Litigation shall

- run consecutively with the ten (10) Days provided for in this representation and warranty;
- (k) their participation in the Solicitation process is not a conflict of interest or a breach of ethics under the provisions of Title 1, Chapter 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning the State's Codes of Ethics;
- (l) the Contractor's response to the Solicitation was not made in connection or concert with any other person or entity, including any of their affiliates (as defined in the Tangible Personal Property section of this Contract) and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud;
- (m) the Contractor shall obtain in a written contract all of the representations and warranties in this section from any Contractor Parties and to require that provision to be included in any contracts and purchase orders with Contractor Parties;
- (n) they have paid all applicable workers' compensation second injury fund assessments concerning all previous work done in Connecticut;
- (o) they have a record of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations without any unabated, willful or serious violations;
- (p) they owe no unemployment compensation contributions;
- (q) they are not delinquent in the payment of any taxes owed, or, that they have filed a sales tax security bond, and they have, if and as applicable, filed for motor carrier road tax stickers and have paid all outstanding road taxes;
- (r) each Contractor Party has vested in the Contractor plenary authority to bind the Contractor Parties to the full extent necessary or appropriate to ensure full compliance with and Performance in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of the Contract and that all appropriate parties shall also provide to the University, no later than fifteen (15) days after receiving a request from the University, such information as the University may require to evidence, in the University's sole determination, compliance with this section;
- (s) except to the extent modified or abrogated in the Contract, all title shall pass to the University upon complete installation, testing and acceptance of the Goods or Services and payment by the University;
- 25. <u>Disclosure of Contractor Parties Litigation</u>. The Contractor shall require that all Contractor Parties, as appropriate, disclose to the Contractor, to the best of their knowledge, any Claims involving the Contractor Parties that might reasonably be expected to materially adversely affect their businesses, operations, assets, properties, financial stability, business prospects or ability to Perform fully under the Contract, no later than ten (10) days after becoming aware or after they should have become aware of any such Claims. Disclosure shall be in writing.
- 26. Entirety of Contract. The Contract is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter, and supersedes all prior agreements, proposals, offers, counteroffers and understandings of the parties, whether written or oral. The Contract has been entered into after full investigation, neither party relying upon any statement or representation by the other unless such statement or representation is specifically embodied in the Contract.

- 27. <u>Exhibits</u>. All exhibits referred to in and attached to this Contract are incorporated in this Contract by such reference and shall be deemed to be a part of it as if they had been fully set forth in it.
- 28. Executive Orders. The Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the University shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor. The Contract may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

29. Non-discrimination.

(a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows: (i) "Commission" means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; (ii) "Contract" and "contract" include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract; (iii) "Contractor" and "contractor" include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor; (iv) "Gender identity or expression" means a person's genderrelated identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose; (v) "good faith" means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations; (vi) "good faith efforts" shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements; (vii) "marital status" means being single, married as recognized by the State of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced; (viii) "mental disability" means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders; (ix) "minority business enterprise" means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Connecticut General Statutes § 32-9n; and (x) "public works contract" means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a

municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms "Contract" and "contract" do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, (2) a quasi-public agency, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-120, (3) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 1-267, (4) the federal government, (5) a foreign government, or (6) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5).

(b) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, mental retardation, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an "affirmative action-equal opportunity employer" in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e and 46a-68f; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he will make good

faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works projects.

- (c) Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.
- (d) The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.
- (e) The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §46a-56; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- (f) The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.
- (g) (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts,

concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56.

- (h) The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-56; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.
- 30. Whistleblowing. This Contract is subject to the provisions of §4-61dd of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this statute, if an officer, employee or appointing authority of the Contractor takes or threatens to take any personnel action against any employee of the Contractor in retaliation for such employee's disclosure of information to any employee of the contracting state or quasi-public agency or the Auditors of Public Accounts or the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection (a) of such statute, the Contractor shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense, up to a maximum of twenty per cent of the value of this Contract. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and in the case of a continuing violation, each calendar day's continuance of the violation shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. The State may request that the Attorney General bring a civil action in the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford to seek imposition and recovery of such civil penalty. In accordance with subsection (f) of such statute, each large state contractor, as defined in the statute, shall post a notice of the provisions of the statute relating to large state contractors in a conspicuous place which is readily available for viewing by the employees of the Contractor.
- 31. <u>Notice</u>. All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals or other communications required or permitted to be given or which are given with respect to this Contract (for the purpose of this section collectively called "Notices") shall be deemed to have been effected at such time as the notice is placed in the U.S. mail, first class and postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or placed with a recognized, overnight express delivery service that provides for a return receipt. All such Notices shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

