



SUNY DOWNSTATE Medical Center

February 3, 2014

TO: Prospective Vendor

**SUBJECT: Invitation For Bid #Q14-08 ("IFB")
TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY SERVICES**

Dear Vendor:

As part of the New York State Executive Budget, the legislature passed Chapter 56, Part Q of the Laws of 2013 (Part"Q), pursuant to which SUNY-DMC was granted procurement flexibility applicable to certain categories of procurements that are for the purpose of implementing its sustainability plan. The stated purpose of the procurement flexibility is to enable SUNY-DMC to enter into contracts in an expedited manner to facilitate implementation of the sustainability plan and resultant attainment of sustainability. The instant procurement is conducted under Part Q. Accordingly, interested vendors must commit to acting expeditiously (in complying with the requirement set forth below and otherwise in the posting). By submitted a proposal in response to the Posting, each vendor agrees to comply strictly with the timetable and other requirements described herein.

- **By way of this legislation, the State University of New York- Downstate Medical Center ("SUNY-DMC") seeks to Transfer DRG Recovery Services**

Proposals must include all the items set forth in the enclosed checklist, and arranged in the order enumerated. Any objections to the template contract must be state in your proposal. Please note, however, that the terms therein were crafted under direction from the applicable New York State SUNY-DMC policy not to incorporate separate vendor terms and conditions- should incorporation of such terms be necessary, please ensure that all terms contradictory to the template contract are stricken from your submission.

The due date for proposals is February 19, 2014 and they must be submitted to the following address:

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Attention: Maureen Crystal, Contracts; MSC 63
450 Clarkson Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203-2908
Fax: (718) 270-3342

Sincerely,
Maureen Crystal, Director of Contracts
718-270-1976

ATTACHMENTS:

- Section I IFB Specifications Including:
- Exhibit A
 - Exhibit A-1
 - Exhibit B – Relevant Statistics
 - Exhibit C Cost Proposal
 - Exhibit D Vendor's SFL Sections 139 (j) & (k) Affirmation of Understanding and Adherence
 - Exhibit E Business Associates Agreement BAA
 - Exhibit F New York State Required Forms – Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire, Vendor Disclosures/Certifications in connection with Tax Law 5-a (ST0-220TD/CA), SFL Sections 139(j) & (k)
 - Exhibit G Reference Form
 - Exhibit H Intentionally Left Blank
 - Exhibit I Deficit Reduction Act Appendix
- Section II SUNY Downstate Form Contract (13 Pages)
Mandatory Submission checklist for Part Q Procurement
Part Q Procurement General Terms and Conditions
- Section III MWBE Documents

INVITATION FOR BID

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

IFB #Q14-08

TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY SERVICES

Issued: February 3, 2014

NO PROPOSAL RESPONSE FORM

Attention: Maureen Crystal, Director of Contracts

INTENTION TO BID

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| Vendor Name: | | |
| Address: | | |
| City, State and Zip Code: | | |
| Federal ID No. | Phone No. | Fax No. |
| IFB No. and Title: IFB#Q14-08 - Transfer DRG Recovery Services | | |

REASONS FOR NOT PROPOSING ON THE REFERENCED CONTRACT:

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Only interested as a potential sub Vendor.
- ☐ Size of this contract is not within the interest of the Vendor.
- ☐ Vendor has insufficient amount of time to prepare a proposal. Please indicate in the comment section below the date that the Vendor received the IFB.
- ☐ Contract work not within the specialty of the Vendor.
- ☐ Other (Please explain in the comment section below):

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| Comments - Please use additional sheets if necessary. |
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Signature

Date

IFB # Q14-08

We invite vendors to submit proposals in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the attached Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the provision of **Transfer DRG Recovery Services**.

This IFB sets forth the requirements for all services and solicits a detailed response from vendors to include pricing and service descriptions in the specified format.

By filling in and returning this Intention to Bid as specified below, your company will be expected to complete a bid, which shall be considered if satisfactorily completed. Please replace text in the boxes below with your information to complete this form.

Attention: Maureen Crystal, Director of Contracts

Enter Vendor's Name and Address Here

Company's Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone Number(s)

Enter Vendor Representative's Name Here

Name

Additional Rep Contact (if applicable)

Name

Additional Rep Contact (if applicable)

Name

Enter Rep Email Address Here

Email

Additional Rep Email (if applicable)

Email

Additional Rep Email (if applicable)

Email

If your firm intends to submit a proposal in response to this IFB, please complete this form and submit a completed copy of the same either via mail to: **SUNY-DMC, Contracts Dept., 450 Clarkson Ave., Box 113, Brooklyn, NY 11203**, or via facsimile to (718) 270-3342, attention: **Maureen Crystal, Director of Contracts**.

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| Exhibit G | Reference Form |
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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

A. SUNY-Downstate Medical Center's Need – Purpose of this Invitation for Bid

This Invitation for Bid (this "IFB") hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms for the provision of Transfer DRG Recovery Services for previously billed Medicare inpatient accounts of State University of New York –Downstate Medical Center ("SUNY-DMC") on behalf of its components University Hospital of Brooklyn ("UHB") and Long Island College Hospital (LICH) associated therewith, in accordance with the specifications set forth herein. Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, the firms selected as a result of this IFB will be required to perform all actions necessary to recover underpayments due to improperly paid Transfer DRGs for SUNY-DMC Medicare Inpatients. Vendors will be required to identify underpayments caused by improperly assigned Transfer DRG account status, rebill associated accounts, and respond to any and all CMS and CMS contractors' requests for supporting documentation.

Vendors are hereby advised that the primary objective of this IFB is to identify a firm that will be capable of maximizing Transfer DRG recoveries at competitive costs. Further, VENDORS MUST BE WILLING TO INVOICE FOR SERVICES ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INCREMENTAL PAYMENTS BY SUNY-DMC FROM CMS RESULTING FROM THE VENDOR'S TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY EFFORTS. SUNY-DMC will enter into a contract with the first ranked "responsive" and "responsible" Vendor, with ranking being based solely on cost.

This IFB outlines the terms and conditions, and all applicable information for submitting a bid. Bidders should pay strict attention to the bid submission date and time, and all other requirements set forth herein, to prevent disqualification herefrom due to its failure to comply herewith.

B. SUNY-DMC Background

Located on an urban campus in Brooklyn, New York, SUNY-DMC, also known as SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn and HSC – Brooklyn, is one of four academic medical center campuses of the 64 unit State University of New York system. SUNY-DMC traces its roots back to 1860, when a school of medicine was founded at the Long Island College Hospital. SUNY-DMC is comprised of four colleges: the College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, the College of Health Related Professions and the School of Graduate Studies.

SUNY-DMC's goal is to educate the next generation of physicians, nurses, other health care professionals and researchers; and train them to deliver health care in a densely populated, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic urban community of diverse economic levels. In keeping with its unique history of being the first medical school in the United States to bring teaching to the bedside of hospitalized patients, SUNY-DMC attends to the health care needs of the 5.0 million residents of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island through the University Hospital of Brooklyn and a network of educational affiliates.

Our facilities provide exceptional opportunities for those individuals who are committed to

promoting health in urban communities, and addressing the complex challenges of investigating and preventing diseases that confront clinicians, educators, and researchers in such an environment. This special aspect of SUNY-DMC's unique mission is reflected in the students it attracts and selects, the vast majority of whom are drawn from Brooklyn and the New York City region. Many of these students are members of minority groups and/or come from families of first-generation immigrants or economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Beyond formal degree-granting programs, SUNY-DMC engages in world-class research and supports advanced medical education in both its graduate and continuing education offerings. Downstate's grant rank it the fourth largest grants funded research program in the SUNY system, and among the National Science Foundation's top third of colleges and universities receiving federal research funds. SUNY-DMC and its regional affiliates also prepare over 875 residents and fellows in fifty-two specialty and sub-specialty programs of three to eight years in length, and offer a full continuing education program to health professionals in the region.

In addition to contributing to the local economy through its role in education, research, and business development, Downstate is one of the top six employers in Brooklyn and created an Advanced Biotechnology Incubator and Biotechnology Park to spur the development of a community of technology companies and medical services in Brooklyn.

The Campus. SUNY-DMC has an enrollment of approximately 1,600 students, employs approximately 4,800 faculty and staff members, provides dormitory space for approximately 400 students and operates a nurse's residence of 107 apartments.

The Hospital. SUNY-DMC's component, University Hospital of Brooklyn ("UHB"), is a 376-bed teaching hospital serving as the regional referral center for the New York City boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. UHB currently operates four satellite clinics, all located within five miles of SUNY-DMC's Clarkson Avenue campus. UHB treats approximately 18,000 inpatients, as well as provides 9,600 ambulatory-surgery visits and 325,000 outpatient visits on an annual basis. LICH, acquired by SUNY-DMC in May 2011, includes 256 general Med/Surg beds and 61 special care beds. LICH treated approximately 16,000 inpatients in 2012, but has been operating at a significantly lower rate in 2013. At both hospitals, Medicare accounts for approximately 20% of inpatient discharges

Community Outreach. The neighborhoods that comprise the immediate UHB service area include high numbers of under-represented minorities and high concentrations of poverty with residents who bear a high health burden. SUNY-DMC has over sixty educational outreach, community outreach, and HIV prevention and care activities that address the special needs of the community.

STATISTICS

Statistics that provide a more comprehensive picture of aspects of SUNY-DMC's operations that are relevant hereto are annexed hereto as *Exhibit "B"* and incorporated herein. Vendors are encouraged to thoroughly review these statistics.

SECTION II

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

- A. **Proposal Submission:** Vendors responding to this IFB (each a “Vendor,” “Offeror” or “Bidder,” collectively, “Vendors,” “Offerors” or “Bidders”) must submit *three (3) originals and one (1) copy-via email* of proposals (“Proposals”), with each of the three (3) required originals bearing an original signature of an officer authorized to bind such Vendor to the terms thereof, which signature *must be duly notarized*. Proposals must include all required information, which information must be presented in the format prescribed hereinafter and shall be submitted as follows:

Proposals should be delivered or sent by registered mail to:

SUNY-Downstate Medical Center
Contracts Department
450 Clarkson Avenue - Box 63
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Attention: Maureen Crystal, Director of Contracts
Email: Mauree.Crystal@downstate.edu

or hand delivered to:

Contracts & Procurement Management Department
151 East 34th Street - Room 105
Brooklyn, New York 11203

It shall be the responsibility of each Vendor to ensure that its Proposal is properly received by the date and time and at the place specified. Proposals may be hand-delivered to the Contracts Department (located at 151 East 34th Street, Room AF-105, Brooklyn, New York) to ensure timely delivery. Vendors that plan to hand-deliver Proposals must contact the appropriate Contracts representative listed hereinabove (whose contact information is listed below) at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance to schedule delivery. Late and/or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically and, where applicable, should reference corresponding numerical/letter sections of the IFB. All information requested must be furnished by the Vendor and must be submitted in written form with the proposal. Statements must be complete and accurate and in the format requested. All documents must be sworn and notarized. Omissions, inaccuracies and misstatements will be sufficient cause for the rejection of a proposal.

- B. **Response Date:** Proposals must be received no later than **2:00 P.M. E.S.T. on Wednesday, February 19, 2014** (the “Proposal Submission Deadline”). Vendors mailing their proposals must allow sufficient time for mail delivery to ensure receipt of their proposals by the time specified.

Proposals must be sealed in an envelope showing the following information on the outside:

- Vendor's name and address
- Proposal due date and Invitation for Bid number.

To aid in the evaluation process, Proposals should be submitted with the following materials in the following sequence:

- **Cover Letter/Letter of Transmittal** in the following format

Table 1 Cover Letter Format

| Cover Letter Format |
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| The Offeror's Cover Letter shall contain the following information regarding the Offeror's official representative for its proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of Offeror's official representative;• Title;• Name of company;• Address;• Telephone number;• FAX number; and• E-mail address of the Offeror's representative. |
| The Offeror's Cover Letter shall contain a statement certifying that the proposal shall remain valid for at least 150 days. |
| The cover letter shall include a statement that, if awarded the contract, the Contractor will comply with all the requirements set forth in this IFB, including the contract terms and conditions in the Contract Provisions section, the attached Standard Clauses for all New York State Contracts, State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k. |

- **References:** Using the Reference Forms attached hereto as ***Exhibit "F,"*** submit such reference information as required pursuant to ***Section III(B)*** hereinafter.
- **Required Documents:** Any documents or other information specifically requested pursuant to ***Section III(C)*** hereinafter.
- **Compliance Matrix:** A completed copy of the Compliance Matrix set forth in ***Section III(D)*** hereinafter.
- **Cost Proposal:** A Completed Cost Proposal using the forms attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

C. Calendar

The IFB Calendar is listed in *Table 2* below. SUNY-DMC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify any event, time, or date in the IFB Calendar. SUNY-DMC will notify all Offerors (that submitted intention to bid forms) via addendum of any changes to the IFB Calendar.

Table 2 – IFB Calendar

| | Event | Day | Date | Time |
|---|--|-----|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Release of IFB | | 02/03/2014 | N/A |
| 2 | Offerors' Intent to Bid due | | 02/13/2014 – 02/18/2014 | |
| 3 | Written questions due from Offerors | | 02/06/2014 | 5:00 PM (EST) |
| 4 | Official response to Offerors' questions due | | 02/11/2014 | N/A |
| 5 | Closing date for receipt of Proposals | | 02/19/2014 | 2:00 PM (EST) |

*All dates are estimated.

