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Office of Purchasing, Travel & Fleet Management



**Master Agreement #8200060941 with HME, Ahrens-Fox, Inc. for Fire Trucks and Fire Apparatus**

**The State of Mississippi on behalf of the  
NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization**

Under the Authority of  
State of Mississippi, Section 31-7-1, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated

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## **1.0 OVERVIEW**

### **1.1 MASTER AGREEMENT SCOPE**

The purpose of this Master Agreement is the purchase of vendor-provided equipment and services for Fire Trucks and Fire Apparatus. Contracts may be established with one or more vendors for each of these services and may be modified as necessary to add new technology or enhancements to existing equipment/service available from the Contractor.

### **1.2 MASTER AGREEMENT SCOPE AND MODIFICATIONS**

The State of Mississippi (SOM) reserves the right to modify this Master Agreement by mutual agreement between the SOM and the Contractor, so long as such modification is substantially within the scope of the original Master Agreement. Such modifications will be evidenced by issuance of a written authorized amendment by the Master Agreement Administrator.

### **1.3 RECITALS**

The State of Mississippi (acting as the Lead State for the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization), acting by and through the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of purchasing equipment and services for Fire Trucks and Fire Apparatus in accordance with its authority under 31-7-1, et seq., of Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

HME Ahrens-Fox, Inc. submitted a timely Response to the SOM's Solicitation (incorporated by reference).

The SOM evaluated all properly submitted Responses to the above-referenced RFP and has identified HME Ahrens-Fox, Inc. as one of the apparently successful Contractors.

The SOM has determined that entering into a Master Agreement with HME Ahrens-Fox, Inc. for the attached categories of Fire Trucks and Fire Apparatus will meet the needs, and be in the best interest of SOM and NASPO ValuePoint.

NOW THEREFORE, SOM awards to HME Ahrens-Fox, Inc. this Master Agreement, the terms and conditions of which shall govern Contractor's furnishing to Purchasing Entities the equipment and services identified herein. This Master Agreement is not for personal use.

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises as hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

### **1.4 INDEFINITE QUANTITY**

The SOM/NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization does not represent or guarantee any minimum level of purchase.

### **1.5 MASTER AGREEMENT TERM**

The initial term of this Master Agreement is from the date of last signature through December 31, 2024, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year term(s) or portions thereof. Extensions for each additional term shall be offered at the sole discretion of the SOM and are subject to written mutual agreement. The total Master Agreement term, including the initial term and all subsequent extensions, shall not exceed five (5) years unless an emergency exists and/or special circumstances require a partial term extension. The SOM reserves the right to extend with all or some of the Contractors, solely determined by the SOM.

## **2.0 MASTER AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1 SOM MASTER AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

The SOM shall appoint a single point of contact that will be the Master Agreement Administrator for this Master Agreement and will provide oversight of the activities conducted hereunder. The Master Agreement Administrator will be the principal contact for Contractor concerning business activities under this Master Agreement. The SOM will notify Contractor, in writing, when there is a new Master Agreement Administrator assigned to this Master Agreement.

### **2.2 ADMINISTRATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT**

SOM will maintain Master Agreement information and pricing and make it available on the DFA web site.

### **2.3 CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION AND COORDINATION**

Contractor shall:

1. Competently and efficiently, supervise and coordinate the implementation and completion of all Master Agreement requirements specified herein;
2. Identify the Contractor's Representative, who will be the principal point of contact for the SOM Master Agreement Administrator concerning Contractor's performance under this Master Agreement;
3. Immediately notify the Master Agreement Administrator in writing of any change of the designated Contractor's Representative assigned to this Master Agreement;
4. Agree that any violation of any provision of this paragraph may be considered a material breach establishing grounds for Master Agreement termination; and
5. Be bound by all written communications given to or received from the Contractor's Representative.

### **2.4 POST AWARD CONFERENCE**

The Contractor may be required to attend a post award conference scheduled by the Procurement Coordinator to discuss Master Agreement performance requirements. The time and place of this conference will be scheduled following Master Agreement award.

### **2.5 MASTER AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT**

Upon award of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall:

1. Review the impact of the award and take the necessary steps needed to ensure that contractual obligations will be fulfilled.
2. Promote and market the use of this Master Agreement to all authorized Master Agreement Participating/Purchasing Entities.
3. Ensure that those who endeavor to utilize this Master Agreement are Authorized Purchasers and authorized Participating or Purchasing Entities under the terms and conditions of this Master Agreement.
4. At no additional charge, assist Participating and Purchasing Entities in the following manner to make the most cost effective, value based, purchases including, but not limited to:
  - a) Visiting the Participating/Purchasing Entity's site and providing them with materials/supplies/equipment recommendations.

- b) Providing Participating/Purchasing Entities with a detailed list of Master Agreement products and services including current Master Agreement pricing.
- 5. Designate a customer service representative who will be responsible for addressing Participating/Purchasing Entities issues including, but not limited to:
  - a) Logging requests for service, ensuring equipment repairs are completed in a timely manner, dispatching service technicians, and processing warranty claim documentation.
  - b) Providing Participating/Purchasing Entities with regular and timely status updates in the event of an order or repair fulfillment delay.
  - c) Act as the lead and liaison between the Contractor and Participating/Purchasing Entities in resolving warranty claims for Master Agreement items purchased.

## **2.6 CHANGES**

Alterations to any of the terms, conditions, or requirements of this Master Agreement shall only be effective upon written issuance of a mutually agreed Master Agreement Amendment by the Master Agreement Administrator. However, changes to point of contact information may be updated without the issuance of a mutually agreed Master Agreement Amendment.

## **2.9 MISSISSIPPI'S STATEWIDE VENDOR PAYMENT REGISTRATION**

Contractors are required to be registered in the Statewide Vendor Payment system, prior to submitting a request for payment from Purchasing Entities located within the State of Mississippi under this Master Agreement. Purchasing Entities who are Mississippi state agencies require registration to be completed prior to payment.

## **2.10 SALES & SUBCONTRACTOR REPORTS**

The Contractor shall provide a Sales and Subcontractor Report to the DFA Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management on a quarterly basis in an electronic format.

Reports must be submitted electronically within thirty (30) days after the end of the calendar quarter, i.e., no later than April 30th, July 31st, October 31st and January 31st.

## **2.12 MISSISSIPPI'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS SOLUTION (MAGIC)**

Contractor shall be registered in the Contractor registration system, MAGIC, <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mississippi-suppliers-vendors/supplier-self-service/>. Contractors already registered need not re-register. It is the sole responsibility of Contractor to properly register with MAGIC and maintain an accurate Contractor profile in MAGIC.

# **3.0 PRICING**

## **3.1 PRICE PROTECTION**

Contractor warrants that prices of materials, supplies, services, and/or equipment set forth herein do not exceed those charged by the Contractor to any other customer purchasing the same under similar conditions and in like or similar quantities.

## **3.2 NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

Unless otherwise specified herein, no additional charges by the Contractor will be allowed including, but not limited to: handling charges such as packing, wrapping, bags, containers, reels; or the processing fees associated with the use of credit cards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event

that market conditions, laws, regulations or other unforeseen factors dictate, at the Master Agreement Administrator's sole discretion, additional charges may be allowed.

### **3.3 VOLUME/PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS**

Master Agreement prices are the maximum or ceiling price Contractor can charge. The Contractor may also offer volume and/or promotional price discounts to Participating/Purchasing Entities.

### **3.4 NEW PRODUCTS/SERVICES**

A Contractor may propose a revision to its Master Agreement offerings to reflect technical product upgrades or other changed products and/or services appropriate to the scope of the Master Agreement. These proposed new products/services with associated pricing may be provided to the SOM Master Agreement Administrator for approval. Master Agreement Administrator has the sole discretion to accept or reject such product/service offerings and pricing. New or changed products/services proposed by Contractor must meet the requirements established in the original solicitation document or subsequent revisions. If approved by SOM, the new products/services will be added to the Master Agreement by written amendment.

### **3.5 PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

At least one hundred twenty (120) calendar days before the end of the current term of this Master Agreement and subsequent extension periods, Contractor may propose purchase price rate increases by written notice to the SOM's Master Agreement Administrator. Price adjustments may be taken into consideration by the SOM's Master Agreement Administrator when determining whether to extend this Master Agreement. Price increases will not be considered without supporting documentation sufficient to justify the requested increase. Contractor shall provide a detailed breakdown of their costs upon request.

**Contractors shall not make Master Agreement extensions contingent on price adjustments.**

Documentation must be based on published indices, such as the Producer Price Index and/or the result of increases at the manufacturer's level, incurred after Master Agreement commencement date. The grant of any price adjustment will be at the sole discretion of the SOM and, if granted, shall not produce a higher profit margin for the Contractor than that established by the original Master Agreement pricing. The Contractor shall be notified in writing by the Master Agreement Administrator of any price adjustment granted by the SOM, and such price adjustment shall be set forth in a written amendment to the Master Agreement.

No retroactive adjustments to prices or rates will be allowed.

## **4.0 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 ESTABLISHED BUSINESS**

Prior to commencing performance, or prior to that time if required by the SOM, law or regulation, Contractor must be an established business firm with all required licenses, fees, bonding, facilities, equipment and trained personnel necessary to meet all requirements and perform the work as specified in the Solicitation. Contractor shall maintain compliance with these requirements throughout the life of this Master Agreement.

The SOM reserves the right to require receipt of proof of compliance with said requirements within ten (10) calendar days from the date of request, and to terminate this Master Agreement as a material breach for noncompliance with any requirement of this paragraph.

## **4.2 USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS**

In accordance with RFP requirements, Contractor agrees to take complete responsibility for all actions of its Subcontractors.

Prior to performance, Contractor shall identify all subcontractors who will perform services in fulfillment of Master Agreement requirements, including their name, the nature of services to be performed, address, telephone, facsimile, email, federal tax identification number (TIN), and anticipated dollar value of each subcontract:

The SOM reserves the right to approve or reject any and all Subcontractors that are identified by the Contractor. Any Subcontractors not listed in the Bidder's Response, who are engaged by the Contractor, must be pre-approved, in writing, by the SOM.

## **4.3 SUBCONTRACTS AND ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor shall not Subcontract, assign, or otherwise transfer its obligations under this Master Agreement without the prior written consent of the Master Agreement Administrator. Contractor shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days advance notification of intent to Subcontract, assign, or otherwise transfer its obligations under this Master Agreement. Violation of this condition may be considered a material breach establishing grounds for Master Agreement termination. The Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that all requirements of the Master Agreement shall flow down to any and all Subcontractors. In no event shall the existence of a Subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of Contractor to the State for any breach in the performance of the Contractor's duties.

## **4.4 CONTRACTOR AUTHORITY AND INFRINGEMENT**

Contractor is authorized to sell under this Master Agreement, only those materials, supplies, services and/or equipment as stated herein and allowed for by the provisions of this Master Agreement. Contractor shall not represent to any Purchasing Entity that they have the Master Agreement authority to sell any other materials, supplies, services and/or equipment. Further, when selling to any Purchasing Entity in the State of Mississippi, Contractor may not intentionally infringe on other established Mississippi State Contracts.

## **4.5 MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP**

The Contractor shall be required to furnish all materials, supplies, equipment and/or services necessary to perform Contractual requirements. Materials, supplies and workmanship used in the construction of equipment for this Master Agreement shall conform to all applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations and requirements for such equipment, specifications contained herein, and the normal uses for which intended. Materials, supplies and equipment shall be manufactured in accordance with the best commercial practices and standards for this type of materials, supplies, and equipment.