If to: University of Connecticut c/o Facilities Department 25 LeDoyt Road, Unit 3252 Storrs, Connecticut 06269-3252
If to the Contractor: <contractor address="" and="" contact="" person=""></contractor>
Company Name:

Name:				
Address Line1:				
Address Line2:				
City:	State:	Zip:	_	
Signatory Name:			Title:	

- 32. <u>Insurance</u>. The Contractor's insurance shall have no right of recovery or subrogation against the University or the State and the described Contractor's insurance shall be primary coverage. Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the University and State. Before commencing Performance, the Contractor shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense for the duration of the Contract, the following insurance:
- (a) Commercial General Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. Coverage shall include, Premises and Operations, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, Contractual Liability and Broad Form Property Damage coverage. If a general aggregate is used, the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.
- (b) Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury. Coverage extends to owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. If the vendor/contractor does not own an automobile, but one is used in the execution of the contract, then only hired and non-owned coverage is required. If a vehicle is not used in the execution of the contract then automobile coverage is not required.
- (c) Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Statutory coverage in compliance with the Compensation laws of the State of Connecticut. Coverage shall include Employer's Liability with minimum limits of \$100,000 each accident, \$500,000 Disease Policy limit, \$100,000 each employee.
- (d) Umbrella Liability: Excess/umbrella liability insurance may be included to meet minimum requirements. Umbrella coverage must indicate the existing underlying insurance coverage.
- (e) Reserved.
- 33. <u>Headings</u>. The headings given to the sections in the Contract are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of the Contract or as a limitation of the scope of the particular section to which the heading refers.
- 34. <u>Number and Gender</u>. Whenever the context so requires, the plural or singular shall include each other and the use of any gender shall include all genders.
- 35. Reserved.

- 36. <u>Contractor Changes</u>. The Contractor shall notify the University in writing no later than ten (10) Days from the effective date of any change in:
 - (a) its certificate of incorporation or other organizational document;
 - (b) more than a controlling interest in the ownership of the Contractor; or
 - (c) the individual(s) in charge of the Performance.

This change shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Performance. The University, after receiving written notice by the Contractor of any such change, may require such agreements, releases and other instruments evidencing, to the University's satisfaction, that any individuals retiring or otherwise separating from the Contractor have been compensated in full or that provision has been made for compensation in full, for all work performed under terms of the Contract. The Contractor shall deliver such documents to the University in accordance with the terms of the University's written request. The University may also require, and the Contractor shall deliver, a financial statement showing that solvency of the Contractor is maintained. The death of any Contractor Party, as applicable, shall not release the Contractor from the obligation to Perform under the Contract; the surviving Contractor Parties, as appropriate, must continue to Perform under the Contract until Performance is fully completed.

- 37. <u>Further Assurances</u>. The parties shall provide such information, execute and deliver any instruments and documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or reasonably requested by the other party which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Contract and which do not involve the vesting of rights or assumption of obligations other than those provided for in the Contract, in order to give full effect to the Contract and to carry out the intent of the Contract.
- 38. <u>Audit and Inspection of Records</u>. The Contractor shall make all of its and the Contractor Parties' Records available at all reasonable hours for audit and inspection by the University and the State, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut Auditors of Public Accounts, Attorney General and State's Attorney and their respective agents. Requests for any audit or inspection shall be in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to the requested date. All audits and inspections shall be at the University's expense. The State may request an audit or inspection at any time during the Contract term and for three (3) years from termination, cancellation or expiration of the Contract. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with the State and its agents in connection with an audit or inspection. Following any audit or inspection, the State may conduct and the Contractor shall cooperate with an exit conference.
- 39. <u>Background Checks</u>. The State may require that the Contractor and Contractor Parties undergo criminal background checks as provided for in the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety Administration and Operations Manual or such other State document as governs procedures for background checks. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall cooperate fully as necessary or reasonably requested with the State and its agents in connection with such background checks.
- 40. <u>Continued Performance</u>. The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall continue to Perform their obligations under the Contract while any dispute concerning the Contract is being resolved.

41. Working and Labor Synergies. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a tranquil working relationship between the Contractor work force, the Contractor Parties and their work force, State employees, and any other contractors present at the work site. The Contractor shall quickly resolve all labor disputes which result from the Contractor's or Contractor Parties' presence at the work site, or other action under their control. Labor disputes shall not be deemed to be sufficient cause to allow the Contractor to make any claim for additional compensation for cost, expenses or any other loss or damage, nor shall those disputes be deemed to be sufficient reason to relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under the Contract.