D. Bid Opening

A public bid opening will be held on **February 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., E.S.T.** The location of the opening will be:

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Procurement Department
151 East 34th Street, Room AF105
Brooklyn, NY 11203-2098

E. State Finance Law Section 139(j) and (k)/Contact Restrictions

Pursuant to State Finance Law ("SFL") Sections 139(j) and (k) (collectively, the "Procurement Lobbying Law"), this solicitation imposes certain restrictions on communications between SUNY-DMC and an "Offeror" during the "Restricted Period." Restrictions are expounded in considerably more detail in the documents pertaining to the Procurement Lobbying Law attached hereto as ***Exhibit "D"***. Vendors must affirm their understanding of, and agreement to comply with, the provisions of the Procurement Lobbying Law and with SUNY-DMC's policies promulgated thereunder by signing and returning to SUNY-DMC (no later than the date fixed for submission of "Intention to Bid" Forms hereunder) the Procurement Lobbying Law Affirmation of Understanding and Adherence (collectively, "Procurement Lobbying Law Affirmations" or "Affirmations"), a copy of which document can be found in ***Exhibit "D"*** attached hereto. ***Affirmations MUST be returned AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, but in no event later than the date on which Offerors' Intent to Bid forms are due (as set forth in Table 2). Failure to timely return Affirmations may result in disqualification from consideration hereunder.***

F. IFB Inquiries

Any questions pertaining to this IFB MUST (i) be in writing, (ii) reference the section(s) in question and (iii) be submitted ONLY to the following SUNY-DMC representatives:

Maureen Crystal
Director of Contracts
Contracts & Procurement Management Department
SUNY-DMC
(718) 270-1976
(718) 270-3342 - fax
Maureen.crystal@downstate.edu

Donovan Lorde
Contracts & Procurement Management Department
SUNY-DMC
(718) 270-1134
(718) 270-3342 – fax
Donovan.lorde@downstate.edu

Any inquiries, problems or other issues with any requirements/specifications or other terms and conditions set forth herein must be documented and submitted in accordance with this Section prior to the closing date/time for inquiries. Failure to notify SUNY-DMC of any such issue shall constitute a waiver of Vendors' right to contest or otherwise object to any requirements, terms or other specification herein imposed.

All questions must be received by the date and time specific in the IFB Calendar. As stated above, pursuant to SFL 139(j) and (k), except as specifically provided under the law, **Vendors may only submit questions to the foregoing individuals**, and are strictly prohibited from "Contacting" other SUNY-DMC employees.

G. Vendor Review of IFB.

Should any interested Vendor find a discrepancy in any part of these specifications or find the terms and conditions incomplete or otherwise questionable in any respect, Vendor shall, in writing, immediately call such matters to the attention of a SUNY-DMC representative referenced above. The submission of a Proposal shall be deemed a representation that such Vendor understands the requirements of this solicitation, has conducted sufficient investigation so as to be aware of the nature of the work to be performed and the requirements of the IFB, and is prepared to contractually obligate itself to perform the required services.

H. Addenda

Any addendum issued to Vendors prior to the date of receipt of proposals shall become a part of these specifications, and all proposals are to include the work therein described. Acknowledgment of the receipt of all amendments, addenda, and changes issued shall be required from all Vendors receiving the IFB by signing and returning one (1) copy of the Cover Sheet to the Contract Officer (see General Instructions, above) by the IFB due date and time. Failure of a Vendor to acknowledge receipt of any Addendum shall not relieve the Vendor of complying with the terms thereof.

I. Proposal Confidentiality/Freedom Of Information Law

To the extent permitted by law, SUNY-DMC will not disclose the details of an Offeror's proposal, except for purposes of evaluation, prior to approval by the State Comptroller of the resulting contract(s). As previously provided, all material submitted becomes the property of the SUNY-DMC and may be returned at its sole discretion. SUNY-DMC reserves the right to use any and all ideas (that are not identified as trade secrets) presented in any response to the IFB.

If an Offeror believes that any information in its proposal constitutes a "trade secret," as that term is defined by the New York State Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, and seeks an exemption from disclosure thereof, the Offeror shall submit with its proposal a

letter, specifically identifying by page number, line, or other appropriate designation, that information that is alleged to be a trade secret and setting forth in detail explaining the basis therefore. Failure by an Offeror to submit such a letter with its offer identifying alleged trade secrets shall constitute a waiver by the Offeror of any rights it may have under Section 89 (Subdivision 5) of the Public Officers Law relating to the protection of trade secrets.

SUNY-DMC will not consider Offeror information to be a trade secret if such information is not identified as a trade secret by the Offeror and so designated in the proposal, or if that information:

1. Was known to SUNY-DMC before submission of such proposal; or
2. Properly became known to SUNY-DMC thereafter through other sources; or
3. Is in the public domain.

J. Incurred Costs

The State of New York or SUNY-DMC will not be liable for any costs incurred by Vendors in associated with the preparation or presentation of a proposal.

K. Method of Contract Award

SUNY-DMC will award one (1) contract as a result of this IFB to the “responsive” and “responsible” Bidder that propose the first (1st) lowest costs (based on the Grand Total over 5 years) for the Services.

L. Notification of Offerors Not Selected

Once SUNY-DMC has notified the selected Offeror, SUNY-DMC will notify in writing all other Offerors that their proposals were not selected for award. As soon as possible following SUNY-DMC’s receipt of a request therefore, SUNY-DMC will debrief any unsuccessful Offeror that requests a debriefing. The debriefing will be limited to the proposal submitted by the requesting Offeror.

Unselected Offerors may contact SUNY-DMC to request its then-current protest policy (the “Protest Policy”), which Protest Policy outlines the policies and procedures promulgated by SUNY-DMC with respect to protests.

M. Legal Compliance

All Offerors and their employees must be aware of (and comply with) the requirements of: 1) New York State Public Officers Law, 2) State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, 3) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and laws, policies and procedures promulgated thereunder as set forth in the Business Associates Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit “E”**, 4) other applicable provisions of New York State (“NYS”) and federal law, and 4) all codes, rules, and regulations that derive from State laws and that establish the standards for business and professional activities of State employees and govern the conduct of employees of firms, associations, and corporations in business dealings with NYS. ***In signing its proposal, each Offeror, and any subcontractors/agents, guarantees knowledge and full compliance with***

those provisions for any dealings, transactions, sales, contracts, services, offers, relationships, etc. involving NYS and/or NYS employees. Failure to comply with those provisions may result in disqualification from the bidding process and other civil or criminal proceedings as required by law.

N. State of New York Vendor Forms

Any Vendor that receives an award (even a tentative award) hereunder, shall, within five (5) days after notification of such award, complete the requisite New York State Vendor forms (the "NYS Forms"), copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit "F"**, in accordance with the instructions therein, and shall send the completed original copies thereof directly to SUNY-DMC in the manner and within the time-frame specified by SUNY-DMC.

O. SUNY-DMC's Rights

In accepting, evaluating and awarding the contract resulting from this IFB, SUNY-DMC, in its sole discretion, reserves non-exclusive right to:

1. Disqualify an Offeror from receiving the award if such Offeror, or anyone in the Offeror's employ, has previously failed to perform satisfactorily in connection with public bidding or contracts.
2. Revise/amend any provision of this IFB, including evaluation instruments and process, by written notification to Offerors, prior to initial receipt of proposals.
3. Reject any and all proposals received as a result of this IFB.
4. Require a Vendor to submit such additional information bearing upon the Vendor's ability to perform the requested services as SUNY-DMC deems appropriate.
5. Consider any other information otherwise available to it concerning the financial, technical and other qualifications and abilities of the Vendor.
6. Cancel this IFB, in whole or in part, at any time before award. This IFB creates no obligation on the part of SUNY-DMC to award a contract
7. Waive procedural technicalities in proposals received, after prior notification to the Offeror, including the right to waive or modify minor irregularities in the proposal or adjust/correct arithmetical errors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notification and concurrence of the Vendor shall not be required to waive or modify non-material irregularities in proposals.
8. Incorporate into and/or make a part of the final contract, the contents of the selected proposal and any written questions and answers made during the proposal process. Should negotiations fail to result in an acceptable contract, SUNY-DMC reserves the right to terminate negotiations.
9. Eliminate any requirement that is found to be unmet by all Offerors and deemed non-material.
10. Begin contract negotiations with next-lowest Offeror responsive to this IFB should SUNY-DMC determine that the negotiations with the selected Offeror will not result in a contract.
11. Begin contract negotiations with the next-lowest Offeror, if SUNY-DMC terminates the contract.

12. To the extent applicable hereto, select and award the contract to the Offeror whose proposal represents the best value to SUNY-DMC.
13. Make inquiries, at SUNY-DMC's discretion and by any means it may choose, into the Offeror's background or statements made in the proposal to clarify or to determine the truth and accuracy of all statements made therein.

P. Non-Responsiveness Determinations

SUNY-DMC reserves the right to deem "Non-Responsive" any Bidder(s) that fails to comply in any material respects with the instructions, or other requirements, set forth in this solicitation document. SUNY-DMC shall promptly notify Bidder(s) deemed Non-Responsive of such determination. Bidder(s) notified of such a determination shall have five (5) business days (from the date of notice) to respond to and/or contest such determination, and shall, without exception, be afforded due process. A final determination of Non-Responsiveness, following resolution of any response or contest, shall result in the disqualification of Non-Responsive bidder(s) from consideration hereunder.

For additional process-related information, bidders should contact the designated contacts hereunder.

Q. Prime Vendor

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other document (including a Vendor's Proposal), it is understood, acknowledged and agreed that SUNY-DMC will enter into privity of contract with **only the entity submitting a Proposal hereunder** (the "Contractor" or "Prime Vendor"), which entity shall accept and assume full and sole responsibility for the performance of the terms and conditions of the Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, SUNY-DMC will consider the Prime Vendor the sole vendor with regard to all rights, obligations, liabilities or any other terms or performance under the Agreement. If any Bidder's Proposal includes performance of any sort or kind by a third party, such proposed arrangement shall not, in any way, whether contractually or otherwise, impact SUNY-DMC's relationship with the Prime Vendor, who shall remain solely responsible for adherence with the terms of the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Bidder must expressly disclose any such arrangement to SUNY-DMC in its Proposal, and shall obtain prior written consent of SUNY-DMC before entering into any such sub-contractor or other third party relationship. Notwithstanding the foregoing, **Bidder's shall not subcontract any services hereunder.**

R. Group Pricing Organization Discounts

SUNY-DMC is a member of the Greater New York Hospital Association and University Hospital Consortium, Premier and Novation group purchasing. If the Vendor has a relationship with any of these associations, the most favorable pricing, pursuant to each relationship, or in addition to such discounts should be used to give SUNY-DMC the most favorable pricing possible.

S. Proposals binding for 150 Days

Any proposal submitted hereunder shall constitute an offer binding upon the Vendor for a minimum of one-hundred fifty (150) days following the opening of proposals (the "Binding Period") and shall remain in effect until: (i) a contract resulting herefrom receives final approval,

(ii) the IFB is formally cancelled by SUNY-DMC or (iii) Vendor, once the Binding Period has elapsed, revokes its proposal. To revoke proposals submitted in response hereto, once the Binding Period has elapsed, Vendors must submit a written request, in the manner prescribed for submission of inquiries hereunder, that its offer (proposal) be withdrawn from consideration.

T. Contract Provisions

Any contracts entered into as a result of this IFB (each, a "Contract," collectively, the "Contracts") will contain the contract terms and conditions set forth in *Section V, Contract Provisions*, of this IFB, the terms set forth in **Exhibit "A" and "A-1"** attached hereto and any other required terms. Offerors' Proposals must be formulated based on such terms and conditions.

The terms of each Contract will be five (5) years, subject to regulatory approval, where applicable.

The Contracts will contain language that ensures that, for no more than the pricing quoted in the Offeror's Proposal, the Offeror will provide all required services and deliverables of this IFB as described, and will perform according to the performance standards set forth in this IFB and the Offeror's Proposal.

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SECTION III

IFB REQUIREMENTS/DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

A. Qualifications of Vendor

1. Experience:

- a. **General Experience:** Proposals will be considered only from firms that are regularly engaged in the business of providing the services described in this IFB, that can produce evidence that they have an established satisfactory record of performance, and that have sufficient staff, financial support, equipment and organizational capacity to carry out and perform the services as described hereunder if awarded a contract under the terms and conditions stated in this IFB.
- b. **Specific Experience:** Vendor must have at least five (5) years of verifiable experience providing *Transfer DRG Recovery Services* (the "Services"). Further, Vendor must have experience providing services of similar scope to those herein requested at hospitals of similar size and scope to SUNY-DMC. In addition, Vendors' staff that will be assigned to SUNY-DMC account must have at least two (2) years experience providing Services.