# **5.0 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**

## **5.1 ORDER FULFILLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Authorized Purchasing Entities may place orders against this Master Agreement either in person, electronically, facsimile or by phone. Once an order is issued, the following shall apply:

1. For purposes of price verification and auditing, upon receipt of a purchase order the Contractor shall send the Purchasing Entity an order confirmation notification that identifies applicable Master Agreement prices to be applied to the order.
2. Upon the request of the Purchasing Entity, the Contractor shall supply Purchasing Entity documentation needed to verify Master Agreement pricing compliance.
3. Product damaged prior to acceptance will either be replaced or repaired in an expedited manner at Contractor's expense. Alternatively, at the Purchasing Entity's option, any possible damage to the product can be noted on the receiving report and the cost deducted from final payment.

The Contractor is responsible to verify delivery conditions/requirements with the Purchasing Entity prior to the delivery.

## **5.2 EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION**

During the term of the Master Agreement the Contractor may be requested by a Participating/Purchasing Entity to provide an on-site demonstration of the equipment and services available through this Master Agreement. Such demonstration(s) shall be provided at no additional cost to the Participating/Purchasing Entity at a mutually agreed upon date and location.

## **5.3 SHIPPING AND RISK OF LOSS**

Contractor shall ship all Products purchased pursuant to this Master Agreement, freight prepaid, FOB Purchasing Entity's specified destination. The method of shipment shall be consistent with the nature of the Products and hazards of transportation. Regardless of FOB point, Contractor agrees to bear all risks of loss, damage, or destruction of the Products ordered hereunder that occurs prior to delivery, except loss or damage attributable to Purchasing Entity's fault or negligence; and such loss, damage, or destruction shall not release Contractor from any obligation hereunder. After delivery, the risk of loss or damage shall be borne by Purchasing Entity, except loss or damage attributable to Contractor's fault or negligence.

## **5.4 DELIVERY**

The Contractor shall provide the following delivery options as specified below to all purchasing entities. The purchasing entity shall be permitted to select the most cost effective delivery options best meeting their needs.

**"We Pay Freight"** - this option includes, but is not limited to, the following; no additional handling fees, other charges shall be permitted. Purchasing entity shall make arrangements to have its designated representatives pick-up the unit.

**FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid and Added to the invoice** – the Contractor must ship FOB destination, Freight Prepaid and may add only the freight charges incurred to the invoice. No other charges shall be included in the freight charge.

**FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid** – the Contractor shall make freight arrangements and deliver to any destination within the United States. Freight shall be included in the price per unit for the final destination.

The tax rules with respect to other Participating Entities may vary and are expected to be addressed in the Participating Addenda.

## **5.5 SITE SECURITY**

While on Participating/Purchasing Entity's premises, Contractor, its agents, employees, or Subcontractors shall conform in all respects with physical, fire, or other security regulations.

## **5.6 INSPECTION AND REJECTION**

The Purchasing Entity's inspection of all materials, supplies and equipment upon delivery is for the purpose of forming a judgment as to whether such delivered items are what was ordered, were properly delivered and ready for Acceptance. Such inspection shall not be construed as final acceptance, or as acceptance of the materials, supplies or equipment, if the materials, supplies or equipment do not conform to contractual requirements. If there are any apparent defects in the materials, supplies, or equipment at the time of delivery, the Purchasing Entity will promptly notify the Contractor. Without limiting any other rights, including those set forth in Section 16 of Appendix B: NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to: (1) repair or replace, at Contractor's expense, any or all of the damaged goods; (2) refund the price of any or all of the damaged goods; or (3) accept the return of any or all of the damaged goods.

## **5.7 TREATMENT OF ASSETS**

1. Title to all property furnished by the Purchasing Entity shall remain with the Purchasing Entity, as appropriate. Title to all property furnished by the Contractor, the cost for which the Contractor is entitled to be reimbursed as a direct item of cost under this Master Agreement, shall pass to and vest in the Purchasing Entity upon delivery of such property by the Contractor and acceptance by the Purchasing Entity. Title to other property, the cost of which is reimbursable to the Contractor under this Master Agreement, shall pass to and vest in the Purchasing Entity upon (i) issuance for use of such property in the performance of this Master Agreement, or (ii) commencement of use of such property in the performance of this Master Agreement, or (iii) reimbursement of the cost thereof by the Purchasing Entity in whole or in part, whichever first occurs.
2. Any property of the Purchasing Entity furnished to the Contractor shall, unless otherwise provided herein or approved by the Purchasing Entity, be used only for the performance of this Master Agreement.
3. The Contractor shall be responsible for damages as a result of any loss or damage to property of the Purchaser which results from the negligence of the Contractor or which results from the failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain, administer and protect that property in a reasonable manner and to the extent practicable in all instances.
4. If any Purchasing Entity property is lost, destroyed, or damaged, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Purchasing Entity and shall take all reasonable steps to protect the property from further damage.
5. The Contractor shall surrender to the Purchasing Entity all property of the Purchasing Entity prior to settlement upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Master Agreement.
6. All references to the Contractor under this clause shall also include Contractor's employees, agents and Subcontractors.

## **6.0 PAYMENT**

### **6.1 ADVANCE PAYMENT PROHIBITED**

No advance payment shall be made for the Products and Services furnished by Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement.

### **6.2 IDENTIFICATION**

All invoices, packing lists, packages, instruction manuals, correspondence, shipping notices, shipping containers, and other written materials associated with this Master Agreement shall be identified by the Master Agreement number and the applicable Purchasing Entity's order number. Packing lists shall be enclosed with each shipment and clearly identify all contents and any backorders.

### **6.3 PAYMENT, INVOICING AND DISCOUNTS**

Payment is the sole responsibility of, and will be made by, the Purchasing Entity.

Contractor shall provide a properly completed invoice to Purchasing Entity. All invoices are to be delivered to the address indicated in the purchase order.

Each invoice shall be identified by the associated NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Number; the Purchasing Entity's contract/purchase order number (as applicable) and shall be in U.S. dollars. Invoices shall be prominently annotated by the Contractor with all applicable prompt payment and/or volume discount(s) and shipping charges unless otherwise specified in the Solicitation. Hard copy credit memos are to be issued when the State has been overcharged.

Invoices for payment will accurately reflect all discounts due the Purchasing Entity. Invoices will not be processed for payment, nor will the period of prompt payment discount commence, until receipt of a properly completed invoice denominated in U.S. dollars and until all invoiced items are received and satisfactory performance of Contractor has been accepted by the Purchasing Entity. If an adjustment in payment is necessary due to damage or dispute, any prompt payment discount period shall commence on the date final approval for payment is authorized.

Payment for materials, supplies and/or equipment received and for services rendered shall be made by Purchasing Entity and be redeemable in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, the Purchaser's/Participating Entity's sole responsibility shall be to issue this payment. Any bank or transaction fees or similar costs associated with currency exchange procedures or the use of purchasing/credit cards shall be fully assumed by the Contractor.

### **6.4 TAXES, FEES AND LICENSES**

#### **Taxes:**

Where required by statute or regulation, the Contractor shall pay for and maintain in current status all taxes that are necessary for Master Agreement performance. No charge by the Contractor shall be made for federal excise taxes and the Participating/Purchasing Entity agrees to furnish Contractor with an exemption certificate where appropriate.

#### **Fees/Licenses:**

After award of Master Agreement, and prior to commencing performance under the Master Agreement, the Contractor shall pay for and maintain in a current status any licenses, fees, assessments, permit charges, etc., which are necessary for Master Agreement performance. It is the Contractor's sole responsibility to maintain licenses and to monitor and determine any changes or the

enactment of any subsequent regulations for said fees, assessments, or charges and to immediately comply with said changes or regulations during the entire term of this Master Agreement.

## **6.5 OVERPAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR**

Contractor shall refund to Participating/Purchasing Entity the full amount of any erroneous payment or overpayment under this Master Agreement within thirty (30) days' written notice. If Contractor fails to make timely refund, Purchaser may charge Contractor one percent (1.5%) per month on the amount due, until paid in full.

## **6.6 AUDITS**

The SOM Master Agreement Administrator and/or the Participating/Purchasing Entity reserves the right to audit, or have a designated third party audit, applicable records to ensure that the Participating/Purchasing Entity has been properly invoiced. Any remedies and penalties allowed by law to recover monies determined owed will be enforced. Repetitive instances of incorrect invoicing may be considered complete cause for Master Agreement termination.

# **7.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

## **7.1 RIGHT OF INSPECTION**

Contractor shall provide right of access to its facilities to SOM, or any of SOM's officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the State of Mississippi or other Participating Entity, or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Master Agreement.

## **7.2 CONTRACTOR COMMITMENTS, WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS**

Any written commitment by Contractor within the scope of this Master Agreement shall be binding upon Contractor. Failure of Contractor to fulfill such a commitment may constitute breach and shall render Contractor liable for damages under the terms of this Master Agreement. For purposes of this section, a commitment by Contractor includes: (i) Prices, discounts, and options committed to remain in force over a specified period of time; and (ii) any warranty or representation made by Contractor in its Response to the RFP or contained in any Contractor or manufacturer publications, written materials, schedules, charts, diagrams, tables, descriptions, other written representations, and any other communication medium accompanying or referred to in its Response or used to effect the sale to Purchaser.

## **7.3 PRODUCT WARRANTY**

Warranty(ies): Unless otherwise specified, full parts and labor warranty period shall be for a minimum period of one (1) year after receipt of materials or equipment by the Purchaser. All materials or equipment provided shall be new and unused of the latest model or design and of recent manufacture.

In the event of conflict between Master Agreement terms and conditions and Contractor's submitted warranty, the Master Agreement terms and conditions shall prevail; except, to afford the Participating/Purchasing Entity maximum benefits, the SOM may avail itself of the Contractor's warranty if deemed more beneficial to the Participating/Purchasing Entity.

## **7.4 WARRANTIES**

Contractor warrants that all materials, supplies, services and/or equipment provided under this Master Agreement shall be fit for the purpose(s) for which intended, for merchantability, and shall conform to the requirements and specifications herein. Acceptance of any materials, supplies,

service and/or equipment, and inspection incidental thereto, by the Purchaser shall not alter or affect the obligations of the Contractor or the rights of the Purchaser.

The Contractor warrants for a period of one year(s) from the date of Acceptance that: (a) the Product performs according to all specific claims that the Contractor made in its response to the solicitation, (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, (c) the Product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the solicitation or for which the Participating Entity has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment, (d) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner, and (e) the Product is free of defects. Upon breach of the warranty, the Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Participating Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### **7.6 COST OF REMEDY**

Cost of Remedying Defects: All direct, indirect and consequential costs of correcting, removing or replacing any or all of the defective materials or equipment will be charged against the Contractor.

#### **7.8 TRAINING**

Customer training shall be as specified in the RFP.

### **8.0 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **8.1 ADVERTISING**

Contractor shall not publish or use any information concerning this Master Agreement in any format or media for advertising or publicity without prior written consent from the SOM Master Agreement Administrator.

#### **8.2 RETENTION OF RECORDS**

The Contractor shall maintain all books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this Master Agreement and the provision of materials, supplies, services and/or equipment described herein, including, but not limited to, accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Master Agreement. Contractor shall retain such records for a period of seven (7) years following the date of final payment. At no additional cost, these records, including materials generated under the Master Agreement, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by the SOM, personnel duly authorized by the SOM, personnel duly authorized by the Purchasing Entity, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement.

If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the seven (7) year period, the records shall be retained until final resolution of all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records.

#### **8.3 PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

The SOM shall maintain the confidentiality of Contractor's information marked confidential or proprietary. If a request is made to view Contractor's proprietary information, the SOM will notify

Contractor of the request and of the date that the records will be released to the requester unless Contractor obtains a court order enjoining that disclosure. If Contractor fails to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, the SOM will release the requested information on the date specified.

The SOM's sole responsibility shall be limited to maintaining the above data in a secure area and to notify Contractor of any request(s) for disclosure for so long as the SOM retains Contractor's information in the SOM records. Failure to so label such materials or failure to timely respond after notice of request for public disclosure has been given shall be deemed a waiver by Contractor of any claim that such materials are exempt from disclosure.

