

## ATTACHMENT H

### North Dakota State Specific Terms and Conditions

1. Confidentiality: CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose any information it receives from STATE under this contract that STATE has previously identified as confidential or exempt from mandatory public disclosure except from mandatory public disclosure except as necessary to carry out the purposes of this contract or as authorized in advance by STATE. STATE shall not disclose any information it receives from CONTRACTOR that CONTRACTOR has previously identified as confidential and that STATE determines in its sole discretion is protected from mandatory public disclosure under a specific exception to the North Dakota open records law, N.D.C.C ch. 44-04. The duty of STATE and CONTRACTOR to maintain confidentiality of information under this section continues beyond the term of this contract.

2. Compliance with public records laws: CONTRACTOR understands that, except for disclosures prohibited in this Contract, STATE must disclose to the public upon request any records it receives from CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR further understands that any records obtained or generated by CONTRACTOR under this Contract, except for records that are confidential under this Contract, may, under certain circumstances, be open to the public upon request under the North Dakota public records law. CONTRACTOR agrees to contact STATE as soon as reasonably possible upon receiving a request for information under the public records law and to comply with STATE's instructions on how to respond to the request.

3. Spoliation: CONTRACTOR shall notify State of all potential claims that CONTRACTOR is aware of that arise as a result of CONTRACTOR'S performance under this contract. CONTRACTOR shall also take all reasonable steps to preserve all physical evidence and information that may be relevant to the circumstances surrounding a potential claim, while maintaining public safety, and grants to State the opportunity to review and inspect the evidence, including the scene of an accident.

4. Cooperative Purchasing Contract: This contract is a cooperative purchasing contract established pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § [54-44.4-13](#). This contract is made available to state entities, institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Higher Education, other government entities (including counties, cities, townships, public primary and secondary educational entities, governmental boards and commissions), nonprofit entities established on behalf of public entities, tribal agencies, transportation providers under N.D.C.C [ch. 39-04.2](#), and the International Peace Garden. Participation in this open-ended contract is not mandated; therefore, the estimated volume of this contract is not known.

5. Governing Law and Venue: This Contract is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota. Any action to enforce this Contract must be adjudicated exclusively in the state District Court of Burleigh County, North Dakota. Each party consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court and waives any claim of lack of jurisdiction or *forum non conveniens*.

6. Indemnification. In addition to any indemnity obligations found within the Master Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees that any attorney appointed to represent the STATE

must first qualify as and be appointed by the North Dakota Attorney General as a Special Assistant Attorney General as required under N.D.C.C. § 54-12-08.

7. Alternative dispute resolution – jury trial

STATE does not agree to any form of binding arbitration, mediation, or other forms of mandatory alternative dispute resolution. The parties have the right to enforce their rights and remedies in judicial proceedings. STATE does not waive any right to a jury trial.

8. Attorney fees

In the event a lawsuit is instituted by STATE to obtain performance due under this Contract, and STATE is the prevailing party, CONTRACTOR shall, except when prohibited by N.D.C.C. § 28-26-04, pay STATE'S reasonable attorney fees and costs in connection with the lawsuit.