2. **Licenses:** Vendor must have, and, at its sole cost and expense, maintain through the term of the Contracts resulting herefrom, all permits, licenses and authorization to perform under such Contracts and/or as required by the City of New York, the State of New York, the Federal Government, and by any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over the subject matter of or the parties to such contract. All assigned Vendor personnel must have and maintain all licenses and/or certifications required to perform the services herein requested.
3. **Evidence of Qualifications:** SUNY-DMC reserves the right, before awarding the contract, to require the Vendor to submit such evidence of its qualifications as SUNY-DMC may deem necessary, and may consider any evidence available to it of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a Vendor, including past performance, in making an award that is in the best interest of SUNY-DMC.
4. **Restrictions:** The successful Vendor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, subcontract or otherwise dispose of this contract, or any of its titles, interests herein, or its power to execute such a contract to any person, company, or corporation without the prior written consent of SUNY-DMC and the approval of the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

B. References

Vendor shall submit completed Reference Forms for at least three (3) acute care hospital customers of comparable size and scope to, and having similar requirements as, SUNY-DMC,

for which Vendor is either currently providing, or in the past three (3) years has provided similar services as those sought herein. *At least one (1) of the submitted references must be for a hospital receiving Periodic Interim Payments for inpatient services.*

The customers on the list may be contacted by SUNY-DMC, and must provide positive references for the subject Vendor. SUNY-DMC reserves the right to review and consider other known clients of the Vendor in addition to those provide and to disqualify based on unsatisfactory reports and records of services provided. If requested by Vendor, the list of references will be kept confidential, except where disclosure is required by law. Vendor shall not include SUNY-DMC as one of its references.

Reference Submission

*For each Reference, Offerors shall use the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "G"** for References, and shall include a description of client (size, location, scope of client services), description of services provided by Offeror, date of initial service contract, and client contact (name, title, email address, and telephone number).*

OFFERORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING SUNY-DMC AS A REFERENCE HEREUNDER.

C. Detailed Specifications

Vendor shall be responsible for providing, at SUNY-DMC's request, comprehensive ***Transfer DRG Recovery Services*** aimed at maximizing revenue generation and capture therefrom, in accordance with the specifications and other terms and conditions set forth herein (the "Services").

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, and solely to facilitate Vendor's understanding of the performance required by SUNY-DMC hereunder, this ***Section III(C)*** describes in detail the specific requirements, Contractor responsibilities, and other pertinent information relative to the Services. Each Vendor is solely responsible for meeting all the requirements in this IFB. All services performed must be compliant and consistent with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.

Submission of a Proposal is an affirmation by the Offeror that its organization complies with all the requirements and qualifications set forth in this IFB and that it is both financially and operationally capable of performing the services required hereunder in a professional manner consistent with the terms of hereof.

Below please find a detailed description of the Services for which SUNY-DMC hereby solicits Proposals.

Information Systems

Hospital patient accounting (billing and accounts receivable) is provided on the software Siemens AHS Eagle 2000 products, currently maintained by Siemens Medical Systems.

Eagle functions include all admissions (with patient and guarantor information, hospital service, financial class, physician and insurance information), discharges and transfers, and charges from the order/entry result reporting system. Insurance verifications, financial class changes, relationship and employment information, utilization review ICD9-CM diagnosis and procedure

codes, and Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) are entered or interfaced to Eagle from ancillary applications and for medical records. Patient demographic information remains in the database permanently under a single medical record number that stays with the patient file for life. Case/visit related information, grouped under encounter number, has differing purge criteria based on type, service and time. Payments and adjustments are entered directly into Eagle.

Objective/Overview/

It is the objective of SUNY-DMC to improve cash flow. This objective will be achieved through the Hospital's internal efforts and the services of external entities. Successful bidders must have the capability to perform the scope of work in compliance with all federal, state and local regulations. Additionally, the successful bidder will be held responsible for learning and adhering to SUNY-DMC/UHB-specific requirements.

Specific Requirements

1. The Successful Bidder ***MUST BE WILLING TO INVOICE FOR SERVICES ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INCREMENTAL PAYMENTS BY SUNY-DMC FROM CMS RESULTING FROM THE VENDOR'S TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY EFFORTS.***
2. The Successful Bidder must have the ability to effectively complete Transfer DRG Recovery Services. These services must include identification of underpayments caused by improperly assigned Transfer DRG account status, rebilling of accounts, and responding to CMS and CMS contractors' requests for supporting documentation.
3. The Successful Bidder must have the ability to complete the Transfer DRG Recovery Services project utilizing standard account and demographic patient data from the Siemens AHS Eagle 2000 system. Customization of data download files must be minimal.
4. The Successful Bidder will recommend the span of the Transfer DRG recovery services; from current billed Medicare inpatient accounts to previous years with the goal of maximizing recoveries.
5. The Successful Bidder must either be supported by the Contractor(s)'s own computer system or be on a time-share basis with a computer support service bureau. The Contractor(s) must have the capacity to receive/transmit data to/from SUNY-DMC/UHB and have the ability to establish remote access to SUNY-DMC/UHB's system in a secured file transfer environment. Specifically, the Contractor(s) must be able to deliver files via FTP process and accept the standard American Healthcare Eagle 2000 collection file/data.
6. The Successful Bidder(s) shall maintain comprehensive files for each account identified as a potential Transfer DRG Underpayment. Each file must include a record detailing the method of identification, a confirmation of underpayment status, billing activities, current account status and ultimately, collections. The Successful Bidder shall produce and provide to SUNY-DMC any and all data, information and/or reports as shall be necessary for SUNY-DMC's annual cost report. In addition, the Successful Bidder shall, upon request, make such files

available to SUNY-DMC in the format required.

7. Contractor(s) must supply monthly, a listing of potential and confirmed Transfer DRG underpayments, providing at a minimum the following information for each account:

- Patient name and address
- Hospital account number
- Dates of service
- Account status
- Actions taken by Contractor
- Transfer DRG payment
- Adjusted expected DRG payment
- Incremental potential payment
- Totals by Account and for all accounts referred

8. Contractor(s)'s fees will be on a contingency basis on accounts collected. ***SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST BE WILLING TO INVOICE FOR SERVICES ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INCREMENTAL PAYMENTS BY SUNY-DMC FROM CMS RESULTING FROM THE VENDOR'S TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY EFFORTS.***

***Contractor(s) recovering money and other assets due and owing to the State of New York and any of its legal entities, are required to remit the gross sums of all such recoveries and all of such assets to the agency or agencies with which they are under contract. Such Contractors are not permitted to withhold from such gross recoveries any sums or assets whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever including but not limited to compensation due and owing under the contract, expenses to be reimbursed under the contract, or any other costs, fees and/or expenses. Contractors are required to recite with specificity that they will remit all recovered monies and other assets to the agency with which it is under contract, and will not withhold any sums or assets whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor(s) will expressly acknowledge its agreement that the withholding of any sums or assets in any amount and of nature whatsoever will constitute a material breach of the contract, allowing the state agency to elect the immediate termination of the contract, and also will constitute a prima facie default of**

the bond or undertaking given by the contractor as security for its faithful performance of the contract. Contractor(s) also will recite with specificity that compensation, reimbursement of expenses and any other sums due to the contractor from the state will be sought by the contractor and paid by the state solely and exclusively by way of the policies and formulas established by the Office of the State Comptroller and presently in effect for such payments, which include standard form vouchers.

Recovered gross sums will be deposited into an account in the name of the State University of New York – Downstate Medical Center. At no time will the Contractor(s) have access to the use of these sums.

9. Each Bidder must be able to obtain a fidelity bond securing University Hospital, the State University of New York and the State of New York for the faithful performance of the contractor's duties and obligations under this contract. Each Bidder should submit a copy of documentation evidencing that it maintains the referenced kind of security as part of its bid package. Within thirty (30) days of notification of acceptance of a successful bid, the Successful Bidders must submit proof of the issuance of a fidelity bond or undertaking to this effect, including proof of payment of all required premiums, in the face amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars, issued by a surety licensed to conduct business in the State of New York. Upon request of SUNY-DMC, the Contractor(s) shall provide written proof that the bond is in full force and effect continually throughout the term of the contract resulting from this procurement.
10. The Contractor(s), and any and all employees and/or agents thereof, must at all times operate and conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner.
11. The Contractor(s) are strictly prohibited from, and have no authority to, enter into litigation on behalf of the SUNY-DMC. Litigation will be performed only by the New York State Attorney General's Office.
12. The Contractor(s) files and all other records, notes or other documents related to SUNY-DMC placed accounts or other matters related to the contract resulting herefrom will be made available to the SUNY-DMC at all times.
13. SUNY-DMC reserves the right to recall accounts at any time for any reasons, and without charge or other liability of any sort.
14. The Contractor(s) must supply a representative to photocopy or print records for its use at the Contractor(s)'s expense. These records shall remain confidential.
15. Representative(s) of the Contractor(s) with managerial authority will be expected to meet with UHB's Director of Patient Accounts or designee monthly and with the Director of Hospital/Physician Finance to discuss areas of mutual concern. Such meetings may be required and scheduled more frequently at SUNY-DMC's request
16. The Contractor(s) will, at all times, use its own material, staff, and facilities in performing

Services. Contractor(s) organization must, at their own cost and expense, be fully equipped with all necessary technology, personnel, facilities etc. and fully staffed as required to meet and fully carry out and perform its responsibilities hereunder.

17. The Contractor(s) must respond within one (1) working day to specific account inquiries.
18. SUNY-DMC, the State University of New York, the New York State Attorney General, Office of the State Comptroller and/or their representatives retain the right to have access to and examine the books, documents, files, papers and records maintained by the Contractor(s) related to the collection of SUNY-DMC/UHB accounts for a period of five (5) years after the expiration or earlier termination of this contract, or such longer period as required by applicable law.
19. Contractor(s) must, at all times, comply with all federal, state and local area rules, laws and regulations regarding billing and collections.

D. Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered a "Responsive" Vendor eligible for award hereunder, Vendor must be capable of meeting all requirements set forth in this **Section III, IFB Requirements/Detailed Specifications**, including those requirements listed in the Eligibility Criteria Grid (the "Grid") below. To be considered Responsive, Vendor must complete the Grid and acknowledge and affirm its ability to perform in accordance with the items, requirements and other specifications listed therein by responding in the affirmative in the appropriate section(s) therein. Completed Grids must be included in Vendor proposals. Either (i) a Vendor's failure to respond to any of the items in the Grid or (ii) a Vendor's provision of a negative response to any item in the Grid will result in the disqualification of that Vendor from consideration hereunder, as such vendor will be considered "Non-Responsive."*

| <u>Requirements</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| Vendor warrants that it currently possesses sufficient staff, financial support, equipment and organizational capacity to directly (without subcontracting) carry out and perform the Services. | | |
| Vendor shall, at all times, make available to SUNY-DMC adequate personnel to perform the Services. | | |
| Vendor has at least five (5) years' experience providing Services: (i) of similar scope to those herein requested at hospitals of similar size and scope to SUNY-DMC and (ii) at a hospital receiving Periodic Interim Payments for inpatient services. | | |
| Vendor possesses all necessary certifications and licenses to perform the Services | | |
| Vendor is capable of accepting and delivering files via FTP process and accept standard American Healthware Eagle 2000 files/data. | | |

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| Vendor acknowledges its understanding of and agreement to comply with the terms set forth in this IFB. | | |
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*NOTE: In the event of any confusion or uncertainty with regard to the Grid or the specific information or other requirements set forth in this IFB, Vendors are advised not to submit a Proposal hereunder until uncertainty/confusion has been alleviated; as such confusion may result in disqualification of Vendor's Proposal if its Proposal is determined to be Non-Responsive. Instead, Vendor should submit a written inquiry requesting clarification in the manner set forth in ***Section II, Administrative Considerations***.

SECTION IV

COST PROPOSALS

Each Offeror must complete the Cost Proposal Grid and associated documents attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"** in accordance with the instructions therein. Each Vendor must provide detailed price information by category, in accordance with the Grid, for its Services, which prices shall remain constant for the term of the agreement. Offerors acknowledge that SUNY-DMC will rely on their Cost Proposals as their proposed pricing for the provision of the Services in accordance with the terms of this IFB. **Vendors' compensation under the Contract will be limited to and governed by Cost Proposals submitted hereunder.**

Inquiries relating to Cost Proposal: Vendor's Cost Proposal (the rates provided by Vendor in Exhibit "C" herein) must include any and all costs associated with Transfer DRG Recovery Services. In the event of any confusion or uncertainty with regard to the specific Cost Proposal information required by SUNY-DMC, Vendor should not submit a proposal hereunder until uncertainty/confusion has been alleviated; as such confusion may result in disqualification of Vendor's proposal if its proposal is determined to be non-responsive. Instead, Vendor should submit a written inquiry during the question and answer period prescribed hereunder requesting clarification in the manner set forth in ***Section II*** hereinabove.

Guarantee: By submitting a response to this IFB, the Offeror warrants, represents and guarantees that the price offered is the same or lower than those offered by the Offeror, within the six (6) months prior to the date of its proposal, to any governmental or commercial account for similar services.

Additional Services: By submitting a Proposal hereunder, each Vendor acknowledges and agrees that it will only be compensated for providing the services requested herein and for which it has proposed its cost. SUNY-DMC will not be responsible for any additional costs, other than for the services outlined hereunder, and for which such Vendor has actually proposed a cost in its Proposal.