#### **8.4 NON-ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLICITY**

Neither the SOM nor the Purchasers/Participating Entities are endorsing the Contractor's Products or Services, nor suggesting that they are the best or only solution to their needs. Contractor agrees to make no reference to the State of Mississippi or Participating/Purchasing Entity in any literature, promotional material, brochures, sales presentation or the like, regardless of method of distribution, without the prior review and express written consent of the SOM and/or the impacted Participating Entity.

### **9.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **9.1 GOVERNING LAW/VENUE**

This Master Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in the Circuit Court of Hinds County, First Judicial District.

#### **9.2 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Master Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Master Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Master Agreement are declared to be severable.

#### **9.3 SURVIVORSHIP**

All transactions executed for Products and Services provided pursuant to the authority of this Master Agreement shall be bound by all of the terms, conditions, Prices and Price discounts set forth herein, notwithstanding the expiration of the initial term of this Master Agreement or any extension thereof. Further, the terms, conditions and warranties contained in this Master Agreement that by their sense and context are intended to survive the completion of the performance, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement shall so survive. In addition, the terms of the sections titled Overpayments to Contractor; Contractor's Commitments, Warranties and Representations; Protection of Confidential and Personal Information; Order of Precedence, Incorporated Documents, Conflict and Conformity; Non-Endorsement and Publicity; Retention of Records; Proprietary or Confidential Information; Disputes and Remedies; and Limitation of Liability shall survive the termination of this Master Agreement.

#### **9.4 INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

In the performance of this Master Agreement, the parties will be acting in their individual, corporate or governmental capacities and not as agents, employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this

Master Agreement. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor shall not make any claim of right, privilege or benefit which would accrue to an employee.

#### **9.5 GIFTS AND GRATUITIES**

Contractor shall comply with all state laws regarding gifts and gratuities, under which it is unlawful for any person to directly or indirectly offer, give or accept gifts, gratuities, loans, trips, favors, special discounts, services, or anything of economic value in conjunction with state business or Master Agreement activities.

#### **9.6 INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate DFA, the State of Mississippi, its Commissioners, Board Members, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, and attorneys' fees, arising out of or caused by Contractor's and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees, and/or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement. In the State's sole discretion, Contractor may be allowed to control the defense of any such claim, suit, etc. In the event Contractor defends said claim, suit, etc., Contractor shall use legal counsel acceptable to the State. Contractor shall be solely liable for all reasonable costs and/or expenses associated with such defense and the State shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Contractor shall not settle any claim, suit, etc., without the State's concurrence, which the State shall not unreasonably withhold.

#### **9.8 NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

In no event shall this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum or any Master Agreement or any purchase order issued thereunder, or any act of a Lead State or a Participating Entity, be a waiver by the Participating Entity of any form of defense or immunity, whether sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or otherwise, from any claim or from the jurisdiction of any court.

If a claim must be brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for the Participating State. This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating State only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the Participating State's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the Participating State to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the Participating State of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

#### **9.9 PERSONAL LIABILITY**

It is agreed by and between the parties hereto that in no event shall any official, officer, employee or agent of the State of Mississippi, when executing their official duties in good faith, be in any way personally liable or responsible for any agreement herein contained whether expressed or implied, nor for any statement or representation made herein or in any connection with this agreement.

#### **9.10 INSURANCE**

**General Requirements:**

Contractor shall, at their own expense, obtain and keep in force insurance as follows until completion of the Master Agreement. Upon request, Contractor shall furnish evidence in the form of a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the State of Mississippi that insurance, in the following kinds and minimum amounts, has been secured. Failure to provide proof of insurance, as required, will result in Master Agreement cancellation.

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under all required insurance policies, or shall furnish separate Certificates of Insurance and endorsements for each Subcontractor. Subcontractor(s) must comply fully with all insurance requirements stated herein. Failure of Subcontractor(s) to comply with insurance requirements does not limit Contractor's liability or responsibility.

All insurance provided in compliance with this Master Agreement shall be primary as to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to or maintained by the state.

**Specific Requirements:**

Employers Liability (Stop Gap): The Contractor will at all times comply with all applicable workers' compensation, occupational disease, and occupational health and safety laws, statutes, and regulations to the full extent applicable and will maintain Employers Liability insurance with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000.00. The State of Mississippi will not be held responsible in any way for claims filed by the Contractor or their employees for services performed under the terms of this Master Agreement.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall at all times during the term of this Master Agreement, carry and maintain commercial general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage arising out of services provided under this Master Agreement. This insurance shall cover such claims as may be caused by any act, omission, or negligence of the Contractor or its officers, agents, representatives, assigns, or servants.

The insurance shall also cover bodily injury, including disease, illness and death, and property damage arising out of the Contractor's premises/operations, products/completed operations, personal injury and advertising injury, and contractual liability, and contain separation of insured's (cross liability) conditions.

Contractor waives all rights against the State of Mississippi for the recovery of damages to the extent they are covered by general liability or umbrella insurance.

The limits of liability insurance shall not be less than as follows:

General Aggregate Limits (other than products-completed operations)	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Aggregate	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence (applies to all of the above)	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit (per occurrence)	\$ 50,000
Medical Expense Limit (any one person)	\$ 5,000

**Excess Coverage:**

The limits of all insurance required to be provided by the Contractor shall be no less than the minimum amounts specified. However, coverage in the amounts of these minimum limits shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor from liability in excess of such limits.

**Limit Adjustments:**

The State reserves the right to increase or decrease limits as appropriate.

## **9.12 NONDISCRIMINATION**

During the performance of this Master Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. section 12101 et. seq.; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## **9.13 OSHA REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor agrees to comply with conditions of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the standards and regulations issued there under, and certifies that all items furnished and purchased will conform to and comply with said laws, standards and regulations. Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Mississippi and Purchaser from all damages assessed against Purchaser as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with those laws, standards and regulations, and for the failure of the items furnished under the Master Agreement to so comply.

## **9.14 ANTITRUST**

The State maintains that, in actual practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are borne by the Purchaser. Therefore, the Contractor hereby assigns to the State of Mississippi any and all of the Contractor's claims for such price fixing or overcharges which arise under federal or state antitrust laws, relating to the materials, supplies, services and/or equipment purchased under this Master Agreement.

## **9.15 WAIVER**

Failure or delay of the State of Mississippi, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to insist upon the strict performance of any term or condition of the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order, or to exercise any right or remedy provided in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order, or by law; or the State of Mississippi's, Participating Entity's, or Purchasing Entity's acceptance of or payment for materials, supplies, services and/or equipment, shall not release the Contractor from any responsibilities or obligations imposed by this Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order, or by law, and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of the State of Mississippi, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to insist upon the strict performance of the entire agreement by the Contractor. In the event of any claim for breach of contract against the Contractor, no provision of this Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order, shall be construed, expressly or by implication, as a waiver by the State of Mississippi, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law.

## **9.16 APPLICABLE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

*Appendix B* titled: *NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Standard Terms and Conditions*, shall supplement the terms and conditions appearing elsewhere within this Master Agreement.

# **10.0 DISPUTES AND REMEDIES**

## **10.1 PROBLEM RESOLUTION AND DISPUTES**

Problems arising out of the performance of this Master Agreement shall be resolved in a timely manner at the lowest possible level with authority to resolve such problem. If a problem persists and cannot be resolved, it may be escalated within each organization.

In the event a bona fide dispute concerning a question of fact arises between the State of Mississippi or the Purchaser and Contractor and it cannot be resolved between the parties through the normal escalation processes, either party may initiate the dispute resolution procedure provided herein.

The initiating party shall reduce its description of the dispute to writing and deliver it to the responding party. The responding party shall respond in writing within three (3) Business Days. The initiating party shall have three (3) Business Days to review the response. If after this review a resolution cannot be reached, both parties shall have three (3) Business Days to negotiate in good faith to resolve the dispute.

If the dispute cannot be resolved after three (3) Business Days, a Dispute Resolution Panel may be requested in writing by either party who shall also identify the first panel member. Within three (3) Business Days of receipt of the request, the other party will designate a panel member. Those two panel members will appoint a third individual to the Dispute Resolution Panel within the next three (3) Business Days.

The Dispute Resolution Panel will review the written descriptions of the dispute, gather additional information as needed, and render a decision on the dispute in the shortest practical time.

Each party shall bear the cost for its panel member and share equally the cost of the third panel member.

Both parties agree to exercise good faith in dispute resolution and to settle disputes prior to using a Dispute Resolution Panel whenever possible.

Unless irreparable harm will result, neither party shall commence litigation against the other before the Dispute Resolution Panel has issued its decision on the matter in dispute.

The State of Mississippi, the Purchaser and Contractor agree that, the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, they will continue without delay to carry out all their respective responsibilities under this Master Agreement that are not affected by the dispute.

If the subject of the dispute is the amount due and payable by Purchaser for materials, supplies, services and/or equipment being provided by Contractor, Contractor shall continue providing materials, supplies, services and/or equipment pending resolution of the dispute provided Purchaser pays Contractor the amount Purchaser, in good faith, believes is due and payable, and places in escrow the difference between such amount and the amount Contractor, in good faith, believes is due and payable.

## **10.2 ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION**

When it is in the best interest of the State, the State of Mississippi may at any time, and without cause, suspend the Master Agreement or any portion thereof for a period of not more than thirty (30) calendar days per event by written notice from the Master Agreement Administrator to the Contractor's Representative. Contractor shall resume performance on the next business day following the 30<sup>th</sup> day of suspension unless an earlier resumption date is specified in the notice of suspension. If no resumption date was specified in the notice of suspension, the Contractor can be demanded and required to resume performance within the 30 day suspension period by the Master Agreement Administrator providing the Contractor's Representative with written notice of such demand.

## **10.3 FORCE MAJEURE**

The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that causes a delay that is beyond the control of the party affected and could not have been avoided by exercising reasonable diligence. Force majeure shall include acts of God, war, riots, strikes, fire, floods, epidemics, or other similar occurrences.

Exceptions: Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other or deemed in breach under this Master Agreement if, and to the extent that, such party's performance of this Master Agreement is prevented by reason of force majeure.

Notification: If either party is delayed by force majeure, said party shall provide written notification within forty-eight (48) hours. The notification shall provide evidence of the force majeure to the satisfaction of the other party. Such delay shall cease as soon as practicable and written notification of same shall likewise be provided. So far as consistent with the Rights Reserved below, the time of completion shall be extended by Master Agreement amendment for a period of time equal to the time that the results or effects of such delay prevented the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Master Agreement.

Rights Reserved: The State of Mississippi reserves the right to authorize an amendment to this Master Agreement, terminate the Master Agreement, and/or purchase materials, supplies, equipment and/or services from the best available source during the time of force majeure, and Contractor shall have no recourse against the SOM or any Participating/Purchasing Entity.

#### **10.4 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FEES AND COSTS**

In the event that the parties engage in mediation or any other alternative dispute resolution forum to resolve a dispute in lieu of litigation, both parties shall share equally in the cost of the alternative dispute resolution method, including cost of mediator. In addition, each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys' fees incurred as a result of the alternative dispute resolution method.

#### **10.5 NON-EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES**

The remedies provided for in this Master Agreement shall not be exclusive but are in addition to all other remedies available under law.

#### **10.6 FEDERAL FUNDING**

In the event that a federally funded acquisition results from this procurement, the Contractor may be required to provide additional information (free of charge) at the request of the State of Mississippi or Purchasing Entity. Further, the Contractor may be subject to those federal requirements specific to the commodity.