42. Contractor Responsibility.

- (a) The Contractor shall be responsible for the entire Performance under the Contract regardless of whether the Contractor itself performs. The Contractor shall be the sole point of contact concerning the management of the Contract, including Performance and payment issues. The Contractor is solely and completely responsible for adherence by the Contractor Parties to all applicable provisions of the Contract.
- (b) The Contractor shall exercise all reasonable care to avoid damage to the State's property or to property being made ready for the State's use, and to all property adjacent to any work site. The Contractor shall promptly report any damage, regardless of cause, to the State.
- 43. Severability. If any term or provision of the Contract or its application to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract or the application of such term or provision shall not be affected as to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to whom or to which it is held to be invalid or unenforceable. Each remaining term and provision of the Contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent possible by law.
- 44. Confidential Information. The State will afford due regard to the Contractor's request for the protection of proprietary or confidential information which the State receives. However, all materials associated with the Contractor's response to the Solicitation and the Contract are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. In making such a request, the Contractor may not merely state generally that the materials are proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that the Contractor believes are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption consistent with the FOIA must accompany the request. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the Contractor that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the FOIA. To the extent that any other provision or part of the Contract, especially including the Contractor's response to the Solicitation, the Records and the specifications, conflicts or is in any way inconsistent with this section, this section controls and shall apply and the conflicting provision or part shall not be given effect. If the Contractor indicates in its response to the Solicitation that certain documentation is submitted in confidence, by specifically and clearly marking said documentation as **CONFIDENTIAL**, the University will endeavor to keep said information confidential to the extent permitted by law. The University, however, has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. The Contractor shall have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA

- exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. In no event shall the University or the State have any liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the State or the University believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.
- 45. <u>Interpretation</u>. The Contract contains numerous references to statutes and regulations. For purposes of interpretation, conflict resolution and otherwise, the content of those statutes and regulations shall govern over the content of the reference in the Contract to those statutes and regulations. Unless otherwise specified, any reference to a statute means that statute and any successor statute and any corresponding regulations, all as amended or supplemented from time to time.

46. Cross-Default.

- (a) If the Contractor or Contractor Parties breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under the Contract, then the University may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the State, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to Perform under any or all other agreements or arrangements ("Other Agreements") that the Contractor or Contractor Parties have with the University. Accordingly, the University may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in the Contract or Other Agreements, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of the University, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to Perform under the Other Agreements.
- (b) If the Contractor or Contractor Parties breach, default or in any way fail to Perform satisfactorily under any or all Other Agreements with the University or the State, then the University may, in its sole discretion, without more and without any action whatsoever required of the State, treat any such event as a breach, default or failure to Perform under the Contract. Accordingly, the State may then exercise at its sole option any and all of its rights or remedies provided for in the Other Agreements or the Contract, either selectively or collectively and without such election being deemed to prejudice any rights or remedies of the University or the State, as if the Contractor or Contractor Parties had suffered a breach, default or failure to Perform under the Contract.
- 47. <u>Disclosure of Records</u>. The Contract may be subject to the provisions of section 1-218 of the Connecticut General Statutes. In accordance with this section, each contract in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars between a public agency and a person for the Performance of a governmental function shall (a) provide that the public agency is entitled to receive a copy of records and files related to the Performance of the governmental function, and (b) indicate that such records and files are subject to FOIA and may be disclosed by the public agency pursuant to FOIA. No request to inspect or copy such records or files shall be valid unless the request is made to the public agency in accordance with FOIA. Any complaint by a person who is denied the right to inspect or copy such records or files shall be brought to the Freedom of Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-205 and 1-206 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 48. <u>Summary of State Ethics Laws</u>. Pursuant to the requirements of section 1-101qq of the Connecticut General Statutes, the summary of State ethics laws developed by the State Ethics Commission pursuant to section 1-81b of the Connecticut General Statutes is incorporated by reference into and made a part of the Contract as if the summary had been fully set forth in the Contract.

- 49. <u>Sovereign Immunity</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Solicitation or the Contract shall be construed as a modification, compromise or waiver by the State of any rights or defenses of any immunities provided by Federal law or the laws of the State of Connecticut to the State or any of its officers and employees, which they may have had, now have or will have with respect to all matters arising out of the Contract. To the extent that this section conflicts with any other section, this section shall govern.
- 50. <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract that specify a time for Performance; provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Contract.
- 51. Certification as Small Contractor or Minority Business Enterprise.