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The parties to the attached contract, license, lease, amendment or other agreement of any kind (hereinafter, "contract") agree to be bound by the following clauses which are hereby made a part of the contract (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the State, whether a Contractor, licensor, licensee, lessor, lessee or any other party):

1. **EXECUTORY CLAUSE.** In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this contract to the Contractor or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this contract.

2. **PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT** Except for the assignment of its right to receive payments subject to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law, the Contractor selected to perform the services herein are prohibited in accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of its rights, title or interest in the contract without the prior written consent of SUNY and attempts to do so are null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, SUNY may, with the concurrence of the New York Office of State Comptroller, waive prior written consent of the assignment, transfer, conveyance, sublease or other disposition of a contract let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law if the assignment, transfer, conveyance, sublease or other disposition is due to a reorganization, merger or consolidation of Contractor's its business entity or enterprise and Contractor so certifies to SUNY. SUNY retains the right, as provided in Section 138 of the State Finance Law, to accept or reject an assignment, transfer, conveyance, sublease or other disposition of the contract, and to require that any Contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with SUNY.

3. **COMPTROLLER'S APPROVAL.** (a) In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law, Section 355 of New York State Education Law, and 8 NYCRR 316, Comptroller's approval is not required for the following contracts: (i) materials; (ii) equipment and supplies, including computer equipment; (iii) motor vehicles; (iv) construction; (v) construction-related services; (vi) printing; and (vii) goods for State University health care facilities, including contracts for goods made with joint or group purchasing arrangements.

(b) Comptroller's approval is required for the following contracts: (i) contracts for services not listed in Paragraph (3)(a) above made by a State University campus or health care facility certified by the Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, if the contract value exceeds \$250,000; (ii) contracts for services not listed in Paragraph (3)(a) above made by a State University campus not certified by the Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, if the contract value exceeds \$50,000; (iii) contracts for services not listed in Paragraph (3)(a) above made by health care facilities not certified by the Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, if the contract value exceeds \$75,000; (iv) contracts whereby the State University agrees to give something other than money, when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000; (v) contracts for real property transactions if the contract value exceeds \$50,000; (vi) all other contracts not listed in Paragraph 3(a) above, if the contract value exceeds \$50,000, e.g. SUNY acquisition of a business and New York State Finance Article 11-B contracts and (vii) amendments for any amount to contracts not listed in Paragraph (3)(a) above, when as so amended, the contract exceeds the threshold amounts stated in Paragraph (b) herein. However, such pre-approval shall not be required for any contract established as a centralized contract through the Office of General Services or for a purchase order or other transaction issued under such centralized contract.

(c) Any contract that requires Comptroller

approval shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State University until it has been approved by the Comptroller and filed in the Comptroller's office.

4. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.** In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, this contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of this contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.

5. **NON-DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS.** To the extent required by Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or marital status. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that this contract shall be performed within the State of New York, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under this contract. Contractor is subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 as well as possible termination of this contract and forfeiture of all moneys due hereunder for a second or subsequent violation.

6. **WAGE AND HOURS PROVISIONS.** If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be a condition precedent to payment by SUNY of any SUNY-approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

7. **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION.** In accordance with Section 139-d of the State Finance Law, if this contract was awarded based on the submission of competitive bids, Contractor affirms, under penalty of perjury, and each person signing on behalf of Contractor, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. Contractor further affirms that, at the time Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered it to SUNY a non-collusive bidding certification on Contractor's behalf.

8. **INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT PROHIBITION.** In accordance with Section 220-f of the Labor Law and Section 139-h of the State Finance Law, if this contract exceeds \$5,000, the Contractor agrees, as a material condition of the contract, that neither the Contractor nor any substantially owned or affiliated person, firm, partnership or corporation has participated, is participating, or shall participate in an international boycott in violation of the federal Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 USC App. Sections 2401 *et seq.*) or regulations thereunder. If such Contractor, or any of the aforesaid affiliates of Contractor, is convicted or is otherwise found to have violated said laws or regulations upon the final determination of the United States Commerce Department or any other appropriate agency of the United States subsequent to the contract's execution, such contract, amendment or modification thereto shall be rendered forfeit and void. The Contractor shall so notify the State Comptroller within five (5) business days of such conviction, determination or disposition of appeal (2 NYCRR 105.4).

9. **SET-OFF RIGHTS.** The State shall have all of its common law, equitable and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold for the purposes of set-off any moneys due to the Contractor under this contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to this contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of this contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State, its representatives, or the State Comptroller.

10. **RECORDS.** The Contractor shall establish and maintain complete and accurate books, records, documents, accounts and other evidence directly pertinent to performance under this contract (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for six (6) additional years thereafter. The State Comptroller, the Attorney General and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as SUNY and its representatives and entities involved in this contract, shall have access to the Records during normal business hours at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying. SUNY shall take reasonable steps to protect from

public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law (the "Statute") provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate SUNY official, in writing, that said Records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said Records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said Records as exempt under the Statute is reasonable. Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, SUNY's or the State's right to discovery in any pending or future litigation.

11. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION.

Identification Number(s). Every invoice or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to the State University of New York by a payee, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property must include the payee's identification number. The number is any or all of the following: (i) the payee's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the payee's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) the payee's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System. Failure to include such number or numbers may delay payment. Where the payee does not have such number or numbers, the payee, on its invoice or Claim for Payment, must give the reason or reasons why the payee does not have such number or numbers.

(b) Privacy Notification. (1) The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State University of New York is mandatory. The principal purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. (2) The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the State University of New York contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by this contract or lease. The information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236.

12. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

(a) In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if this contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the following shall apply and by signing this agreement the Contractor certifies and affirms that it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

(1) The Contractor will not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age,

disability or marital status, and will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgradings, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;

(2) at SUNY's request, Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and

(3) Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

(b) Contractor will include the provisions of "1", "2" and "3", above, in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (the "Work") except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to this contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by a Contractor or sub-contractor with the requirements of any federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. SUNY shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, SUNY shall waive the applicability of Section 312 to the extent of such duplication or conflict. Contractor will comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

13. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of the contract (including any and all attachments thereto and amendments thereof) and the terms of this Exhibit A, the terms of this Exhibit A shall control.

14. **GOVERNING LAW.** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise.

15. **LATE PAYMENT.** Timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.

16. **NO ARBITRATION.** Disputes involving this contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized) but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

17. **SERVICE OF PROCESS.** In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules ("CPLR"), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. Contractor will have thirty (30)

calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

18. **PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF TROPICAL HARDWOODS.** The Contractor certifies and warrants that all wood products to be used under this contract award will be in accordance with, but not limited to, the specifications and provisions of State Finance Law §165 (Use of Tropical Hardwoods), which prohibits purchase and use of tropical hardwoods, unless specifically exempted, by the State or any governmental agency or political subdivision or public benefit corporation. Qualification for an exemption under this law will be the responsibility of the contractor to establish to meet with the approval of the State. In addition, when any portion of this contract involving the use of woods, whether supply or installation, is to be performed by any subcontractor, the prime Contractor will indicate and certify in the submitted bid proposal that the subcontractor has been informed and is in compliance with specifications and provisions regarding use of tropical hardwoods as detailed in Section 165 of the State Finance Law. Any such use must meet with the approval of the State, otherwise, the bid may not be considered responsive. Under bidder certification, proof of qualification for exemption will be the responsibility of the Contractor to meet with the approval of the State.

19. **MacBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES.** In accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (Chapter 807 of the Laws of 1992), the Contractor hereby stipulates that Contractor and any individual or legal entity in which the Contractor holds a ten percent or greater ownership interest and any individual or legal entity that holds a ten percent or greater ownership interest in the Contractor either (a) have no business operations in Northern Ireland, or (b) shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles (as described in Section 165(5) of the State Finance Law), and shall permit independent monitoring of compliance with such principles.

20. OMNIBUS PROCUREMENT ACT OF 1992.

It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

Information on the availability of New York State subcontractors and suppliers is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division for Small Business
30 South Pearl St., 7th Floor
Albany, NY 12245
Tel: 518-292-5100
Fax: 518-292-5884
email: opa@esd.ny.gov

A directory of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises is available from:

NYS Department of Economic Development
Division of Minority and Women's Business Development
633 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212-803-2414

email: mwbecertification@esd.ny.gov
<http://esd.ny.gov/MWBE/directorySearch.html>

The Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing this bid proposal or contract, as applicable, Contractors certify that whenever the total bid amount is greater than \$1 million:

(a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of New York State Business Enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be requested to

SUNY;

(b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;

(c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to New York State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Search Division of the New York State Department of Labor, or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and

(d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that SUNY may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of this contract and agrees to cooperate with SUNY in these efforts.

21. RECIPROCITY AND SANCTIONS

PROVISIONS. Bidders are hereby notified that if their principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services they offer will be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that they be denied contracts which they would otherwise obtain. Contact the NYS Department of Economic Development, Division for Small Business, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12245, for a current list of jurisdictions subject to this

provision.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE INFORMATION SECURITY BREACH AND NOTIFICATION ACT. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

23. COMPLIANCE WITH CONSULTANT DISCLOSURE LAW If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental health and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163(4-g) of the State Finance Law, the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to SUNY, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

24. PURCHASES OF APPAREL AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT. In accordance with State Finance Law Section 165(7), SUNY may determine that a bidder on a contract for the purchase of apparel or sports equipment is not a responsible bidder as defined in State Finance Law Section 163 based on (a) the labor standards applicable to the manufacture of the apparel or sports equipment, including employee compensation, working conditions, employee rights to form unions and the use of child labor; or (b) bidder's failure to provide information sufficient

for SUNY to determine the labor conditions applicable to the manufacture of the apparel or sports equipment.

25. PROCUREMENT LOBBYING. To the extent this agreement is a "procurement contract" as defined by State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k, by signing this agreement the contractor certifies and affirms that all disclosures made in accordance with State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k are complete, true and accurate. In the event such certification is found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete, the State may terminate the agreement by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

26. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION TO COLLECT SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX BY CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS, AFFILIATES AND SUBCONTRACTORS. To the extent this agreement is a contract as defined by Tax Law Section 5-a, if the Contractor fails to make the certification required by Tax Law Section 5-a or if during the term of the contract, the Department of Taxation and Finance or SUNY discovers that the certification, made under penalty of perjury, is false, then such failure to file or false certification shall be a material breach of this contract and this contract may be terminated, by providing written notification to the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the agreement, if SUNY determines that such action is in the best interests of the State.

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THOSE CONTRACTS TO WHICH A HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH SERVICE FACILITY IS A PARTY

27. Notwithstanding any other provision in this contract, the hospital or other health service facility remains responsible for insuring that any service provided pursuant to this contract complies with all pertinent provisions of Federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations. In the foregoing sentence, the word "service" shall be construed to refer to the health care service rendered by the hospital or other health service facility.

28. (a) In accordance with the 1980 Omnibus Reconciliation Act (Public Law 96-499), Contractor hereby agrees that until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of services under this agreement, Contractor shall make available upon written request to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or upon request, to the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of this contract, books, documents and records of the Contractor that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the costs hereunder.

(b) If Contractor carries out any of the duties of the contract hereunder, through a subcontract having a value or cost of \$10,000 or more over a twelve-month period, such subcontract shall contain a clause to the effect that, until the expiration of four years after the furnishing of such services pursuant to such subcontract, the subcontractor shall make available upon written request to the Secretary of Health and Human Services or upon request to the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, copies of the subcontract and books, documents and records of the subcontractor that are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of such subcontract.

(c) The provisions of this section shall apply only to such contracts as are within the definition established by the Health Care Financing Administration, as may be amended or modified from time to time.

1. DEFINITIONS. The following terms shall be defined in accordance with Section 310 of the Executive Law:

STATE CONTRACT herein referred to as "State Contract", shall mean: (a) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), whereby the State University of New York ("University") is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services including but not limited to legal, financial and other professional services, supplies, equipment, materials or an combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the University; (b) a written agreement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) whereby the University is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; and (c) a written agreement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) whereby the University as an owner of a state assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project.

SUBCONTRACT herein referred to as "Subcontract", shall mean any agreement for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000 providing for services, including non-staffing expenditures, supplies or materials of any kind between a State agency and a prime contractor, in which a portion of the prime contractor's obligation under the State contract is undertaken or assumed by a business enterprise not controlled by the prime contractor.

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE herein referred to as "WBE", shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation that is: (a) at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more United States citizens or permanent resident aliens who are women; (b) an enterprise in which the ownership interest of such women is real, substantial and continuing; (c) an enterprise in which such women ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise; (d) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated; (e) an enterprise owned by an individual or individuals, whose ownership, control and operation are relied upon for certification, with a personal net worth that does not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000), as adjusted annually on the first of January for inflation according to the consumer price index of the previous year; and (f) an enterprise that is a small business pursuant to subdivision twenty of this section.

A firm owned by a minority group member who is also a woman may be certified as a minority-owned business enterprise, a

women-owned business enterprise, or both, and may be counted towards either a minority-owned business enterprise goal or a women-owned business enterprise goal, in regard to any Contract or any goal, set by an agency or authority, but such participation may not be counted towards both such goals. Such an enterprise's participation in a Contract may not be divided between the minority-owned business enterprise goal and the women-owned business enterprise goal.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE herein referred to as "MBE", shall mean a business enterprise, including a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation that is: (a) at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned by one or more minority group members; (b) an enterprise in which such minority ownership is real, substantial and continuing; (c) an enterprise in which such minority ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise; (d) an enterprise authorized to do business in this state and independently owned and operated; (e) an enterprise owned by an individual or individuals, whose ownership, control and operation are relied upon for certification, with a personal net worth that does not exceed three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00), as adjusted annually on the first of January for inflation according to the consumer price index of the previous year; and (f) an enterprise that is a small business pursuant to subdivision twenty of this section.