#### **10.7 FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING**

Contractor certifies that under the requirements of Lobbying Disclosure Act, 2 U.S.C., Section 1601 et seq., no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal Master Agreement, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal Master Agreement, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

#### **10.8 FEDERAL DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

The Contractor certifies, that neither it nor its "principals" (as defined in 49 CFR. 29.105 (p)) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

## **11.0 MASTER AGREEMENT TERMINATION**

### **11.1 MATERIAL BREACH**

A Contractor may be terminated for Cause by the State of Mississippi, at the sole discretion of the Master Agreement Administrator, for failing to perform a contractual requirement or for a material breach of any term or condition. Material breach of a term or condition of the Master Agreement may include but is not limited to:

1. Contractor failure to perform services or deliver materials, supplies, or equipment by the date required or by an alternate date as mutually agreed in a written amendment to the Master Agreement;
2. Contractor failure to carry out any warranty or failure to perform or comply with any mandatory provision of the Master Agreement;
3. Contractor becomes insolvent or in an unsound financial condition so as to endanger performance hereunder;
4. Contractor becomes the subject of any proceeding under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or relief from creditors and/or debtors that endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder;
5. Appointment of any receiver, trustee, or similar official for Contractor or any of the Contractor's property and such appointment endangers the Contractor's proper performance hereunder;
6. A determination that the Contractor is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations and that such determination renders the Contractor unable to perform any aspect of the Master Agreement.

### **11.2 OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

In the event that Contractor fails to perform a contractual requirement or materially breaches any term or condition, the State of Mississippi may issue a written cure notice. The Contractor may have a period of time in which to cure. The State of Mississippi is not required to allow the Contractor to cure defects if the opportunity for cure is not feasible as determined solely within the discretion of the State of Mississippi. Time allowed for cure shall not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for liquidated or other damages, or otherwise affect any other remedies available against Contractor under the Master Agreement or by law.

If the breach remains after Contractor has been provided the opportunity to cure, the State of Mississippi may do any one or more of the following:

1. Exercise any remedy provided by law;
2. Terminate this Master Agreement and any related Contracts or portions thereof;
3. Procure replacements and impose damages as set forth elsewhere in this Master Agreement;
4. Impose actual or liquidated damages;
5. Suspend or bar Contractor from receiving future Solicitations or other opportunities;
6. Require Contractor to reimburse the State, or a Purchasing Entity, for any loss or additional expense incurred as a result of default or failure to satisfactorily perform the terms of the Master Agreement.

### **11.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

In the event the Master Agreement Administrator, in its sole discretion, determines that the Contractor has failed to comply with the conditions of this Master Agreement in a timely manner or is in material breach, the Master Agreement Administrator has the right to suspend or terminate this Master Agreement, in part or in whole. The Master Agreement Administrator shall notify the Contractor in writing of the need to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within thirty (30) calendar days or as otherwise specified by the Master Agreement Administrator, or if such corrective action is deemed by the Master Agreement Administrator to be insufficient, the Master Agreement may be terminated. The Master Agreement Administrator reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Master Agreement, withhold further payments, or prohibit the Contractor from incurring additional obligations of funds during investigation of the alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Contractor or a decision by the Master Agreement Administrator to terminate the Master Agreement.

In the event of termination, the State of Mississippi shall have the right to procure for all Purchasers, in the state of Mississippi, any replacement materials, supplies, services and/or equipment that are the subject of this Master Agreement on the open market. In addition, the Contractor shall be liable for damages as authorized by law including, but not limited to, any price difference between the original Master Agreement and the replacement or cover Master Agreement and all administrative costs directly related to the replacement Master Agreement, e.g., cost of the competitive bidding, mailing, advertising and staff time.

If it is determined that: (1) the Contractor was not in material breach; or (2) failure to perform was outside of Contractor's or its Subcontractor's control, fault or negligence, the termination shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience". The rights and remedies of the State of Mississippi and/or the Purchaser provided in this Master Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.

### **11.4 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

Except as otherwise provided in this Master Agreement, the State of Mississippi, at the sole discretion of the Master Agreement Administrator, may terminate this Master Agreement, in whole or in part by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice beginning on the second day after mailing to the Contractor. If this Master Agreement is so terminated, Purchasing Entities shall be liable only for payment required under this Master Agreement for properly authorized services rendered, or materials, supplies and/or equipment delivered to and accepted by the Purchasing Entity prior to the effective date of Master Agreement termination. Neither the State of Mississippi nor the Purchasing Entity shall have any other obligation whatsoever to the Contractor for such termination. This Termination for Convenience clause may be invoked by the State of Mississippi when it is in the best interest of the State of Mississippi and/or NASPO ValuePoint.

### **11.5 TERMINATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORITY**

In the event that the State of Mississippi and/or Purchasing Entity's authority to perform any of its duties is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the commencement of this Master Agreement and prior to normal completion, the State of Mississippi may terminate this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Contractor.

### **11.6 TERMINATION FOR NON-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of the State to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Mississippi State Legislature and the receipt of state and/or federal funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the

agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to the State, the State shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the Contractor, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to the State of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### **11.7 TERMINATION FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The State of Mississippi may terminate this Master Agreement by written notice to Contractor if it is determined, after due notice and examination, that any party to this Master Agreement has violated any laws regarding ethics in public acquisitions and procurement and performance of contracts. In the event this Master Agreement is so terminated, the State of Mississippi and /or Purchasing Entity shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event that the Contractor breaches this Master Agreement.

#### **11.8 TERMINATION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT**

The State of Mississippi and the Contractor may terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part, at any time, by mutual agreement.

#### **11.9 TERMINATION PROCEDURE**

In addition to the procedures set forth below, if the State of Mississippi terminates this Master Agreement, Contractor shall follow any procedures the Master Agreement Administrator specifies in the termination notice.

Upon termination of this Master Agreement and in addition to any other rights provided in this Master Agreement, Master Agreement Administrator may require the Contractor to deliver to the Purchasing Entity any property specifically produced or acquired for the performance of such part of this Master Agreement as has been terminated. The provisions of the "Treatment of Assets" clause shall apply in such property transfer.

The Purchasing Entity shall pay to the Contractor the agreed upon price, if separately stated, for completed work and service(s) accepted by the Purchasing Entity, and the amount agreed upon by the Contractor and the Purchasing Entity for (i) completed materials, supplies, services rendered and/or equipment for which no separate price is stated, (ii) partially completed materials, supplies, services rendered and/or equipment, (iii) other materials, supplies, services rendered and/or equipment which are accepted by the Purchasing Entity, and (iv) the protection and preservation of property, unless the termination is for cause, in which case the State of Mississippi and the Purchasing Entity shall determine the extent of the liability of the Purchasing Entity. Failure to agree with such determination shall be a dispute within the meaning of the "Disputes" clause of this Master Agreement. The Purchasing Entity may withhold from any amounts due the Contractor such sum as the Master Agreement Administrator and Purchasing Entity determine to be necessary to protect the Purchasing Entity against potential loss or liability.

The rights and remedies of the State of Mississippi and/or the Purchasing Entity provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Master Agreement.

After receipt of a termination notice, and except as otherwise expressly directed in writing by the Master Agreement Administrator, the Contractor shall:

1. Stop all work, order fulfillment, shipments, and deliveries under the Master Agreement on the date, and to the extent specified, in the notice;
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, supplies, equipment and/or facilities in relation to the Master Agreement except as is necessary to complete or fulfill such portion of the Master Agreement that is not terminated;
3. Complete or fulfill such portion of the Master Agreement that is not terminated in compliance with all contractual requirements;
4. Assign to the Purchasing Entity, in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Master Agreement Administrator on behalf of the Purchasing Entity, all of the rights, title, and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the Purchasing Entity has the right, at its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
5. Settle all outstanding liabilities and all claims arising out of such termination of orders and subcontracts, with the approval or ratification of the Master Agreement Administrator and/or the Purchasing Entity to the extent Master Agreement Administrator and/or the Purchasing Entity may require, which approval or ratification shall be final for all the purposes of this clause;
6. Transfer title to the Purchasing Entity and deliver in the manner, at the times, and to the extent directed by the Master Agreement Administrator on behalf of the Purchasing Entity any property which, if the Master Agreement had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the Purchasing Entity;
7. Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Master Agreement Administrator and/or the Purchasing Entity may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Master Agreement which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the State of Mississippi and/or the Purchasing Entity has or may acquire an interest.

## **12.0 MASTER AGREEMENT EXECUTION**

### **12.1 PARTIES**

This Master Agreement ("Master Agreement") is entered into by and between the State of Mississippi, acting by and through the Department of Finance and Administration, an agency of the State of Mississippi located at 501 North West Street Suite 701-A, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, and HME, Ahrens-Fox Inc., a corporation licensed to conduct business in the state of Mississippi ("Contractor"), located at 1950 Byron Center Avenue, Wyoming MI 49519 for the purpose of providing products and services for Fire Trucks and Fire Apparatus.

### **12.2 ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Master Agreement document and all subsequently issued amendments comprise the entire agreement between the State of Mississippi and the Contractor. No other statements or representations, written or oral, shall be deemed a part of the Master Agreement.

### **12.3 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE, INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT AND CONFORMITY**

#### **Incorporated Documents:**

Each of the documents listed below is, by this reference, incorporated into this Master Agreement as though fully set forth herein.

1. The State of Mississippi's Solicitation document #**3120002260** with all attachments and exhibits, and all amendments thereto;
2. Contractor's response to the Solicitation #**3120002260**;
3. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
4. The terms and conditions contained on Purchasing Entity's Order Documents, if used; and
5. All Contractor or manufacturer publications, written materials and schedules, charts, diagrams, tables, descriptions, other written representations and any other supporting materials Contractor made available to Purchasing Entity and used to affect the sale of the Product and /or Service to the Purchasing Entity.

#### **Order of Precedence:**

In the event of a conflict in such terms, or between the terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

1. Applicable Federal statutes and regulations.
2. A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA").
3. Mutually agreed written amendments to this Master Agreement.
4. This Master Agreement Number 8200060941.
5. The Statement of Work or Work Order.
6. The State of Mississippi's Solicitation document with all attachments and exhibits, and all amendments thereto.
7. Contractor's response to the Solicitation.
8. Any other provision, term, or materials incorporated into the Master Agreement by reference.

**Conflict:** To the extent possible, the terms of this Master Agreement shall be read consistently.

**Conformity:** If any provision of this Master Agreement violates any Federal or State of Mississippi statute or rule of law, it is considered modified to conform to that statute or rule of law.

### **12.4 LEGAL NOTICES**

Any notice or demand or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Master Agreement or applicable law (except notice of malfunctioning Equipment) shall be effective only if it is in writing and signed by the applicable party, properly addressed, and either delivered in person, or by a recognized courier service, or deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, (postage prepaid), via facsimile or by electronic mail, to the parties at the addresses, fax numbers, or e-mail addresses provided in this section. For purposes of complying with any provision in this Master Agreement or applicable law that requires a "writing," such communication, when digitally transmitted, shall be considered to be "in writing" or "written" to an extent no less than if it were in paper form.

<b>To Contractor at:</b>	<b>To State of Mississippi at:</b>
HME,Ahrens-Fox Inc.	State of Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management
<b>Attn: Bill Doeblner</b>	<b>Attn: Ramona Jones</b>
1950 Byron Center Ave Wyoming, MI 49519	Mail: Street: 501 North West Street Suite 701-A Jackson, MS 39201
Phone: (616)534-1463	Phone: (601) 359-9335
Fax:	Fax: (601) 576-2740
E-mail: <a href="mailto:bdoebler@hmetruck.com">bdoebler@hmetruck.com</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:ramona.jones@dfa.ms.gov">ramona.jones@dfa.ms.gov</a>

Notices shall be effective upon receipt or four (4) Business Days after mailing, whichever is earlier. The notice address as provided herein may be changed by written notice given as provided above.