 The Contractor shall be in breach of this Contract if the Contractor is certified as a "small contractor" or a "minority business enterprise" under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4a-60g and that certification lapses during the term of this Contract.
- 52. Campaign Contribution Restriction. For all State contracts as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-612(g)(l) having a value in a calendar year of\$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of\$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this Contract expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice, as set forth in "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations," attached as Exhibit C [SEEC Form 11].

53. Protection of Confidential Information.

- (a) Contractor and Contractor Parties, at their own expense, have a duty to and shall protect from a Confidential Information Breach any and all Confidential Information which they come to possess or control, wherever and however stored or maintained, in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with current industry standards.
- (b) Each Contractor or Contractor Party shall develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive data security program for the protection of Confidential Information. The safeguards contained in such program shall be consistent with and comply with the safeguards for protection of Confidential Information, and information of a similar character, as set forth in all applicable federal and state law and written policy of the Department or State concerning the confidentiality of Confidential Information. Such data-security program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (1) A security policy for employees related to the storage, access and transportation of data containing Confidential Information;
- (2) Reasonable restrictions on access to records containing Confidential Information, including access to any locked storage where such records are kept;
- (3) A process for reviewing policies and security measures at least annually;
- (4) Creating secure access controls to Confidential Information, including but not limited to passwords; and
- (5) Encrypting of Confidential Information that is stored on laptops, portable devices or being transmitted electronically.

- (c) The Contractor and Contractor Parties shall notify the University and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General as soon as practical, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours, after they become aware of or suspect that any Confidential Information which Contractor or Contractor Parties have come to possess or control has been subject to a Confidential Information Breach. If a Confidential Information Breach has occurred, the Contractor shall, within three (3) business days after the notification, present a credit monitoring and protection plan to the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Department and the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, for review and approval. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall be made available by the Contractor at its own cost and expense to all individuals affected by the Confidential Information Breach. Such credit monitoring or protection plan shall include, but is not limited to reimbursement for the cost of placing and lifting one (1) security freeze per credit file pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 36a-701a. Such credit monitoring or protection plans shall be approved by the State in accordance with this Section and shall cover a length of time commensurate with the circumstances of the Confidential Information Breach. The Contractors' costs and expenses for the credit monitoring and protection plan shall not be recoverable from the Department, any State of Connecticut entity or any affected individuals.
- (d) The Contractor shall incorporate the requirements of this Section in all subcontracts requiring each Contractor Party

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract by their duly authorized representatives with full knowledge of and agreement with its terms and conditions.

[CONTRACTOR NAME]	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICU		
By:	Ву:		
Name:	Name:		
Title:	Title:		
Date:	Date:		

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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EXHIBIT C



STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

20 Trinity Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1628

SEEC FORM 11

CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

Rev. 1/11

NOTICE TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE CONTRACTORS AND PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

This notice is provided under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes §9-612(g)(2), as amended by P.A. 10-1, and is for the purpose of informing state contractors and prospective state contractors of the following law (italicized words are defined on the reverse side of this page).

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AND SOLICITATION LIMITATIONS

No state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee (which includes town committees).

In addition, no holder or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall make a contribution to (i) an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State senator or State representative, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

On and after January 1, 2011, no state contractor, prospective state contractor, principal of a state contractor or principal of a prospective state contractor, with regard to a state contract or state contract solicitation with or from a state agency in the executive branch or a

quasi-public agency or a holder, or principal of a holder of a valid prequalification certificate, shall **knowingly** *solicit* contributions from the state contractor's or prospective state contractor's employees or from a *subcontractor* or *principals* of the *subcontractor* on behalf of (i)

an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor,

Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) a political committee authorized to make contributions or expenditures to or for the benefit of such candidates, or (iii) a party committee.

DUTY TO INFORM

State contractors and prospective state contractors are required to inform their principals of the above prohibitions, as applicable, and the possible penalties and other consequences of any violation thereof.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Contributions or solicitations of contributions made in violation of the above prohibitions may result in the following civil and criminal penalties:

<u>Civil penalties</u>—Up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contribution, whichever is greater, against a principal or a contractor. Any state contractor or prospective state contractor which fails to make reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions requiring notice to its principals of these prohibitions and the possible consequences of their violations may also be subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,000 or twice the amount of the prohibited contributions made by their principals.

<u>Criminal penalties</u>—Any knowing and willful violation of the prohibition is a Class D felony, which may subject the violator to imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or not more than \$5,000 in fines, or both.

CONTRACT CONSEQUENCES

In the case of a state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions may resulting the contract being voided.