MINORITY GROUP MEMBER shall mean a United States citizen or permanent resident alien who is and can demonstrate membership in one of the following groups: (a) Black persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups; (b) Hispanic persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American of either Indian or Hispanic origin, regardless of race; (c) Native American or Alaskan native peoples of North America; (d) Asian and Pacific Islander persons having origins in any of the Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian Subcontinent or Pacific Islands.

CERTIFIED ENTERPRISE OR BUSINESS shall mean a business verified as a minority or women-owned business enterprise pursuant to section 314 of the Executive Law. A business enterprise which has been approved by the New York Division of Minority & Women Business Development ("DMWBD") for minority or women-owned enterprise status subsequent to verification that the business enterprise is owned, operated, and controlled by minority group members or women, and that also meets the financial requirements set forth in the regulations.

2. TERMS. The parties to the attached State Contract agree to be bound by the following provisions which are made a part hereof (the word "Contractor" herein refers to any party other than the University:

1(a) Contractor and its Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group

members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. For these purposes, affirmative action shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

(b) Prior to the award of a State Contract, the Contractor shall submit an equal employment opportunity (EEO) policy statement to the University within the time frame established by the University.

(c) As part of the Contractor's EEO policy statement, the Contractor, as a precondition to entering into a valid and binding State Contract, shall agree to the following in the performance of the State Contract: (i) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State Contracts; (ii) The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the State Contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination; (iii) At the request of the University the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate, and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.

(d) Except for construction contracts, prior to an award of a State Contract, the Contractor shall submit to the contracting agency a staffing plan of the anticipated work force to be utilized on the State Contract or, where required, information on the Contractor's total work force, including apprentices, broken down by specified ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories or other appropriate categories specified by the contracting agency. The form of the staffing plan shall be supplied by the contracting agency. If Contractor fails to provide a staffing plan, or in the alternative, a description of its entire work force, the University may reject Contractor's bid, unless Contractor either commits to provide such information at a later date or provides a reasonable justification in writing for its failure to provide the same.

(e) After an award of a State Contract, the Contractor shall submit to the University a workforce utilization report, in a form and manner required by the agency, of the work force actually utilized on the State Contract, broken down by specified ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories or other appropriate categories specified by the University.

(f) The Contractor shall include the provisions of this section in every Subcontract

in such a manner that the requirements of the provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor as to work in connection with the State Contract, including the requirement that Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and, when requested, provide to the Contractor information on the ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories of the employees to be utilized on the State Contract.

(g) To ensure compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, the University shall inquire of a Contractor whether the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State Contract can be separated out from the Contractor's and/or Subcontractors' total work force and where the work of the State Contract is to be performed. For Contractors who are unable to separate the portion of their work force which will be utilized for the performance of this State Contract, Contractor shall provide reports describing its entire work force by the specified ethnic background, gender, and Federal Occupational Categories, or other appropriate categories which the agency may specify.

(h) The University may require the Contractor and any Subcontractor to submit compliance reports, pursuant to the regulations relating to their operations and implementation of their affirmative action or equal employment opportunity program in effect as of the date the State Contract is executed.

(i) If a Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing affirmative action program, the University may provide to the Contractor or Subcontractor a model plan of an affirmative action program. Upon request, the Director of DMWBD shall provide a contracting agency with a model plan of an affirmative action program.

(j) Upon request, DMWBD shall provide the University with information on specific recruitment sources for minority group members and woman, and contracting agencies shall make such information available to Contractors

2. Contractor must provide the names, addresses and federal identification numbers of certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises which the Contractor intends to use to perform the State Contract and a description of the Contract scope of work which the Contractor intends to structure to increase the participation by Certified minority- and/or women-owned business enterprises on the State Contract, and the estimated or, if known, actual dollar amounts to be paid to and performance dates of each component of a State Contract which the Contractor intends to be performed by a certified minority- or woman-owned business enterprise. In the event the Contractor responding to University solicitation is joint venture, teaming agreement, or other similar arrangement that includes a minority- and women owned business enterprise, the Contractor must submit for review and approval: i. the name, address, telephone number and federal identification of each partner or party to the agreement; ii. the federal identification number of the joint venture or entity established to respond to the solicitation, if applicable; iii. A copy of the joint venture, teaming or other similar arrangement which describes the percentage of interest owned by each party to the agreement and the

value added by each party; iv. A copy of the mentor-protégé agreement between the parties, if applicable, and if not described in the joint venture, teaming agreement, or other similar arrangement.

3. PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN. The University shall determine whether Contractor has made conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women to perform this State Contract based upon an analysis of the following factors:

(a) Whether Contractor established and maintained a current list of recruitment sources for minority group members and women, and whether Contractor provided written notification to such recruitment sources that contractor had employment opportunities at the time such opportunities became available.

(b) Whether Contractor sent letters to recruiting sources, labor unions, or authorized representatives of workers with which contractor has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding requesting assistance in locating minority group members and women for employment.

(c) Whether Contractor disseminated its EEO policy by including it in any advertising in the news media, and in particular, in minority and women news media.

(d) Whether Contractor has attempted to provide information concerning its EEO policy to Subcontractors with which it does business or had anticipated doing business.

(e) Whether internal procedures exist for, at a minimum, annual dissemination of the EEO policy to employees, specifically to employees having any responsibility for hiring, assignment, layoff, termination, or other employment decisions. Such dissemination may occur through distribution of employee policy manuals and handbooks, annual reports, staff meetings and public postings.

(f) Whether Contractor encourages and utilizes minority group members and women employees to assist in recruiting other employees.

(g) Whether Contractor has apprentice training programs approved by the N.Y.S. Department of Labor which provides for training and hiring of minority group members and women.

(h) Whether the terms of this section have been incorporated into each Subcontract which is entered into by the Contractor.

4. PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. Based upon an analysis of the following factors, the University shall determine whether Contractor has made good faith efforts to provide for meaningful participation by minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises which have been certified by DMWBD:

(a) Whether Contractor has actively solicited bids for Subcontracts from qualified M/WBEs, including those firms listed on the Directory of Certified Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises, and has documented its good faith efforts towards meeting minority and women owned business enterprise utilization plans by providing, copies of solicitations, copies of any advertisements for participation by certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises timely published in appropriate

general circulation, trade and minority- or women-oriented publications, together with the listing(s) and date(s) of the publications of such advertisements; dates of attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the University, with certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises, and the reasons why any such firm was not selected to participate on the project.

(b) Whether Contractor has attempted to make project plans and specifications available to firms who are not members of associations with plan rooms and reduce fees for firms who are disadvantaged.

(c) Whether Contractor has utilized the services of organizations which provide technical assistance in connection with M/WBE participation.

(d) Whether Contractor has structured its Subcontracts so that opportunities exist to complete smaller portions of work.

(e) Whether Contractor has encouraged the formation of joint ventures, partnerships, or other similar arrangements among Subcontractors.

(f) Whether Contractor has requested the services of the Department of Economic Development (DED) to assist Subcontractors' efforts to satisfy bonding requirement.

(g) Whether Contractor has made progress payments promptly to its Subcontractors.

(h) Whether the terms of this section have been incorporated into each Subcontract which is entered into by the Contractor. It shall be the responsibility of Contractor to ensure compliance by every Subcontractor with these provisions.

5. GOALS. (a) GOALS FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN WORK FORCE PARTICIPATION.

(i) The University shall include relevant work force availability data, which is provided by the DMWBD, in all documents which solicit bids for State Contracts and shall make efforts to assist Contractors in utilizing such data to determine expected levels of participation for minority group members and women on State Contracts.

(ii) Contractor shall exert good faith efforts to achieve such goals for minority and women's participation. To successfully achieve such goals, the employment of minority group members and women by Contractor must be substantially uniform during the entire term of this State Contract. In addition, Contractor should not participate in the transfer of employees from one employer or project to another for the sole purpose of achieving goals for minority and women's participation.

(b) **GOALS FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PARTICIPATION.** For all State Contracts in excess of \$25,000.00 whereby the University is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services including but not limited to legal, financial and other professional services, supplies, equipment, materials or an combination of the foregoing or all State Contracts in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the University is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon, Contractor shall exert good faith efforts to

achieve a participation goal of _____ percent (____%) for Certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises and _____ percent (____%) for Certified Women-Owned Business Enterprises.

6. ENFORCEMENT. The University will be responsible for enforcement of each Contractor's compliance with these provisions. Contractor, and each Subcontractor, shall permit the University access to its books, records and accounts for the purpose of investigating and determining whether Contractor or Subcontractor is in compliance with the requirements of Article 15-A of the Executive Law. If the University determines that a Contractor or Subcontractor may not be in compliance with these provisions, the University may make every reasonable effort to resolve the issue and assist the Contractor or Subcontractor in its efforts to comply with these provisions. If the University is unable to

resolve the issue of noncompliance, the University may file a complaint with the DMWBD.

7. DAMAGES FOR NON COMPLIANCE.

Where the University determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to liquidated damages to the University. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:

a. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and

b. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.

In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the University, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the University within sixty (60) days after such damages are assessed, unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the University.

Exhibit B

Statistics:

SUNY Downstate Medical Center

- 376 Licensed Beds
- 28,888 Total Discharges
- Payer Mix:
 - Medicaid HMO 35%
 - Medicare 19%
 - Medicare HMO 15%
 - Medicaid 13%
 - Private 16%
 - Other 2%
- \$1.04 Billion Total Patient Revenues
- 3,600 Inpatient Surgeries
- 24,900 Outpatient Surgeries
- 1,800 Births
- 208,800 Outpatient Visits
- 27,700 Emergency Room (Not Admitted)
- 10,300 Emergency Room (Admitted)

Exhibit "C"

Cost Proposal Form – Page 1 of 5

IFB# Q14-08

Vendor must complete and include this sheet with your response to this IFB. These forms are to be completed by the Vendor and returned with the proposal. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Vendor Information

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Internet Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

of years in business: _____

of years providing Services: _____

Instructions: Each Vendor must provide the detailed pricing information requested in the Cost Proposal Grid following these preliminary instructions and background (beginning on Cost Proposal Page 4 of 8). As indicated in the Grid, Vendors should specify the percentage that such Vendor proposes charging SUNY-DMC for its Transfer DRG Recovery Services, which rates shall remain constant for the term of the agreement resulting herefrom. In addition, where applicable, the Vendors should indicate any applicable (per account) compensation caps that such vendor proposes.

Exhibit “C” – Cost Proposal (Page 2 of 5)

Inquiries relating to Price Proposal: Vendor’s Price Proposal (the rates provided by Vendor in Exhibit “C” herein) must include any and all costs associated with Transfer DRG Services.

In the event of any confusion or uncertainty with regard to the specific Price Proposal information required by SUNY-DMC, Vendor should not submit a proposal hereunder until uncertainty/confusion has been alleviated; as such confusion may result in disqualification of Vendor’s proposal if its proposal is determined to be non-responsive. Instead, Vendor should submit a written inquiry during the period prescribed for inquiry submission requesting clarification in the manner set forth in *Section II* hereinabove.

Additional Services: By submitting a Proposal hereunder, each Vendor acknowledges and agrees that it will only be compensated for providing the Services requested herein and for which it has proposed its cost. SUNY-DMC will not be responsible for any additional costs, other than for the services outlined hereunder, and for which such Vendor has actually proposed a cost in its Proposal.

Guarantees: By submitting a response to this IFB, each Vendor warrants, represents and guarantees that the price offered is the same or lower than those offered to any governmental or commercial account for similar products and services.

Information: This Price Proposal Grid (the “Grid”), the document on which Bidder will provide its pricing, is for Transfer DRG Recovery Service. These services must include identification of underpayments caused by improperly assigned Transfer DRG account status, rebilling of accounts, and responding to CMS and CMS contractors’ requests for supporting documentation.

Please both complete the Cost Proposal Table on the following page, and sign the certification(s) that follow.

Exhibit "C" – Cost Proposal (Page 3 of 5)

****NOTE - the final costs must be all-inclusive. Vendor's compensation under the Contract will be limited to the rates herein proposed, which rates shall remain fixed for the term of the Contract(s) (VENDOR'S SHALL NOT PROPOSE ANY ESCALATION).**

Proposed fee:

A. Fee (As percentage of recovery)

Percent (%) of Collections: _____ %

B. Compensation Cap Per Account

\$ _____

Vendor's Certification that Vendor has read and understands all aspects of this IFB, EXHIBIT A, and EXHIBIT A-1.

Vendor's Authorized Signature: _____

Print FULL Name and Title: _____

Exhibit "C" – Cost Proposal (Page 4 of 5)

Proposal Summary

Certification

By submission of this proposal, the vendor and each person signing on behalf of any vendor certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1. The prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other vendor, Vendor or with any competitor;
2. Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the vendor and will not knowingly be disclosed by the vendor prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other vendor, Vendor or to any competitor;
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the vendor to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
4. The attached State University of New York standard contract clauses contained in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "A-1" are made a part of this IFB and by submitting this proposal the vendor accepts the terms contained therein.