In the event that a subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party in any way concerning the Equipment or Services provided pursuant to this Master Agreement is served upon Contractor or State of Mississippi, such party agrees to notify the other party in the most expeditious fashion possible following receipt of such subpoena or other legal process. Contractor and the State of Mississippi further agree to cooperate with the other party in any lawful effort by the other party to contest the legal validity of such subpoena or other legal process commenced by a third party.

## **12.5 LIENS, CLAIMS AND ENCUMBRANCES**

All materials, equipment, supplies and/or services shall be free of all liens, claims, or encumbrances of any kind, and if the State of Mississippi or the Purchasing Entity requests, a formal release of same shall be delivered to the respective requestor.

## **12.6 AUTHORITY TO BIND**

The signatories to this Master Agreement represent that they have the authority to bind their respective organizations to this Master Agreement.

## **12.7 COUNTERPARTS**

This Master Agreement may be executed in counterparts or in duplicate originals. Each counterpart or each duplicate shall be deemed an original copy of this Master Agreement signed by each party, for all purposes.

## APPENDIX A STANDARD DEFINITIONS

This section contains definitions of terms commonly used in Solicitations conducted by the State of Mississippi.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>“Agency”</b> means any state board, commission, committee, council, university, department or unit thereof created by the Constitution or statutes if such board, commission, committee, council, university, department, unit or the head thereof is authorized to appoint subordinate staff by the Constitution or statute, except a legislative or judicial board, commission, committee, council, department or unit thereof; except a charter school authorized by the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board; and except the Mississippi State Port Authority.
<b>Authorized Purchaser</b>	<b>“Authorized Purchaser”</b> means an individual authorized by a Purchasing Entity to place orders against this Master Agreement.
<b>Award</b>	<b>“Award”</b> means the final execution of the Master Agreement document.
<b>Business Hours</b>	<b>“Business Hours”</b> means 8:00 AM thru 5:00 PM. CST
<b>Close of Business</b>	<b>“Close of Business”</b> means 5:00 PM. CST
<b>Trade Secrets and Confidential Commercial or Financial Information</b>	<b>“Trade Secrets and Confidential Commercial or Financial Information”</b> means records furnished to public bodies by third parties which contain trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under this chapter until notice to said third parties has been given, but such records shall be released within a reasonable period of time unless the said third parties shall have obtained a court order protecting such records as confidential
<b>Contract</b>	<b>“Contract”</b> means all types of Mississippi agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of commodities, equipment, services, or construction.
<b>Contractor</b>	<b>“Contractor”</b> means a party to this Master Agreement, whether a person or entity, that delivers goods or performs services under the terms set forth in this Master Agreement.

<b>Determination</b>	“ <b>Determination</b> ” means the written documentation of a decision of a procurement officer including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.
<b>Evaluation Committee</b>	“ <b>Evaluation Committee</b> ” means a body appointed to perform the evaluation of Offeror’s proposals.
<b>Evaluation Committee Report</b>	“ <b>Evaluation Committee Report</b> ” means a report prepared by the State of Mississippi Master Agreement Administrator and the Evaluation Committee for Master Agreement award. It will contain written determinations resulting from the procurement.
<b>Finalist</b>	“ <b>Finalist</b> ” means an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.
<b>State of Mississippi</b>	“ <b>State of Mississippi</b> ” means the State of Mississippi conducting this cooperative procurement, evaluation, and award.
<b>Mandatory</b>	“ <b>Mandatory</b> ” – the terms “must”, “shall”, “will”, “is required”, or “are required”, identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the Offeror’s proposal.
<b>Master Agreement</b>	“ <b>Master Agreement</b> ” means the underlying agreement executed by and between the State of Mississippi, acting on behalf of NASPO ValuePoint, and the Contractor, as now or hereafter amended.
<b>Minor Technical Irregularities</b>	“ <b>Minor Technical Irregularities</b> ” means anything in the proposal that does not affect the price quality and quantity or any other mandatory requirement.
<b>Multiple Source Award</b>	“ <b>Multiple Source Award</b> ” means an award of an indefinite quantity Master Agreement for one or more similar services, items of tangible personal property or construction to more than one Offeror.
<b>NASPO ValuePoint</b>	“ <b>NASPO ValuePoint</b> ” means the cooperative purchasing program of the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO).
<b>Offeror</b>	“ <b>Offeror</b> ” means the company or firm who submits a proposal in response to this Request for Proposal.

<b>Other Supporting Materials</b>	<b>“Other Supporting Materials”</b> means materials Offerors include to enhance their proposal.
<b>Participating Entity</b>	<b>“Participating Entity”</b> means a state, or other legal Entity, properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum.
<b>Price Agreement</b>	<b>“Price Agreement”</b> means a definite quantity Master Agreement or indefinite quantity Master Agreement which requires the contractor to furnish items of tangible personal property, services, or construction to a procuring agency or a local public body which issues a purchase order, if the purchase order is within the quantity limitations of the Master Agreement, if any.
<b>Prime Contractor</b>	<b>“Prime Contractor”</b> means the entity submitting the response to this RFP
<b>Agency Procurement Officer</b>	<b>“Agency Procurement Officer”</b> means any person duly authorized to enter into and administer contracts and make written determinations with respect thereto. The term also includes an authorized representative acting within the limits of authority.
<b>Purchasing Agency</b>	<b>“Purchasing Agency”</b> means any governmental body other than the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management which is authorized by regulations, or by way of delegation from the Chief Procurement Officer, to enter into contracts.
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>“Proposal”</b> means the official written response submitted by an Offeror in response to this Request for Proposal.
<b>Request for Proposals or RFP</b>	<b>“Request for Proposals” or “RFP”</b> means the entire solicitation document, including all parts, sections, exhibits, attachments, and Addenda.
<b>Responsible Offeror</b>	<b>“Responsible Offeror”</b> means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services, or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.
<b>Responsive Offer</b>	<b>“Responsive Offer”</b> means an offer that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals. Material respects of a Request for Proposals include, but are not limited to price, quality, quantity, or delivery requirements.

<b>Sealed</b>	<b>“Sealed”</b> in terms of a non-electronic submission means, that the proposal is enclosed in a package which is completely fastened in such a way that nothing can be added or removed. Open packages submitted will not be accepted except for packages that may have been damaged by the delivery service itself. The State reserves the right, however, to accept or reject packages where there may have been damage done by the delivery service itself. Whether a package has been damaged by the delivery service or left unfastened and should or should not be accepted is a determination to be made by the State of Mississippi Master Agreement Administrator. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to and concurs with this process and accepts the determination of the State of Mississippi Master Agreement Administrator in such cases. The sealed proposal will be used for the public file.
<b>Staff</b>	<b>“Staff”</b> means any individual who is a full-time, part-time, or an independently contracted employee with the Offeror’s company.
<b>Statement of Concurrence</b>	<b>“Statement of Concurrence”</b> means an affirmative statement from the Offeror to the required specification agreeing to comply and concur with the stated requirement(s). This statement shall be included in Offerors proposal. (E.g. “We concur”, “Understands and Complies”, “Comply”, “Will Comply if Applicable” etc.).
<b>Written</b>	<b>“Written”</b> means typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.



## APPENDIX B NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### I. Definitions

- 1.1 Acceptance** means acceptance of goods and services as set forth in Section IX of this Master Agreement.
- 1.2 Contractor** means a party to this Master Agreement, whether a person or entity, that delivers goods or performs services under the terms set forth in this Master Agreement.
- 1.3 Embedded Software** means one or more software applications which permanently reside on a computing device.
- 1.4 Intellectual Property** means any and all patents, copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade secrets, trade names, patentable inventions, or other similar proprietary rights, in tangible or intangible form, and all rights, title, and interest therein.
- 1.5 Lead State** means the State centrally administering any resulting Master Agreement(s) who is a party to this Master Agreement.
- 1.6 Master Agreement** means the underlying agreement executed by and between the Lead State, acting in cooperation with NASPO ValuePoint, and the Contractor, as now or hereafter amended.
- 1.7 NASPO ValuePoint** is a division of the National Association of State Procurement Officials ("NASPO"), a 501(c)(3) limited liability company. NASPO ValuePoint facilitates administration of the NASPO cooperative group contracting consortium of state chief procurement officials for the benefit of state departments, institutions, agencies, and political subdivisions and other eligible entities (i.e., colleges, school districts, counties, cities, some nonprofit organizations, etc.) for all states, the District of Columbia, and territories of the United States. NASPO ValuePoint is identified in the Master Agreement as the recipient of reports and may perform contract administration functions relating to collecting and receiving reports, as well as other contract administration functions as assigned by the Lead State.
- 1.8 Order or Purchase Order** means any purchase order, sales order, contract or other document used by a Purchasing Entity to order the Products.
- 1.9 Participating Addendum** means a bilateral agreement executed by a Contractor and a Participating Entity incorporating this Master Agreement and any additional Participating Entity-specific language or other requirements (*e.g.*, ordering

procedures specific to the Participating Entity, entity-specific terms and conditions, etc.).

- 1.10 Participating Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that has executed a Participating Addendum.
- 1.11 Participating State** means a state that has executed a Participating Addendum or has indicated an intent to execute a Participating Addendum.
- 1.12 Product or Products and Services** means any equipment, software (including embedded software), documentation, service, or other deliverable supplied or created by the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The term Product includes goods and services.
- 1.13 Purchasing Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues a Purchase Order against the Master Agreement and becomes financially committed to the purchase.

## **II. Term of Master Agreement**

- 2.1 Initial Term.** Refer to the Master Agreement Section 1.5 - “Master Agreement Term”.
- 2.2 Amendment Limitations.** The terms of this Master Agreement will not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written agreement of the Lead State and Contractor.
- 2.3 Amendment Term.** The term of the Master Agreement may be amended past the initial term and stated renewal periods for a reasonable period if in the judgment of the Lead State a follow-on competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed (despite good faith efforts) beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement. This subsection will not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law to otherwise negotiate contract extensions.

## **III. Order of Precedence**

- 3.1 Order.** See Master Agreement Section 12.3 Order of Precedence, Incorporated Documents, Conflict and Conformity
- 3.2 Participating Addenda.** Participating Addenda will not be construed to diminish, modify, or otherwise derogate any provisions in this Master Agreement between the Lead State and Contractor. Participating Addenda will not include a term of agreement that exceeds the term of the Master Agreement.

#### IV. Participants and Scope

- 4.1 Requirement for a Participating Addendum.** Contractor may not deliver Products under this Master Agreement until a Participating Addendum acceptable to the Participating Entity and Contractor is executed.
- 4.2 Applicability of Master Agreement.** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions are applicable to any Order by a Participating Entity (and other Purchasing Entities covered by their Participating Addendum), except to the extent altered, modified, supplemented or amended by a Participating Addendum, subject to Section III. For the purposes of illustration and not limitation, this authority may apply to unique delivery and invoicing requirements, confidentiality requirements, defaults on Orders, governing law and venue relating to Orders by a Participating Entity, indemnification, and insurance requirements. Statutory or constitutional requirements relating to availability of funds may require specific language in some Participating Addenda in order to comply with applicable law. The expectation is that these alterations, modifications, supplements, or amendments will be addressed in the Participating Addendum or, with the consent of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, may be included in the ordering document (*e.g.*, purchase order or contract) used by the Purchasing Entity to place the Order.
- 4.3 Authorized Use.** Use of specific NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreements by state agencies, political subdivisions and other Participating Entities is subject to applicable state law and the approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the respective State Chief Procurement Official.
- 4.4 Obligated Entities.** Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating Entities who have signed a Participating Addendum and Purchasing Entities within the scope of those Participating Addenda. States or other entities permitted to participate may use an informal competitive process to determine which Master Agreements to participate in through execution of a Participating Addendum. Participating Entities incur no financial obligations on behalf of other Purchasing Entities.
- 4.5 Notice of Participating Addendum.** Contractor shall email a fully executed PDF copy of each Participating Addendum to [pa@naspovaluepoint.org](mailto:pa@naspovaluepoint.org) to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate databases.
- 4.6 Eligibility for a Participating Addendum.** Eligible entities who are not states may under some circumstances sign their own Participating Addendum, subject to the consent of the Chief Procurement Official of the state where the entity is located. Coordinate requests for such participation through NASPO ValuePoint. Any permission to participate through execution of a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists; the entity must ensure that they have the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum.