In the case of a prospective state contractor, contributions made or solicited in violation of the above prohibitions shall result in the contract described in the state contract solicitation not being awarded to the prospective state contractor, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

The State shall not award any other state contract to anyone found in violation of the above prohibitions for a period of one year after the election for which such contribution is made or solicited, unless the State Elections Enforcement Commission determines that mitigating circumstances exist concerning such violation.

Additional information may be found on the website of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, www.ct.gov/seec. Click on the link to "Lobbyist/Contractor Limitations."

DEFINITIONS

"State contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that enters into a state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a state contractor until December thirty-first of the year in which such contract terminates. "State contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Prospective state contractor" means a person, business entity or nonprofit organization that (i) submits a response to a state contract solicitation by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, or a proposal in response to a request for proposals by the state, a state agency or a quasi-public agency, until the contract has been entered into, or (ii) holds a valid prequalification certificate issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services under section 4a-100. "Prospective state contractor" does not include a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a state contractor or prospective state contractor, which is not a business entity, or if a state contractor or prospective state contractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any state contractor or prospective state contractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the state contractor or prospective state contractor.

"State contract" means an agreement or contract with the state or any state agency or any quasi-public agency, let through a procurement process or otherwise, having a value of fifty thousand dollars or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars or more in a calendar year, for (i) the rendition of services, (ii) the furnishing of any goods, material, supplies, equipment or any items of any kind, (iii) the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work, (iv) the acquisition, sale or lease of any land or building, (v) a licensing arrangement, or (vi) a grant, loan or loan guarantee. "State contract" does not include any agreement or contract with the state, any state agency or any quasi-public agency that is exclusively federally funded, an education loan, a loan to an individual for other than commercial purposes or any agreement or contract between the state or any state agency and the United States Department of the Navy or the United States Department of Defense.

"State contract solicitation" means a request by a state agency or quasi-public agency, in whatever form issued, including, but not limited to, an invitation to bid, request for proposals, request for information or request for quotes, inviting bids, quotes or other types of submittals, through a competitive procurement process or another process authorized by law waiving competitive procurement.

"Managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a state contract" means having direct, extensive and substantive responsibilities with respect to the negotiation of the state contract and not peripheral, clerical or ministerial responsibilities.

"Dependent child" means a child residing in an individual's household who may legally be claimed as a dependent on the federal income tax of such individual.

"Solicit" means (A) requesting that a contribution be made, (B) participating in any fund-raising activities for a candidate committee, exploratory committee, political committee or party committee, including, but not limited to, forwarding tickets to potential contributors, receiving contributions for transmission to any such committee or bundling contributions, (C) serving as chairperson, treasurer or deputy treasurer of any such committee, or (D) establishing a political committee for the sole purpose of soliciting or receiving contributions for any committee. Solicit does not include: (i) making a contribution that is otherwise permitted by Chapter 155 of the Connecticut General Statutes; (ii) informing any person of a position taken by a candidate for public office or a public official, (iii) notifying the person of any activities of, or contact information for, any candidate for public office; or (iv) serving as a member in any party committee or as an officer of such committee that is not otherwise prohibited in this section.

"Subcontractor" means any person, business entity or nonprofit organization that contracts to perform part or all of the obligations of a state contractor's state contract. Such person, business entity or nonprofit organization shall be deemed to be a subcontractor until December thirty first of the year in which the subcontract terminates. "Subcontractor" does not include (i) a municipality or any other political subdivision of the state, including any entities or associations duly created by the municipality or political subdivision exclusively amongst themselves to further any purpose authorized by statute or charter, or (ii) an employee in the executive or legislative branch of state government or a quasi-public agency, whether in the classified or unclassified service and full or part-time, and only in such person's capacity as a state or quasi-public agency employee.

"Principal of a subcontractor" means (i) any individual who is a member of the board of directors of, or has an ownership interest of five per cent or more in, a subcontractor, which is a business entity, except for an individual who is a member of the board of directors of a nonprofit organization, (ii) an individual who is employed by a subcontractor, which is a business entity, as president, treasurer or executive vice president, (iii) an individual who is the chief executive officer of a subcontractor, which is not a business entity, or if a subcontractor has no such officer, then the officer who duly possesses comparable powers and duties, (iv) an officer or an employee of any subcontractor who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to a subcontract with a state contractor, (v) the spouse or a dependent child who is eighteen years of age or older of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (vi) a political committee established or controlled by an individual described in this subparagraph or the business entity or nonprofit organization that is the subcontractor.