(Vendor's Name)

By _____
(Officer's Name)

(Officer's Title)

Exhibit "C" – Cost Proposal (Page 5 of 5)

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND:

MACBRIDE FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES

In that it or any individual or legal entity in which the bidder holds a 10% or greater ownership interest, or any individual or legal entity that holds a 10% or greater ownership in the bidder, either: (answer yes or no to one or both of the following, as applicable),

(1) has business operations in Northern Ireland;

Yes _____ or No _____

If yes:

(2) Shall take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any business operations that it has in Northern Ireland in accordance with the MacBride Fair Employment Principles relating to nondiscrimination in employment and freedom of workplace opportunity regarding such operations in Northern Ireland, and shall permit independent monitoring of their compliance with such Principles.

Yes _____ or No _____

“EXHIBIT D”

Vendor's Affirmation of Understanding and Adherence

Pursuant to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k (the “Procurement Lobbying Law”, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between a Governmental Entity and an Offerer during the procurement process. An Offerer/bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by the SUNY Downstate Medical Center and, if applicable, Office of the State Comptroller (“restricted period”) to other than designated staff, except as otherwise specified under the Procurement Lobbying Law (See State Finance Law §139-j(3)(a)). Designated staff, as of the date hereof, is identified below. SUNY Downstate Medical Center employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the Offerer/bidder pursuant to the Procurement Lobbying Law. Certain findings of non-responsibility may result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a four (4) year period, the Offerer/bidder may be debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Further information about these requirements can be found on the following website:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/AboutPSG.asp>

All contacts and/or inquires regarding this procurement, be they oral, written, or electronic commencing with the earliest written notice, advertisement, or solicitation and ending with the final contract award and approval by SUNY Downstate Medical Center and, where applicable, Office of the State Comptroller shall **only** be directed to the following person:

Maureen Crystal
Director of Contracts
Maureen.crystal@downstate.edu
(718) 270-7270

Or

Donovan Lorde
Maureen.Crystal@Downstate.edu
(718) 270-3741

Affirmation (continued)

The vendor must affirm their understanding of and adherence to this policy by completing, signing and returning this ***Affirmation***. This policy provides that if a member, officer or employee of a governmental entity becomes aware that an officer has violated the permissible contact provisions of the Procurement Lobbying Law, said person shall immediately notify the Ethics Officer, Inspector General, or other official of the procuring governmental entity for investigation. **Any Vendor failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification from consideration hereunder.**

Bidder's Affirmation of Understanding & Adherence

I _____ (Name & Title at corporation), hereby affirm that
_____ understands and agrees to
comply with SUNY Downstate Medical Center's procedure relating to permissible contacts
during a governmental procurement, and certify that all information provided by
_____ Corporation to SUNY
Downstate Medical Center is complete, true and accurate.

Signature

Title

Date

EXHIBIT "E"

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

THIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT is made by and between THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK ("SUNY"), an educational corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having its principal offices located at State University Plaza, Albany, New York 12246, acting for and on behalf of

SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER

"Covered Entity"

with its address at:

**450 Clarkson Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203**

Re. Contract Number(s): _____

and

"Business Associate"

with its principal offices at

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-----|
| Street Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Facsimile Number: _____ | | |

Covered Entity and Business Associate, collectively, may hereinafter be referred to as the "Parties," as in the parties to this Agreement.

The Parties have entered into one or more certain agreements (each and together, the "Underlying Agreement") under which the Business Associate uses and/or discloses PHI in its performance of the Services described below. The Parties are committed to complying with the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the "Privacy Rule") and the Standards for Security of Electronic Protected Health Information (the "Security Rule") under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") including the 2013 HIPAA Omnibus Rule. This Agreement, in conjunction with the Privacy and Security Rules, sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which PHI (electronic and non-electronic) that is created, received, maintained, or transmitted by, the Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, will be handled between the Business Associate and Covered Entity and with third parties during the term of their Underlying Agreement and after its termination. The Parties agree as follows:

1. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PHI

1.1 Services. Pursuant to the Underlying Agreement, Business Associate provides services ("Services") for Covered Entity that involve the use and disclosure of PHI. Except as otherwise specified herein,

the Business Associate may make any and all uses of PHI necessary to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement. All other uses not authorized by this Agreement are prohibited. Moreover, Business Associate may disclose PHI for the purposes authorized by this Agreement only: (a) to its employees, subcontractors and agents, in accordance with Section 2.1(d), or (b) as otherwise permitted by or as required by the Privacy or Security Rule.

1.2 Business Activities of the Business Associate. Unless otherwise limited herein and if such use or disclosure of PHI would not violate the Privacy or Security Rules if done by the Covered Entity, the Business Associate may:

- (a) use the PHI in its possession for its proper management and administration and to fulfill any present or future legal responsibilities of the Business Associate provided that such uses are permitted under state and federal confidentiality laws.
- (b) disclose the PHI in its possession to third parties for the purpose of its proper management and administration or to fulfill any present or future legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided that the Business Associate represents to Covered Entity, in writing, that (i) the disclosures are required by law, as provided for in 45 CFR § 103 or (ii) the Business Associate has received from the third party written assurances regarding its confidential handling of such PHI as required under 45 CFR § 164.504(e)(4) and § 164.314, and the third party notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- (c) Business Associate may provide data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of the Covered Entity.

1.3 Business Associate understands and agrees that its access to Protected Health Information stored in databases and information systems at the Covered Entity is subject to review and audit by the Covered Entity or agents of the State of New York at any time, that remote audits of such access may occur at any time, if remote access exists, that on-site audits of such access will be conducted during regular business hours, and that any review or audit may occur with or without prior notice by the Covered Entity.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO PHI

2.1 Responsibilities of the Business Associate. With regard to its use and/or disclosure of PHI, the Business Associate hereby agrees to do the following:

- (a) Not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law;

- (b) Use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic PHI, to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by the Agreement;
- (c) Report, in writing, to Covered Entity within five (5) business days any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required at 45 CFR 164.410, and any security incident of which it becomes aware, and cooperate with the Covered Entity in any mitigation or breach reporting efforts; this notice shall be deemed sufficient if it is delivered to the Parties at their respective addresses listed above and the Privacy Officer using the following contact information:

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Office of Compliance & Audit Services
Attn: Privacy Officer
450 Clarkson Ave., Box 1248
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Telephone Number: (718) 270 - 4033
Facsimile Number: (718) 270 - 4312
(Please confirm receipt)

- (d) In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, to ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of the Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information;
- (e) Except as provided in this subsection, ensure that any agent or subcontractor to whom the Business Associate provides PHI, as well as Business Associate, shall not export PHI beyond the borders of the United States of America. If the Business Associate or its agent or subcontractor exports PHI beyond the borders of the United States of America, then, subject to the United States and New York State export control and foreign outsourcing laws, rules and regulations, the Business Associate will provide to Covered Entity prior to such export, a reasonable assurance, evidenced in writing, that the Business Associate, subcontractor, or agent will comply with the privacy and security obligations of Business Associate the set forth either in this Agreement or in applicable law, rules and regulations with respect to such PHI.
- (f) Agrees to provide the Covered Entity, at the Covered Entity's request, a list of all agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of Business Associate.
- (g) Within five (5) business days of a request from Covered Entity, make available PHI in a designated record set, if applicable, to Covered Entity, as necessary to satisfy Covered Entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524.
- (h) Within five (5) business days of a request from Covered Entity, make any amendment(s) to PHI, if applicable, in a designated record set as directed or agreed to by the Covered Entity pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy Covered Entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526.
- (i) As applicable, maintain and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures as necessary to satisfy Covered Entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.528.
- (j) To the extent Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligation(s).
- (k) Upon request, may make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary and to the Covered Entity for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.
- (l) Comply with minimum necessary requirements under the HIPAA Rules.

2.2 Business Associate hereby acknowledges and agrees that Covered Entity has notified Business Associate that Business Associate is required to comply with the confidentiality, Disclosure and re-Disclosure requirements of 10 NYCRR Part 63 to the extent such requirements may be applicable.

2.3 If, in the performance of the Services, Business Associate extends, renews or continues credit to patients or regularly allows patients to defer payment for services including setting up payment plans in connection with one or more covered accounts, as defined at 15 USC 1681m(e)(4), the Business Associate must comply with the Federal Trade Commission's "Red Flag" Rules, if applicable, or develop and implement a written identity theft prevention program designed to identify, detect, mitigate and respond to suspicious activities that could indicate that identity theft has occurred in the Business Associate practice or business.

2.4 Business Associate acknowledges that if Business Associate or any of its agents or subcontractors violate any Security provision as Required By Law specified in subparagraph 2.1(b) above, sections 1176 and 1177 of the Social Security Act 42 USC §1320d-5, 1320d-6 shall apply to Business Associate with respect to such violation in the same manner that such sections apply to Covered Entity if it violates such Security provision, thus resulting in civil or criminal penalties.

2.5 Covered Entity and Business Associate recognize that unsecured PHI may contain the social security numbers, financial account information or driver's license number or non-driver identification card number ("private information" as defined in the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act, as amended ("ISBNA"), General Business Law § 889-aa; State Technology Law § 208). Subject to the issue of

interim final regulations by the Secretary and any periodic updates thereof all of which are incorporated by reference in this Agreement, in the event of a Breach of unsecured PHI containing an Individual's private information, Business Associate shall, in addition to notifying Covered Entity as required under in subparagraph 2.1(c), comply with the provisions of the New York State ISBNA. Business Associate shall be liable for the costs associated with such Breach if caused by the Business Associate's negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Business Associate's agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COVERED ENTITY.

3.1 With regard to the use and/or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate, Covered Entity hereby agrees:

- (a) to inform the Business Associate of any limitations in the form of notice of privacy practices that Covered Entity provides to individuals pursuant to 45 CFR §164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (b) to inform the Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- (c) to notify the Business Associate, in writing and in a timely manner, of any restriction on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to or is required to abide by under 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may impact in any manner the use and/or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate under this Agreement, except if the Business Associate will use or disclose PHI for (and the Underlying Agreement includes provisions for) data aggregation or management and administration and legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
- (d) Covered Entity will not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy and Security Rule if done by the Covered Entity.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 Mutual Representations and Warranties of the Parties. Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party:

- (a) that it is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized or licensed, it has the full power to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, and that the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other actions and will not violate any provision of any license, corporate charter or bylaws.
- (b) that neither the execution of this Agreement, nor its performance hereunder, will directly or indirectly violate or interfere with the terms of another

agreement to which it is a party, or give any governmental entity the right to suspend, terminate, or modify any of its governmental authorizations or assets required for its performance hereunder. Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that it will not enter into any agreement the execution and/or performance of which would violate or interfere with this Agreement.

- (c) that it is not currently the subject of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy, does not currently contemplate filing any such voluntary petition, and is not aware of any claim for the filing of an involuntary petition.
- (d) that all of its employees and members of its workforce, whose services may be used to fulfill obligations under this Agreement are or shall be appropriately informed of the terms of this Agreement and are under legal obligation to each Party, respectively, by contract or otherwise, sufficient to enable each Party to fully comply with all provisions of this Agreement including, without limitation, the requirement that modifications or limitations that Business Associate has agreed to adhere to with regards to the use and disclosure of PHI of any individual that materially affects and/or limits the uses and disclosures that are otherwise permitted under the Standard will be communicated to the Business Associate, in writing, and in a timely fashion.
- (e) that it will reasonably cooperate with the other Party in the performance of the mutual obligations under this Agreement.
- (f) that neither the Party, nor its shareholders, members, directors, officers, agents, employees or members of its workforce have been excluded or served a notice of exclusion or have been served with a notice of proposed exclusion, or have committed any acts which are cause for exclusion, from participation in, or had any sanctions, or civil or criminal penalties imposed under, any federal or state healthcare program, including but not limited to Medicare or Medicaid, or have been convicted, under federal or state law (including without limitation a plea of nolo contendere or participation in a first offender deferred adjudication or other arrangement whereby a judgment of conviction has been withheld), of a criminal offense related to (i) the neglect or abuse of a patient, (ii) the delivery of an item or service, including the performance of management or administrative services related to the delivery of an item or service, under a federal or state healthcare program, (iii) fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility, or other financial misconduct in connection with the delivery of a healthcare item or service or with respect to any act or omission in any program operated by or financed in whole or in part by any federal, state or local government agency, (iv) the unlawful, manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a controlled substance, or (v) interference with or obstruction of any investigation into any criminal offense.

4.2 Each Party further agrees to notify the other Party immediately after the Party becomes aware that any of the foregoing representation and warranties may be inaccurate or may become incorrect at any time during the term of this Agreement.

5. TERMS AND TERMINATION

5.1 **Term.** The Term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date, and shall terminate on the termination date of the relevant Underlying Agreement or on the date Covered Entity terminates this Agreement for cause as authorized in paragraph 5.2 of this Section, whichever is sooner.

5.2 **Termination for Cause.** Business Associate authorizes termination of this Agreement by Covered Entity, if Covered Entity determines Business Associate has violated a material term of the Agreement and Business Associate has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity.