- 4.7 Prohibition on Resale.** Subject to any specific conditions included in the solicitation or Contractor's proposal as accepted by the Lead State, or as explicitly permitted in a Participating Addendum, Purchasing Entities may not resell Products purchased under this Master Agreement. Absent any such condition or explicit permission, this limitation does not prohibit: payments by employees of a Purchasing Entity for Products; sales of Products to the general public as surplus property; and fees associated with inventory transactions with other governmental or nonprofit entities and consistent with a Purchasing Entity's laws and regulations. Any sale or transfer permitted by this subsection must be consistent with license rights granted for use of intellectual property.
- 4.8 Individual Customers.** Except as may otherwise be agreed to by the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, each Purchasing Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement and as the Participating Entity has in the Participating Addendum, including but not limited to any indemnity or right to recover any costs as such right is defined in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.
- 4.9 Release of Information.** Throughout the duration of this Master Agreement, Contractor must secure from the Lead State prior approval for the release of information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by the Master Agreement. This limitation does not preclude publication about the award of the Master Agreement or marketing activities consistent with any proposed and accepted marketing plan.
- 4.10 No Representations.** The Contractor shall not make any representations of NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, any Participating Entity, or any Purchasing Entity's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the services that are the subject of this Master Agreement without prior written consent.

## **V. NASPO ValuePoint Provisions**

- 5.1 Applicability.** NASPO ValuePoint is not a party to the Master Agreement. The terms set forth in Section V are for the benefit of NASPO ValuePoint as a third-party beneficiary of this Master Agreement.
- 5.2 Administrative Fees**
- 5.2.1 NASPO ValuePoint Fee.** Contractor shall pay to NASPO ValuePoint, or its assignee, a NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25% or 0.0025) with a maximum fee of \$2000 on purchase orders for one (1) truck. For purchase orders of two (2) or more trucks, the maximum fee will be \$1500 per truck due no later than sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee must be submitted quarterly and is based on all sales of products and services under the Master Agreement (less any charges for

taxes or shipping). The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is not negotiable. This fee is to be included as part of the pricing submitted with a vendor's response to the Lead State's solicitation.

**5.2.2 State Imposed Fees.** Some states may require an additional fee be paid directly to the state on purchases made by Purchasing Entities within that state. For all such requests, the fee rate or amount, payment method and schedule for such reports and payments will be incorporated into the applicable Participating Addendum. Unless agreed to in writing by the state, Contractor may not adjust the Master Agreement pricing to include the state fee for purchases made by Purchasing Entities within the jurisdiction of the state. No such agreement will affect the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee percentage or the prices paid by Purchasing Entities outside the jurisdiction of the state requesting the additional fee.

### **5.3 NASPO ValuePoint Summary and Detailed Usage Reports**

**5.3.1 Summary Sales Data.** The Contractor shall submit quarterly sales reports directly to NASPO ValuePoint using the NASPO ValuePoint Quarterly Sales/Administrative Fee Reporting Tool found at <http://calculator.naspovaluepoint.org>. All sales made under this Master Agreement must be reported as cumulative totals by state. Contractor must submit a report for each quarter, including quarters during which a Contractor has no sales, in which case this will be indicated in the Reporting Tool. Reports must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the calendar quarter (as specified in the reporting tool).

**5.3.2 Detailed Sales Data.** Contractor shall also report detailed sales data by: (1) state; (2) entity/customer type, *e.g.* local government, higher education, K12, non-profit; (3) Purchasing Entity name; (4) Purchasing Entity bill-to and ship-to locations; (4) Purchasing Entity and Contractor Purchase Order identifier/number(s); (5) Purchase Order Type (*e.g.* sales order, credit, return, upgrade, determined by industry practices); (6) Purchase Order date; (7) Ship Date; (8) and line item description, including product number if used. The report must be submitted in any form required by the solicitation. Reports are due on a quarterly basis and must be received by the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Team no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the reporting period. Reports must be delivered to the Lead State and to the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Team electronically through a designated portal or other method as determined by the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint. Detailed sales data reports must include sales information for all sales under Participating Addenda executed under this Master Agreement.

**5.3.3 Reporting on Personal Use.** Reportable sales for the summary sales data report and detailed sales data report includes sales to employees for personal use where authorized by the solicitation and the Participating

Addendum. Report data for employees should be limited to ONLY the state and entity ((state and agency, city, county, school district, etc.) under whose authority the employee is purchasing Product for personal use and the amount of sales. No personal identification numbers (*e.g.*, names, addresses, social security numbers or any other numerical identifier) may be submitted with any report.

**5.3.4 Executive Summary.** Contractor shall provide the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Coordinator with an executive summary each quarter that includes, at a minimum, a list of states with an active Participating Addendum, states that Contractor is in negotiations with and any Participating Addendum roll out or implementation activities and issues. NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Development Coordinator and Contractor will determine the format and content of the executive summary. The executive summary is due thirty (30) days after the conclusion of each calendar quarter.

**5.3.5 Use of Data.** Timely submission of these reports is a material requirement of the Master Agreement. The recipient of the reports will have exclusive ownership of the media containing the reports. The Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data and information provided under this section.

#### **5.4 NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Program Marketing, Training, and Performance Review**

**5.4.1 Staff Education.** Contractor shall work cooperatively with NASPO ValuePoint personnel. Contractor shall present plans to NASPO ValuePoint for the education of Contractor's contract administrator(s) and sales/marketing workforce regarding the Master Agreement contract, including the competitive nature of NASPO ValuePoint procurements, the master agreement and participating addendum process, and the manner in which eligible entities can participate in the Master Agreement.

**5.4.2 Onboarding Plan.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall, as Participating Addendums are executed, provide plans to launch the program for the Participating Entity. Plans will include time frames to launch the agreement and confirmation that the Contractor's website has been updated to properly reflect the scope and terms of the Master Agreement as available to the Participating Entity and eligible Purchasing Entities.

**5.4.3 Annual Contract Performance Review.** Contractor shall participate in an annual contract performance review with the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint, which may at the discretion of the Lead State be held in person and which may include a discussion of marketing action plans, target strategies, marketing materials, Contractor reporting, and timeliness of payment of administration fees.

- 5.4.4 Use of NASPO ValuePoint Logo.** The NASPO ValuePoint logos may not be used by Contractor in sales and marketing until a separate logo use agreement is executed with NASPO ValuePoint.
- 5.4.5 Most Favored Customer.** Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of their effective date, to notify the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint of any contractual most-favored-customer provisions in third-party contracts or agreements that may affect the promotion of this Master Agreements or whose terms provide for adjustments to future rates or pricing based on rates, pricing in, or Orders from this Master Agreement. Upon request of the Lead State or NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide a copy of any such provisions.
- 5.5 Cancellation.** In consultation with NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State may, in its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement or not exercise an option to renew, when utilization of Contractor's Master Agreement does not warrant further administration of the Master Agreement. The Lead State may also exercise its right to not renew the Master Agreement if vendor fails to record or report revenue for three consecutive quarters, upon 60-calendar day written notice to the Contractor. Cancellation based on nonuse or under-utilization will not occur sooner than two years after execution of the Master Agreement. This subsection does not limit the discretionary right of either the Lead State or Contractor to cancel the Master Agreement or terminate for default subject to the terms herein. This subsection also does not limit any right of the Lead State to cancel the Master Agreement under applicable laws.
- 5.6 Canadian Participation.** Subject to the approval of Contractor, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, or Saskatchewan, and territorial government or territorial government funded entity in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use Contractor's Master Agreement.
- 5.7 Additional Agreement with NASPO.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, awarded Contractor shall enter into a direct contractual relationship with NASPO ValuePoint related to Contractor's obligations to NASPO ValuePoint under the terms of the Master Agreement, the terms of which shall be the same or similar (and not less favorable) than the terms set forth in the Master Agreement.

## **VI. Pricing, Payment & Leasing**

- 6.1 Pricing.** The prices contained in this Master Agreement or offered under this Master Agreement represent the not-to-exceed price to any Purchasing Entity.
- 6.1.1** All prices and rates must be guaranteed for the initial term of the Master Agreement.
- 6.1.2** Following the initial term of the Master Agreement, any request for a price or rate adjustment must comply with Section 3.5 Price Adjustments, of the

Master Agreement.

- 6.2 Payment.** Unless otherwise agreed upon in a Participating Addendum or Order, Payment after Acceptance will be made within thirty (30) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance, unless a different late payment amount is specified in a Participating Addendum or Order, or otherwise prescribed by applicable law. Payments will be remitted in the manner specified in the Participating Addendum or Order. Payments may be made via a purchasing card with no additional charge.
- 6.3 Leasing or Alternative Financing Methods.** The procurement and other applicable laws of some Purchasing Entities may permit the use of leasing or alternative financing methods for the acquisition of Products under this Master Agreement. Where the terms and conditions are not otherwise prescribed in an applicable Participating Addendum, the terms and conditions for leasing or alternative financing methods are subject to negotiation between the Contractor and Purchasing Entity.

**VII. Ordering**

- 7.1 Order Numbers.** See Section 6.2 – “Identification” of the Master Agreement.
- 7.2 Quotes.** Purchasing Entities may define entity-specific or project-specific requirements and informally compete the requirement among companies having a Master Agreement on an “as needed” basis. This procedure may also be used when requirements are aggregated or other firm commitments may be made to achieve reductions in pricing. This procedure may be modified in Participating Addenda and adapted to the Purchasing Entity’s rules and policies. The Purchasing Entity may in its sole discretion determine which Master Agreement Contractors should be solicited for a quote. The Purchasing Entity may select the quote that it considers most advantageous, cost, and other factors considered.
- 7.3 Applicable Rules.** Each Purchasing Entity will identify and utilize its own appropriate purchasing procedure and documentation. Contractor is expected to become familiar with the Purchasing Entities’ rules, policies, and procedures regarding the ordering of supplies and/or services contemplated by this Master Agreement.
- 7.4 Required Documentation.** Contractor shall not begin work without a valid Purchase Order or other appropriate commitment document under the law of the Purchasing Entity.
- 7.5 Term of Purchase.** Orders may be placed consistent with the terms of this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum during the term of the Master Agreement and Participating Addendum.
- 7.5.1** Orders must be placed pursuant to this Master Agreement prior to the termination date thereof, but may have a delivery date or performance period up to 120 days past the then-current termination date of this Master Agreement.

- 7.5.2 Notwithstanding the previous, Orders must also comply with the terms of the applicable Participating Addendum, which may further restrict the period during which Orders may be placed or delivered.
  - 7.5.3 Financial obligations of Purchasing Entities payable after the current applicable fiscal year are contingent upon agency funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available.
  - 7.5.4 Notwithstanding the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall perform in accordance with the terms of any Orders then outstanding at the time of such expiration or termination. Contractor shall not honor any Orders placed after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Master Agreement, or in any manner inconsistent with this Master Agreement's terms.
  - 7.5.5 Orders for any separate indefinite quantity, task order, or other form of indefinite delivery order arrangement priced against this Master Agreement may not be placed after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, notwithstanding the term of any such indefinite delivery order agreement.
- 7.6 **Order Form Requirements.** All Orders pursuant to this Master Agreement, at a minimum, must include:
  - 7.6.1 The services or supplies being delivered;
  - 7.6.2 A shipping address and other delivery requirements, if any;
  - 7.6.3 A billing address;
  - 7.6.4 Purchasing Entity contact information;
  - 7.6.5 Pricing consistent with this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and as may be adjusted by agreement of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor;
  - 7.6.6 A not-to-exceed total for the products or services being ordered; and
  - 7.6.7 The Master Agreement number or the applicable Participating Addendum number, provided the Participating Addendum references the Master Agreement number.
- 7.7 **Communication.** All communications concerning administration of Orders placed must be furnished solely to the authorized purchasing agent within the Purchasing Entity's purchasing office, or to such other individual identified in writing in the Order.
- 7.8 **Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds.** Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master

Agreement.

## **VIII. Shipping and Delivery**

- 8.1 Shipping Terms.** All deliveries will be F.O.B. destination, freight pre-paid, with all transportation and handling charges paid by the Contractor.
- 8.1.1** Notwithstanding the above, responsibility and liability for loss or damage will remain the Contractor's until final inspection and acceptance when responsibility will pass to the Purchasing Entity except as to latent defects, fraud, and Contractor's warranty obligations.
- 8.2 Minimum Shipping.** The minimum shipment amount, if any, must be contained in the Master Agreement. Any order for less than the specified amount is to be shipped with the freight prepaid and added as a separate item on the invoice. Any portion of an Order to be shipped without transportation charges that is back ordered will be shipped without charge.
- 8.3 Inside Deliveries.** To the extent applicable, all deliveries will be "Inside Deliveries" as designated by a representative of the Purchasing Entity placing the Order. Inside Delivery refers to a delivery to a location other than a loading dock, front lobby, or reception area. Specific delivery instructions will be noted on the order form or Purchase Order. Costs to repair any damage to the building interior (e.g., scratched walls, damage to the freight elevator, etc.) caused by Contractor or Contractor's carrier will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Immediately upon becoming aware of such damage, Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Entity placing the Order.
- 8.4 Packaging.** All products must be delivered in the manufacturer's standard package. Costs must include all packing and/or crating charges. Cases must be of durable construction, in good condition, properly labeled and suitable in every respect for storage and handling of contents. Each shipping carton must be marked with the commodity, brand, quantity, item code number and the Purchasing Entity's Purchase Order number.

## **IX. Inspection and Acceptance**

- 9.1 Laws and Regulations.** Any and all Products offered and furnished must comply fully with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- 9.2 Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section IX will apply. This section is not intended to limit rights and remedies under the applicable commercial code.
- 9.3 Inspection.** All Products are subject to inspection at reasonable times and places before Acceptance. Contractor shall provide right of access to the Lead State, or to any other authorized agent or official of the Lead State or other Participating or Purchasing Entity, at reasonable times, to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance requirements under this Master Agreement.
- 9.3.1** Products that do not meet specifications may be rejected. Failure to reject

upon receipt, however, does not relieve the contractor of liability for material (nonconformity that substantially impairs value) latent or hidden defects subsequently revealed when goods are put to use.

**9.3.2** Acceptance of such goods may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the applicable commercial code, and the Contractor is liable for any resulting expense incurred by the Purchasing Entity related to the preparation and shipping of Product rejected and returned, or for which Acceptance is revoked.

**9.4 Failure to Conform.** If any services do not conform to contract requirements, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in Order amount. When defects cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Purchasing Entity may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of services performed.

**9.5 Acceptance Testing.** Purchasing Entity may establish a process, in keeping with industry standards, to ascertaining whether the Product meets the standard of performance or specifications prior to Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity.

**9.5.1** The Acceptance Testing period will be thirty (30) calendar days, unless otherwise specified, starting from the day after the Product is delivered or, if installed by Contractor, the day after the Product is installed and Contractor certifies that the Product is ready for Acceptance Testing.

**9.5.2** If the Product does not meet the standard of performance or specifications during the initial period of Acceptance Testing, Purchasing Entity may, at its discretion, continue Acceptance Testing on a day-to-day basis until the standard of performance is met.

**9.5.3** Upon rejection, the Contractor will have fifteen (15) calendar days to cure. If after the cure period, the Product still has not met the standard of performance or specifications, the Purchasing Entity may, at its option: (a) declare Contractor to be in breach and terminate the Order; (b) demand replacement Product from Contractor at no additional cost to Purchasing Entity; or, (c) continue the cure period for an additional time period agreed upon by the Purchasing Entity and the Contractor.

**9.5.4** Contractor shall pay all costs related to the preparation and shipping of Product returned pursuant to the section.

**9.5.5** No Product will be deemed Accepted and no charges will be paid until the standard of performance or specification is met.

## **X. Warranty**

- 10.1 Applicability.** Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section X will apply.
- 10.2 Warranty.** The Contractor warrants for a period of one year from the date of Acceptance that: (a) the Product performs according to all specific claims that the Contractor made in its response to the solicitation, (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, (c) the Product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the solicitation or for which the Purchasing Entity has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment, (d) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner, and (e) the Product is free of defects.
- 10.3 Breach of Warranty.** Upon breach of the warranty set forth above, the Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Purchasing Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made.
- 10.4 Rights Reserved.** The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 10.5 Warranty Period Start Date.** The warranty period will begin upon Acceptance, as set forth in Section IX.

## **XI. Product Title**

- 11.1 Conveyance of Title.** Upon Acceptance by the Purchasing Entity, Contractor shall convey to Purchasing Entity title to the Product free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, or other security interests.
- 11.2 Embedded Software.** Transfer of title to the Product must include an irrevocable and perpetual license to use any Embedded Software in the Product. If Purchasing Entity subsequently transfers title of the Product to another entity, Purchasing Entity shall have the right to transfer the license to use the Embedded Software with the transfer of Product title. A subsequent transfer of this software license will be at no additional cost or charge to either Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's transferee.
- 11.3 License of Pre-Existing Intellectual Property.** Contractor grants to the Purchasing Entity a nonexclusive, perpetual, royalty-free, irrevocable, license to use, publish, translate, reproduce, transfer with any sale of tangible media or Product, perform, display, and dispose of the Intellectual Property, and its derivatives, used or delivered under this Master Agreement, but not created under it ("Pre-existing Intellectual Property"). The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that this license is consistent with any third-party rights in the Pre-existing Intellectual Property.

## **XII. Indemnification**

**12.1 General Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees, from and against third-party claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs for any death, injury, or damage to tangible property arising from any act, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers, at any tier, relating to performance under this Master Agreement.

**12.2 Intellectual Property Indemnification.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees ("Indemnified Party"), from and against claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs arising out of the claim that the Product or its use infringes Intellectual Property rights of another person or entity ("Intellectual Property Claim").

**12.2.1** The Contractor's obligations under this section will not extend to any combination of the Product with any other product, system or method, unless the Product, system or method is:

**12.2.1.1** provided by the Contractor or the Contractor's subsidiaries or affiliates;

**12.2.1.2** specified by the Contractor to work with the Product;

**12.2.1.3** reasonably required to use the Product in its intended manner, and the infringement could not have been avoided by substituting another reasonably available product, system or method capable of performing the same function; or

**12.2.1.4** reasonably expected to be used in combination with the Product.

**12.2.2** The Indemnified Party shall notify the Contractor within a reasonable time after receiving notice of an Intellectual Property Claim. Even if the Indemnified Party fails to provide reasonable notice, the Contractor shall not be relieved from its obligations unless the Contractor can demonstrate that it was prejudiced in defending the Intellectual Property Claim resulting in increased expenses or loss to the Contractor. If the Contractor promptly and reasonably investigates and defends any Intellectual Property Claim, it shall have control over the defense and settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim. However, the Indemnified Party must consent in writing for any money damages or obligations for which it may be responsible.

**12.2.3** The Indemnified Party shall furnish, at the Contractor's reasonable request and expense, information and assistance necessary for such defense. If the Contractor fails to vigorously pursue the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim, the Indemnified Party

may assume the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim and the Contractor shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs, incurred by the Indemnified Party in the pursuit of the Intellectual Property Claim.

- 12.2.4** Unless otherwise set forth herein, Section 12.2 is not subject to any limitations of liability in this Master Agreement or in any other document executed in conjunction with this Master Agreement.

### **XIII. Insurance**

- 13.1 Term.** Contractor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in Master Agreement Section 9.10 Insurance. A Participating Entity may negotiate alternative Insurance requirements in their Participating Addendum.
- 13.2 Class.** Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.
- 13.3 Coverage.** See Master Agreement Section 9.10 Insurance.
- 13.4 Notice of Cancellation.** Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide notice to a Participating Entity who is a state within five (5) business days after Contractor is first aware of expiration, cancellation or nonrenewal of such policy or is first aware that cancellation is threatened or expiration, nonrenewal or expiration otherwise may occur.
- 13.5 Notice of Endorsement.** Prior to commencement of performance, Contractor shall provide to the Lead State a written endorsement to the Contractor's general liability insurance policy or other documentary evidence acceptable to the Lead State that (1) provides that written notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions, and (2) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy will be primary, with any liability insurance of any Participating State as secondary and noncontributory.
- 13.6 Participating Entities.** Contractor shall provide to Participating States and Participating Entities the same insurance obligations and documentation as those specified in Section XIII, except the endorsement is provided to the applicable Participating State or Participating Entity.
- 13.7 Furnishing of Certificates.** Contractor shall furnish to the Lead State copies of certificates of all required insurance in a form sufficient to show required coverage within thirty (30) calendar days of the execution of this Master Agreement and prior to performing any work. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance will be furnished within thirty (30) days after any renewal date to the applicable state Participating Entity. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any

Participating Addendum.

- 13.8 Disclaimer.** Insurance coverage and limits will not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

#### **XIV. General Provisions**

##### **14.1 Records Administration and Audit**

- 14.1.1** See Master Agreement Section 8.2 – Retention of Records.
- 14.1.2** Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for any overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or Orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.
- 14.1.3** The rights and obligations herein exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement that requires the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State to review compliance with those obligations.

##### **14.2 Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief**

- 14.2.1 Confidentiality.** Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of providing a Product under this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's clients.
- 14.2.1.1** Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents in the performance of this Master Agreement, including but not necessarily limited to (1) any Purchasing Entity's records, (2) personnel records, and (3) information concerning individuals, is confidential information of Purchasing Entity ("Confidential Information").
- 14.2.1.2** Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information.
- 14.2.1.3** Confidential Information does not include information that (1) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known; (2) is furnished by Purchasing Entity to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (3) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (4)

is obtained from a source other than Purchasing Entity without the obligation of confidentiality, (5) is disclosed with the written consent of Purchasing Entity; or (6) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractors of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

**14.2.2 Non-Disclosure.** Contractor shall hold Confidential Information in confidence, using at least the industry standard of confidentiality, and shall not copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than what is necessary to the performance of Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

**14.2.2.1** Contractor shall advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to assist Purchasing Entity in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information.

**14.2.2.2** Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor shall advise Purchasing Entity, applicable Participating Entity, and the Lead State immediately if Contractor learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Master Agreement, and Contractor shall at its expense cooperate with Purchasing Entity in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of Purchasing Entity or Contractor against any such person.

**14.2.2.3** Except as directed by Purchasing Entity, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at Purchasing Entity's request, Contractor shall turn over to Purchasing Entity all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession that embody Confidential Information.

**14.2.2.4** Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor may keep one copy of such Confidential Information necessary for quality assurance, audits, and evidence of the performance of this Master Agreement.

**14.2.3 Injunctive Relief.** Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's breach of Section 14.2 would cause irreparable injury to the Purchasing Entity that cannot be inadequately compensated in monetary damages.

Accordingly, Purchasing Entity may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Purchasing Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

**14.2.4 Purchasing Entity Law.** These provisions will be applicable only to extent they are not in conflict with the applicable public disclosure laws of any Purchasing Entity.