5.3 **Obligations of Business Associate upon Termination.** Business Associate agrees to return or destroy all PHI pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.504(e)(2)(i). Prior to doing so, the Business Associate further agrees to recover any PHI in the possession of its subcontractors or agents. If it is not feasible for the Business Associate to return or destroy said PHI, the Business Associate will notify Covered Entity in writing and the Covered Entity may disagree with the Business Associate's determination. Said notification shall include: (a) a statement that the Business Associate has determined that it is not feasible to return or destroy the PHI in its possession, and (b) the specific reasons for such determination. Business Associate further agrees to extend any and all protections, limitations and restrictions contained in this Agreement to the Business Associate's use and/or disclosure of any PHI retained after the termination of this Agreement, and to limit any further uses and/or disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible. If it is infeasible for the Business Associate to obtain from a subcontractor or agent any PHI in the possession of the subcontractor or agent, the Business Associate must provide a written explanation to Covered Entity and require such subcontractor or agent to agree to extend any and all protections, limitations and restrictions contained in this Agreement to the subcontractor's and/or agent's use and/or disclosure of any PHI retained after the termination of this Agreement, and to limit any further uses and/or disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible.

5.4 **Automatic Termination.** This Agreement will automatically terminate without any further action of the Parties upon the termination or expiration of the Underlying Agreement.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 **Confidentiality Obligations.** In the course of performing under this Agreement, each Party may receive, be exposed to or acquire the Confidential Information including but not limited to, all information, data, reports,

records, summaries, tables and studies, whether written or oral, fixed in hard copy or contained in any computer data base or computer readable form, as well as any information identified as confidential ("Confidential Information") of the other Party. For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" shall not include PHI, the security of which is the subject of this Agreement and is provided for elsewhere. The Parties including their employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors: (a) shall not disclose to any third party the Confidential Information of the other Party except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement, (b) only permit use of such Confidential Information by employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors having a need to know in connection with performance under this Agreement, and (c) advise each of their employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors of their obligations to keep such Confidential Information confidential. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each Party shall be free to use, for its own business purposes, any ideas, suggestions, concepts, know-how or techniques contained in information received from each other that directly relates to the performance under this Agreement. This provision shall not apply to Confidential Information: (d) after it becomes publicly available through no fault of either Party; (e) which is later publicly released by either Party in writing; (f) which is lawfully obtained from third parties without restriction; or (g) which can be shown to be previously known or developed by either Party independently of the other Party.

7. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 **Insurance.** Business Associate will procure and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement: (a) general liability insurance coverage with minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million aggregate; and (b) as applicable, professional liability insurance coverage within minimum limits of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million in aggregate; and (c) workers' compensation insurance coverage within statutory limits of state law in which Business Associate is located. Upon request, Business Associate shall provide evidence of continuous coverage to Covered Entity.

7.2 **Indemnification.** The Business Associate agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Covered Entity and Covered Entity's employees, trustees, officers, agents and other members of its workforce from any costs, damages, expenses, judgments, losses, and attorney's fees arising from any breach of this Agreement by Business Associate or any of its agents or subcontractors, or arising from any negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of Business Associate or any of its agents or subcontractors, including failure to perform its obligations under the Privacy Rule. The Business Associate's indemnification obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 **Business Associate.** For purposes of this Agreement, Business Associate shall include the named Business Associate herein. However, in the event that the

Business Associate is otherwise a Covered Entity under the Privacy or Security Rule, that entity may appropriately designate a health care component of the entity, pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.504(a), as the Business Associate for purposes of this Agreement.

8.2 Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate and Covered Entity under this Agreement, shall survive termination of this Agreement indefinitely.

8.3 Amendments; Waiver. This Agreement may not be modified, nor shall any provision hereof be waived or amended, except in a writing duly signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. A waiver with respect to one event shall not be construed as continuing, or as a bar to or waiver of any right or remedy as to subsequent events. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for compliance with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules and any other applicable law.

8.4 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

8.5 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than the Parties and the respective successors or assigns of the Parties, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

8.6 Notices. Any notices to be given hereunder to a Party shall be made via U.S. Mail or express courier to such Party's address given above, and/or (other than for the delivery of fees) via facsimile to the facsimile telephone numbers listed above. A copy of any such notice shall also be given in the same manner to the Privacy Officer listed above. Each Party named above may change its address and that of its representative for notice by the giving of notice thereof in the manner hereinabove provided.

8.7 Counterparts; Facsimiles. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. Facsimile copies hereof shall be deemed to be originals.

8.8 Disputes. If any controversy, dispute or claim arises between the Parties with respect to this Agreement, the Parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve such matters informally.

8.9 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. COVERED ENTITY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO BUSINESS ASSOCIATE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, WHETHER SUCH LIABILITY IS ASSERTED ON THE BASIS OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY), OR OTHERWISE, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGES.

8.10 Changes in Law. The Parties recognize that this Agreement is at all times subject to applicable state, local, and federal laws. The Parties further recognize that this Agreement may become subject to amendments in such laws and regulations and to new legislation. Any provisions of law that invalidate, or are otherwise inconsistent with, the material terms and conditions of this Agreement, or that would cause one or both of the Parties hereto to be in violation of law, shall be deemed to have superseded the terms of this Agreement and, in such event, the Parties agree to use their best efforts to modify in an executed written agreement the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be consistent with the requirements of such law(s) in order to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Agreement within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from one Party to the other Party setting forth the proposed changes. If the Parties fail to so modify this Agreement, then either Party may, by giving the other an additional sixty (60) days written notice, terminate this Agreement, unless this Agreement would terminate earlier by its terms. In the event amendments or changes in existing law, general instructions, or new legislation, rules, regulations, or decisional law preclude or substantially preclude a contractual relationship between the Parties similar to that expressed in this Agreement, then, under such circumstances, where renegotiation of the applicable terms of this Agreement would be futile, either Party may provide the other at least sixty (60) days advance written notice of termination of this Agreement, unless this Agreement would terminate earlier by its terms. Upon termination of this Agreement as hereinabove provided, neither Party shall have any further obligation hereunder except for (a) obligations occurring prior to the date of termination, and (b) obligations, promises or covenants contained herein which are expressly made and intended either to arise upon the termination of this Agreement or to extend beyond the term of this Agreement.

8.11 Construction of Terms. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in light of any applicable interpretation or guidance on HIPAA and/or the Privacy Rule issued by the Department of Health and Human Services of the Office of Civil Rights from time to time.

8.12 Contradictory Terms. Any provision of the Underlying Agreement that is directly contradictory to one or more terms of this Agreement ("Contradictory Term") shall be superceded by the terms of this Agreement as of the Effective Date of this Agreement to the extent and only to the extent of the contradiction, only for the purpose of the Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule and only to the extent that it is reasonably impossible to comply with both the Contradictory Term and the terms of this Agreement.

8.13 Governing Law. This Agreement and any Underlying Agreement shall be governed by New York law notwithstanding any conflicts of law provisions to the contrary.

9. DEFINITIONS.

9.1 The following terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA

Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Designated Record Set, Disclosure, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, PHI, Required By Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use.

9.2 Specific definitions include:

- (a) Business Associate. "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Agreement, shall mean the Party identified as the Business Associate above.
- (b) Covered Entity. "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Covered Entity" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean the Party identified as the Covered Entity above.
- (c) HIPAA Rules. "HIPAA Rules" shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.
- (d) Electronic Protected Health Information or Electronic PHI. "Electronic PHI" shall mean PHI which is transmitted by Electronic Media (as defined in the HIPAA Security and Privacy Rule) or maintained in Electronic Media.
- (e) Privacy Officer. "Privacy Officer" shall have the meaning as set out in its definition at 45 CFR § 164.530(a)(1) as such provision is currently drafted and as it is subsequently updated, amended or revised, and in reference to this Agreement, shall mean the person identified as the Privacy Officer above.
- (f) Privacy Rule. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164.
- (g) Security Rule. "Security Rule" shall mean the Standards for Security of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164.
- (h) A reference in this Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be duly executed in its name and on its behalf.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK on behalf of
COVERED ENTITY

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Date: _____

Contract Number/Purchase Order Number: _____

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

By: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT "F"

NEW YORK STATE FORMS

You have selected the For-Profit Non-Construction questionnaire which may be printed and completed in this format or, for your convenience, may be completed online using the New York State VendRep System.

COMPLETION & CERTIFICATION

The person(s) completing the questionnaire must be knowledgeable about the vendor's business and operations. An owner or officer must certify the questionnaire and the signature must be notarized.

NEW YORK STATE VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VENDOR ID)

The Vendor ID is a ten-digit identifier issued by New York State when the vendor is registered on the Statewide Vendor File. This number must now be included on the questionnaire. If the business entity has not obtained a Vendor ID, contact the OSC Help Desk at ciohelpdesk@osc.state.ny.us or call 866-370-4672.

DEFINITIONS

All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf. These terms may not have their ordinary, common or traditional meanings. Each vendor is strongly encouraged to read the respective definitions for any and all underlined terms. By submitting this questionnaire, the vendor agrees to be bound by the terms as defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List" existing at the time of certification.

RESPONSES

Every question must be answered. Each response must provide all relevant information which can be obtained within the limits of the law. However, information regarding a determination or finding made in error which was subsequently corrected is not required. Individuals and Sole Proprietors may use a Social Security Number but are encouraged to obtain and use a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).

REPORTING ENTITY

Each vendor must indicate if the questionnaire is filed on behalf of the entire Legal Business Entity or an Organizational Unit within or operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity and having the same EIN. Generally, the Organizational Unit option may be appropriate for a vendor that meets the definition of "Reporting Entity" but due to the size and complexity of the Legal Business Entity, is best able to provide the required information for the Organizational Unit, while providing more limited information for other parts of the Legal Business Entity and Associated Entities.

ASSOCIATED ENTITY

An Associated Entity is one that owns or controls the Reporting Entity or any entity owned or controlled by the Reporting Entity. However, the term Associated Entity does **not** include "sibling organizations" (i.e., entities owned or controlled by a parent company that owns or controls the Reporting Entity), unless such sibling entity has a direct relationship with or impact on the Reporting Entity.

STRUCTURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire is organized into eleven sections. Section I is to be completed for the Legal Business Entity. Section II requires the vendor to specify the Reporting Entity for the questionnaire. Section III refers to the individuals of the Reporting Entity, while Sections IV-VIII require information about the Reporting Entity. Section IX pertains to any Associated Entities, with one question about their Officials/Owners. Section X relates to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Section XI requires an authorized contact for the questionnaire information.

| I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION | | | |
|--|------|---|--|
| Legal Business Entity Name* | | EIN | |
| Address of the Principal Place of Business (street, city, state, zip code) | | New York State Vendor Identification Number | |
| | | Telephone ext. | Fax |
| Email | | Website | |
| Additional Legal Business Entity Identities: If applicable, list any other DBA, Trade Name, Former Name, Other Identity, or EIN used in the last five (5) years and the status (active or inactive). | | | |
| Type | Name | EIN | Status |
| | | | |
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| 1.0 Legal Business Entity Type – Check appropriate box and provide additional information: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (including PC) | | Date of Incorporation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company (LLC or PLLC) | | Date of Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership (including LLP, LP or General) | | Date of Registration or Establishment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor | | How many years in business? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | Date Established | |
| If Other, explain: | | | |
| 1.1 Was the Legal Business Entity formed or incorporated in New York State? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If 'No,' indicate jurisdiction where Legal Business Entity was formed or incorporated and attach a Certificate of Good Standing from the applicable jurisdiction or provide an explanation if a Certificate of Good Standing is not available. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United States State _____ | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____ | | | |
| Explain, if not available: | | | |
| 1.2 Is the Legal Business Entity publicly traded? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If "Yes," provide CIK Code or Ticker Symbol | | | |
| 1.3 Does the Legal Business Entity have a DUNS Number? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If "Yes," Enter DUNS Number | | | |

* All underlined terms are defined in the "New York State Vendor Responsibility Definitions List," which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep/documents/questionnaire/definitions.pdf.

I. LEGAL BUSINESS ENTITY INFORMATION

- 1.4 If the Legal Business Entity's Principal Place of Business is not in New York State, does the Legal Business Entity maintain an office in New York State?
(Select "N/A," if Principal Place of Business is in New York State.)

☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ N/A

If "Yes," provide the address and telephone number for one office located in New York State.

- 1.5 Is the Legal Business Entity a New York State certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), New York State Small Business (SB) or a federally certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," check all that apply:

- ☐ New York State certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)
☐ New York State certified Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)
☐ New York State Small Business (SB)
☐ Federally certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

- 1.6 Identify Officials and Principal Owners, if applicable. For each person, include name, title and percentage of ownership. Attach additional pages if necessary. If applicable, reference to relevant SEC filing(s) containing the required information is optional.

| Name | Title | Percentage Ownership (Enter 0% if not applicable) |
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II. REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION

2.0 The Reporting Entity for this questionnaire is:

Note: Select only one.

☐ Legal Business Entity

Note: If selecting this option, “Reporting Entity” refers to the entire Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND PROCEED WITH SECTION III.)

☐ Organizational Unit within and operating under the authority of the Legal Business Entity

SEE DEFINITIONS OF “REPORTING ENTITY” AND “ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT” FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SELECTION.