**14.2.5 NASPO ValuePoint.** The rights granted to Purchasing Entities and Contractor's obligations under this section will also extend to NASPO ValuePoint's Confidential Information, including but not limited to Participating Addenda, Orders or transaction data relating to Orders under this Master Agreement that identify the entity/customer, Order dates, line-item descriptions and volumes, and prices/rates. This provision does not apply to disclosure to the Lead State, a Participating State, or any governmental entity exercising an audit, inspection, or examination pursuant to this Master Agreement. To the extent permitted by law, Contractor shall notify the Lead State of the identify of any entity seeking access to the Confidential Information described in this subsection.

**14.2.6 Public Information.** This Master Agreement and all related documents are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Lead State's public information laws.

#### **14.3 Assignment/Subcontracts**

**14.3.1** Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Master Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Lead State.

**14.3.2** The Lead State reserves the right to assign any rights or duties, including written assignment of contract administration duties, to NASPO ValuePoint and other third parties.

**14.4 Changes in Contractor Representation.** The Contractor must, within ten (10) calendar days, notify the Lead State in writing of any changes in the Contractor's key administrative personnel managing the Master Agreement. The Lead State reserves the right to approve or reject changes in key personnel, as identified in the Contractor's proposal. The Contractor shall propose replacement key personnel having substantially equal or better education, training, and experience as was possessed by the key person proposed and evaluated in the Contractor's proposal.

**14.5 Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor has no authorization, express or implied, to bind the Lead State, Participating States, other Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and shall not to hold itself out

as agent except as expressly set forth herein or as expressly set forth in an applicable Participating Addendum or Order.

**14.6 Cancellation.** See Master Agreement Section 11.4 Termination for Convenience regarding the lead state's terms related to cancellation of the Master Agreement. Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon thirty (30) days' written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision will not affect the rights and obligations attending Orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for Products delivered and accepted, rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any Order, and requirements for records administration and audit. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contractor default is subject to the terms of Master Agreement Section 11.3 Termination for Cause.

**14.7 Force Majeure.** Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, unusually severe weather, other acts of God, or acts of war which are beyond that party's reasonable control. The Lead State may terminate this Master Agreement upon determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.

**14.8 Defaults and Remedies**

**14.8.1** See Master Agreement Section 11.1 Material Breach.

**14.8.2** See Master Agreement Section 11.2 Opportunity to Cure.

**14.8.3** Unless otherwise specified in the Participating Addendum, in the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and shall have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in an Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions will be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code.

**14.9 Waiver of Breach.** See Master Agreement Section 9.15 Waiver.

**14.10 Debarment.** The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency. This certification represents a recurring certification made at the time any Order is placed under this Master Agreement. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the Lead State.

#### **14.11 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity**

- 14.11.1** In no event will this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum or any contract or any Purchase Order issued thereunder, or any act of the Lead State, a Participating Entity, or a Purchasing Entity be a waiver of any form of defense or immunity, whether sovereign immunity, governmental immunity, immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or otherwise, from any claim or from the jurisdiction of any court.
- 14.11.2** This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating Entities who are states only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the state's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the state to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the state of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

#### **14.12 Governing Law and Venue**

- 14.12.1** The procurement, evaluation, and award of the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of the Master Agreement after award will be governed by the law of the state serving as Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or Order against the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's state.
- 14.12.2** Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, the venue for any protest, claim, dispute or action relating to the procurement, evaluation, and award is in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the terms of the Master Agreement will be in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute, or action concerning any Order placed against the Master Agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum will be in the Purchasing Entity's state.
- 14.12.3** If a claim is brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for (in decreasing order of priority): the Lead State for claims relating to the procurement, evaluation, award, or contract performance or administration if the Lead State is a party; a Participating State if a named party; the state where the Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity is located if either is a named party.

**14.13 Assignment of Antitrust Rights.** Contractor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity who is a state any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contractor now has or which may accrue to the Contractor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided in that state for the purpose of carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at the Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action.

## APPENDIX C CONTRACTOR INFORMATION AND PROFILE

**1. Company Name:** HME, Ahrens-Fox Inc.

Address: 1950 Byron Center Avenue

City: Wyoming State: MI Zip: 49519

Phone: (616)534-1463 FAX: (616)534-9422

Federal Tax ID No.: 36-3383931

Company Internet URL Address:

**2. Legal Status of the Bidder:** S Corporation: X

**3. Bidder's Authorized Representative:**

Name: Bill Doeblor

Phone: (616) 534-1463 FAX: (616) 534-9422

E-mail: [bdoebler@hmetruck.com](mailto:bdoebler@hmetruck.com)

**4. Orders to be sent to:**

Company Name: HME, Ahrens-Fox Inc.

Address: 1950 Byron Center Avenue

City: Wyoming State: MI Zip: 49519

Phone: (616)534-1463 FAX: (616) 534-9422

Internet address for company catalog (if available): n/a

**5. Billing will be from:**

Company Name HME, Ahrens-Fox Inc.

Address: 1950 Byron Center Avenue

City: Wyoming State: MI Zip: 49519

Phone: (616)534-1463 FAX: (616) 534-9422

**6. Payment to be sent to:**

Company Name: HME, Ahrens-Fox Inc.

Address: 1950 Byron Center Avenue

City: Wyoming State: MI Zip: 49519

Phone: (616)534-1463 FAX: (616) 534-9422

7. **Bidder's Company Experience and History:** Upon request, Contractor will provide information about the company's experience and history in providing fire apparatus and services.
8. **Minority/Women Owned Business (MWBE):** No: X
9. **Payment Methods and Term:**  
Payment Terms: Net 45 days.
10. **Purchasing Cooperative Members:** Contractor agrees to sell the goods and services on this Master Agreement to political subdivisions and nonprofit corporations: Yes X.
11. **Subcontractors:** Vendor has identified the following subcontractors as participants in the fulfillment of Master Agreement requirements and has provided a briefly describe the nature of equipment/services to be performed. (Reference Section 4.2)
12. **Customer References:** Customers may contact the Contractor for a list of references for any category of fire apparatus and service available through this Master Agreement.

## **APPENDIX D     AWARD & DISCOUNT SHEET**

**HME Ahrens-Fox, Inc. has been awarded a Master Agreement for the following categories of Fire Trucks with a discount of 15% off retail price. This discount also applies to all options available for each category of Fire Truck.**

<b>Aerial</b>	<b>15%</b>
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- **Ladder 0-94'**
- **Ladder 95'+**
- **Platform 86'+**

<b>Pumper</b>	<b>15%</b>
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- **Custom Pumper**
- **Commercial Pumper**
- **Rescue Pumper**
- **Mini-Pumper**
- **Brush Truck**

<b>Tanker</b>	<b>15%</b>
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<b>Rescue</b>	<b>15%</b>
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- **Custom Non Walk-in**
- **Commercial Non Walk-in**

<b>Wildland</b>	<b>15%</b>
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- **Type 3**
- **Type 6**

<b>ARFF</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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- **Class 3**
- **4 x 4**
- **6 x 6**

Chassis + Body #	MSRP	Discount	Naspo Price
SFO #2	\$538,664.21	15.00%	\$457,864.58
SFO #3	\$549,836.84	15.00%	\$467,361.32
SFO #8BW	\$557,586.32	15.00%	\$473,948.37
SFO #11	\$549,802.11	15.00%	\$467,331.79
SFO #14	\$551,190.53	15.00%	\$468,511.95
SFO #18	\$533,172.63	15.00%	\$453,196.74
SFO #22	\$540,358.95	15.00%	\$459,305.11
SFO #30	\$551,969.47	15.00%	\$469,174.05
SFO #40T	\$589,345.26	15.00%	\$500,943.47
SFO Cat 62T	\$517,983.16	15.00%	\$440,285.68
SFO CAT 74T	\$519,871.58	15.00%	\$441,890.84
SFO 07	\$540,860.00	15.00%	\$459,731.00
1871 - W #2	\$547,288.42	15.00%	\$465,195.16
1871 - W #3	\$559,274.74	15.00%	\$475,383.53
1871 - W #7	\$547,782.11	15.00%	\$465,614.79
1871 - W 8BW	\$547,782.11	15.00%	\$465,614.79
1871 - W #11	\$559,240.00	15.00%	\$475,354.00
1871 - W #14	\$560,628.42	15.00%	\$476,534.16
1871 - W #18	\$540,830.53	15.00%	\$459,705.95
1871-W #22	\$549,796.84	15.00%	\$467,327.32
1871 - W #30	\$602,697.89	15.00%	\$512,293.21
1871 - W #40T	\$598,783.16	15.00%	\$508,965.68
1871 - W CAT 62T	\$527,421.05	15.00%	\$448,307.89
1871 - W CAT 74T	\$529,309.47	15.00%	\$449,913.05
AF1 #2	\$588,578.95	15.00%	\$500,292.11
AF1 #3	\$600,565.26	15.00%	\$510,480.47
AF1 #7	\$455,830.53	15.00%	\$387,455.95
AF1 #8BW	\$455,830.53	15.00%	\$387,455.95
AF1 #11	\$600,530.53	15.00%	\$510,450.95
AF1 #14	\$601,918.95	15.00%	\$511,631.11
AF1 #18	\$583,901.05	15.00%	\$496,315.89
AF1 #22	\$589,307.37	15.00%	\$500,911.26
AF1 #30	\$599,540.00	15.00%	\$509,609.00
AF1 #40	\$640,073.68	15.00%	\$544,062.63
AF1 CAT 62T	\$568,711.58	15.00%	\$483,404.84
AF1 CAT 74T	\$570,600.00	15.00%	\$485,010.00
Ford MiniEvo	\$286,171.58	15.00%	\$243,245.84
Ford PackRAT	\$253,371.58	15.00%	\$215,365.84
Ford Tall T6	\$258,805.26	15.00%	\$219,984.47
Ford WildMax	\$286,171.58	15.00%	\$243,245.84
Ram ME	\$265,501.05	15.00%	\$225,675.89
Ram Tall T6	\$238,134.74	15.00%	\$202,414.53
Ram WildMax	\$263,909.47	15.00%	\$224,323.05
SA Wolf	\$331,473.68	15.00%	\$281,752.63
TA Wolf	\$385,809.47	15.00%	\$327,938.05
SFO Tank 7	\$578,002.11	15.00%	\$491,301.79




1871 - W Tank 7	\$587,440.00	15.00%	\$499,324.00
AF1 Tank 7	\$628,730.53	15.00%	\$534,420.95
1871 - W Tank 4	\$604,902.11	15.00%	\$514,166.79
AF1 Tank 4	\$646,192.63	15.00%	\$549,263.74
SFO Tank 4	\$595,464.21	15.00%	\$506,144.58
SFO Tank 5	\$581,930.53	15.00%	\$494,640.95
1871 - W Tank 5	\$591,368.42	15.00%	\$502,663.16
AF1 Tank 5	\$632,658.95	15.00%	\$537,760.11
SFO Tank 40T	\$598,625.26	15.00%	\$508,831.47
1871-W Tanker 40T	\$608,063.16	15.00%	\$516,853.68
AF1 Tank 40T	\$649,353.68	15.00%	\$551,950.63
4Dr CommFox 7	\$345,715.79	15.00%	\$293,858.42
2Dr Comm Tank 5	\$393,961.05	-85.00%	\$334,866.89
Type 3 Model 34	\$438,923.16	15.00%	\$373,084.68
Type I Model 18	\$863,991.58	15.00%	\$734,392.84

### SIGNATURES

*In Witness Whereof*, the parties hereto, having read this Master Agreement in its entirety, including all attachments, do agree in each and every particular and have thus set their hands hereunto.

**This Master Agreement is effective January 3, 2022 or the date of last signature whichever is later.**

**This is a Partial award for: Solicitation # 3120002260**

<b>Approved (Lead State)</b>	<b>Approved</b>
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 1/25/22 Signature Date	
Ross Campbell Print or Type Name	
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