Note: If selecting this option, “Reporting Entity” refers to the Organizational Unit within the Legal Business Entity for the remainder of the questionnaire. (COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF SECTION II AND ALL REMAINING SECTIONS OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.)

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

a) Reporting Entity Name

Address of the Primary Place of Business (street, city, state, zip code)

Telephone

ext.

b) Describe the relationship of the Reporting Entity to the Legal Business Entity

c) Attach an organizational chart

d) Does the Reporting Entity have a DUNS Number?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” enter DUNS Number

e) Identify the designated manager(s) responsible for the business of the Reporting Entity.
For each person, include name and title. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Name

Title

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTIONS III THROUGH VII

For each “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). For each “Other,” provide an explanation which provides the basis for not definitively responding “Yes” or “No.” Provide the explanation at the end of the section or attach additional sheets with numbered responses, including the Reporting Entity name at the top of any attached pages.

III. LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY

Within the past five (5) years, has any current or former reporting entity official or any individual currently or formerly having the authority to sign, execute or approve bids, proposals, contracts or supporting documentation on behalf of the reporting entity with any government entity been:

| | |
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| 3.0 <u>Sanctioned</u> relative to any business or professional permit and/or license? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| 3.1 <u>Suspended, debarred, or disqualified</u> from any <u>government contracting process</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| 3.2 The subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation for any business-related conduct? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| 3.3 Charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a <u>judgment</u> for: a) Any business-related activity; or b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

For each “Yes” or “Other” explain:

IV. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT BIDDING

Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:

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| 4.0 Been <u>suspended or debarred</u> from any <u>government contracting process</u> or been <u>disqualified</u> on any government procurement, permit, license, concession, franchise or lease, including, but not limited to, <u>debarment</u> for a violation of New York State Workers’ Compensation or Prevailing Wage laws or New York State Procurement Lobbying Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4.1 Been subject to a denial or revocation of a government prequalification? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4.2 Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> by a <u>government entity</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4.3 Had a low bid rejected on a <u>government contract</u> for failure to <u>make good faith efforts</u> on any <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> goal or <u>statutory affirmative action requirements</u> on a previously held contract? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4.4 Agreed to a voluntary exclusion from bidding/contracting with a <u>government entity</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4.5 Initiated a request to withdraw a bid submitted to a <u>government entity</u> in lieu of responding to an information request or subsequent to a formal request to appear before the <u>government entity</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For each “Yes,” explain:

V. INTEGRITY – CONTRACT AWARD*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

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|---|--|
| 5.0 Been <u>suspended</u> , cancelled or <u>terminated for cause</u> on any <u>government contract</u> including, but not limited to, a <u>non-responsibility finding</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5.1 Been subject to an <u>administrative proceeding</u> or civil action seeking specific performance or restitution in connection with any <u>government contract</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5.2 Entered into a formal monitoring agreement as a condition of a contract award from a <u>government entity</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For each “Yes,” explain:

VI. CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

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| 6.0 Had a revocation, <u>suspension</u> or <u>disbarment</u> of any business or professional permit and/or license? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6.1 Had a denial, decertification, revocation or forfeiture of New York State certification of <u>Minority-Owned Business Enterprise</u> , <u>Women-Owned Business Enterprise</u> or federal certification of <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> status for other than a change of ownership? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For each “Yes,” explain:

VII. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS*Within the past five (5) years, has the reporting entity:*

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| 7.0 Been the subject of an <u>investigation</u> , whether open or closed, by any <u>government entity</u> for a civil or criminal violation? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.1 Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, <u>judgment</u> or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.2 Received any OSHA citation and Notification of Penalty containing a violation classified as <u>serious or willful</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.3 Had a <u>government entity</u> find a willful prevailing wage or supplemental payment violation or any other willful violation of New York State Labor Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.4 Entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or received an enforcement determination by any <u>government entity</u> involving a violation of federal, state or local environmental laws? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7.5 Other than previously disclosed: a) Been subject to fines or penalties imposed by <u>government entities</u> which in the aggregate total \$25,000 or more; or b) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any <u>government entity</u> ? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

For each “Yes,” explain:

VIII. FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

8.0 Within the past five (5) years, has the Reporting Entity received any formal unsatisfactory performance assessment(s) from any government entity on any contract? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.1 Within the past five (5) years, has the Reporting Entity had any liquidated damages assessed over \$25,000? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, contracting party involved, the amount assessed and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.2 Within the past five (5) years, have any liens or judgments (not including UCC filings) over \$25,000 been filed against the Reporting Entity which remain undischarged? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant’s name(s), the amount of the lien(s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.3 In the last seven (7) years, has the Reporting Entity initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide the bankruptcy chapter number, the court name and the docket number. Indicate the current status of the proceedings as “Initiated,” “Pending” or “Closed.” Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.4 During the past three (3) years, has the Reporting Entity failed to file or pay any tax returns required by federal, state or local tax laws? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide the taxing jurisdiction, the type of tax, the liability year(s), the tax liability amount the Reporting Entity failed to file/pay and the current status of the tax liability. Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.5 During the past three (3) years, has the Reporting Entity failed to file or pay any New York State unemployment insurance returns? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide the years the Reporting Entity failed to file/pay the insurance, explain the situation and any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

8.6 During the past three (3) years, has the Reporting Entity had any government audit(s) completed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a) If “Yes,” did any audit of the Reporting Entity identify any reported significant deficiencies in internal control, fraud, illegal acts, significant violations of provisions of contract or grant agreements, significant abuse or any material disallowance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes” to 8.6 a), provide an explanation of the issue(s), relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

IX. ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

This section pertains to any entity(ies) that either controls or is controlled by the reporting entity.

(See definition of “associated entity” for additional information to complete this section.)

9.0 Does the Reporting Entity have any Associated Entities?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: All questions in this section must be answered if the Reporting Entity is either:

- An Organizational Unit; or
- The entire Legal Business Entity which controls, or is controlled by, any other entity(ies).

If “No,” SKIP THE REMAINDER OF SECTION IX AND PROCEED WITH SECTION X.

9.1 Within the past five (5) years, has any Associated Entity Official or Principal Owner been charged with a misdemeanor or felony, indicted, granted immunity, convicted of a crime or subject to a judgment for:

☐ Yes ☐ No

- a) Any business-related activity; or
- b) Any crime, whether or not business-related, the underlying conduct of which was related to truthfulness?

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), the individual involved, his/her title and role in the Associated Entity, his/her relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s).

9.2 Does any Associated Entity have any currently undischarged federal, New York State, New York City or New York local government liens or judgments (not including UCC filings) over \$50,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the Associated Entity’s name(s), EIN(s), primary business activity, relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the Lien holder or Claimant’s name(s), the amount of the lien(s) and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

9.3 Within the past five (5) years, has any Associated Entity:

a) Been disqualified, suspended or debarred from any federal, New York State, New York City or other New York local government contracting process?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b) Been denied a contract award or had a bid rejected based upon a non-responsibility finding by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

c) Been suspended, cancelled or terminated for cause (including for non-responsibility) on any federal, New York State, New York City or New York local government contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

d) Been the subject of an investigation, whether open or closed, by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity for a civil or criminal violation with a penalty in excess of \$500,000?

☐ Yes ☐ No

e) Been the subject of an indictment, grant of immunity, judgment, or conviction (including entering into a plea bargain) for conduct constituting a crime?

☐ Yes ☐ No

f) Been convicted of a criminal offense pursuant to any administrative and/or regulatory action taken by any federal, New York State, New York City, or New York local government entity?

☐ Yes ☐ No

g) Initiated or been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings, whether or not closed, or is any bankruptcy proceeding pending?

☐ Yes ☐ No

For each “Yes,” provide an explanation of the issue(s), identify the Associated Entity’s name(s), EIN(s), primary business activity, relationship to the Reporting Entity, relevant dates, the government entity involved, any remedial or corrective action(s) taken and the current status of the issue(s). Provide answer below or attach additional sheets with numbered responses.

X. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL)

10. Indicate whether any information supplied herein is believed to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).

Note: A determination of whether such information is exempt from FOIL will be made at the time of any request for disclosure under FOIL.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," indicate the question number(s) and explain the basis for the claim.

XI. AUTHORIZED CONTACT FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

| | | |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
| Name | Telephone ext. | Fax |
| Title | Email | |

Certification

The undersigned: (1) recognizes that this questionnaire is submitted for the express purpose of assisting New York State government entities (including the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)) in making responsibility determinations regarding award or approval of a contract or subcontract and that such government entities will rely on information disclosed in the questionnaire in making responsibility determinations; (2) acknowledges that the New York State government entities and OSC may, in their discretion, by means which they may choose, verify the truth and accuracy of all statements made herein; and (3) acknowledges that intentional submission of false or misleading information may result in criminal penalties under State and/or Federal Law, as well as a finding of non-responsibility, contract suspension or contract termination.

The undersigned certifies that he/she:

- is knowledgeable about the submitting Business Entity's business and operations;
- has read and understands all of the questions contained in the questionnaire;
- has not altered the content of the questionnaire in any manner;
- has reviewed and/or supplied full and complete responses to each question;
- to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief, confirms that the Business Entity's responses are true, accurate and complete, including all attachments, if applicable;
- understands that New York State government entities will rely on the information disclosed in the questionnaire when entering into a contract with the Business Entity; and
- is under an obligation to update the information provided herein to include any material changes to the Business Entity's responses at the time of bid/proposal submission through the contract award notification, and may be required to update the information at the request of the New York State government entities or OSC prior to the award and/or approval of a contract, or during the term of the contract.

Signature of Owner/Official _____

Printed Name of Signatory _____

Title _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____;

_____ Notary Public

**Contractor Certification to Covered Agency**

(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006)

ST-220-CA

(12/11)

For information, consult Publication 223, Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a (see Need Help? on back).

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|---|--|------|---|---|--|
| Contractor name | | | | For covered agency use only Contract number or description | |
| Contractor's principal place of business | | City | State | | |
| Contractor's mailing address (if different than above) | | | | | |
| Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN) | | | Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN) | | |
| Contractor's telephone number | | | Covered agency name | | |
| Covered agency address | | | | Covered agency telephone number | |

I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____
(name) (title)

of the above-named contractor, that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor, and I further certify that:

(Mark an X in only one box)

☐ The contractor has filed Form ST-220-TD with the Department of Taxation and Finance in connection with this contract and, to the best of contractor's knowledge, the information provided on the Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete.

☐ The contractor has previously filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department in connection with _____
(insert contract number or description)

and, to the best of the contractor's knowledge, the information provided on that previously filed Form ST-220-TD, is correct and complete as of the current date, and thus the contractor is not required to file a new Form ST-220-TD at this time.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Instructions

General information

Tax Law section 5-a was amended, effective April 26, 2006. On or after that date, in all cases where a contract is subject to Tax Law section 5-a, a contractor must file (1) Form ST-220-CA, *Contractor Certification to Covered Agency*, with a covered agency, and (2) Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department before a contract may take effect. The circumstances when a contract is subject to section 5-a are listed in Publication 223, Q&A 3. See *Need help?* for more information on how to obtain this publication. In addition, a contractor must file a new Form ST-220-CA with a covered agency before an existing contract with such agency may be renewed.

Note: Form ST-220-CA must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 2 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

When to complete this form

As set forth in Publication 223, a contract is subject to section 5-a, and you must make the required certification(s), if:

- The procuring entity is a *covered agency* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 5);
- The contractor is a *contractor* within the meaning of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 6); and
- The contract is a *contract* within the meaning of the statute. This is the case when it (a) has a value in excess of \$100,000 and (b) is a contract for *commodities* or *services*, as such terms are defined for purposes of the statute (see Publication 223, Q&A 8 and 9).

Furthermore, the procuring entity must have begun the solicitation to purchase on or after January 1, 2005, and the resulting contract must have been awarded, amended, extended, renewed, or assigned *on or after April 26, 2006* (the effective date of the section 5-a amendments).

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF _____ }
: _____ SS.:
COUNTY OF _____ }

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that _____ he resides at _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____; and further that:

[Mark an **X** in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

- ☐ (If an individual): _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.
- ☐ (If a corporation): _____ he is the _____ of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.
- ☐ (If a partnership): _____ he is a _____ of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.
- ☐ (If a limited liability company): _____ he is a duly authorized member of _____, LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _____ he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _____ he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Notary Public

Registration No.

Privacy notification

The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance may collect and maintain personal information pursuant to the New York State Tax Law, including but not limited to, sections 5-a, 171, 171-a, 287, 308, 429, 475, 505, 697, 1096, 1142, and 1415 of that Law; and may require disclosure of social security numbers pursuant to 42 USC 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

This information will be used to determine and administer tax liabilities and, when authorized by law, for certain tax offset and exchange of tax information programs as well as for any other lawful purpose.

Information concerning quarterly wages paid to employees is provided to certain state agencies for purposes of fraud prevention, support enforcement, evaluation of the effectiveness of certain employment and training programs and other purposes authorized by law.

Failure to provide the required information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties, or both, under the Tax Law.

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**Contractor Certification**(Pursuant to Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended,
effective April 26, 2006)**ST-220-TD**

(12/11)

For information, consult Publication 223, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a* (see *Need help?* below).

Contractor name

Contractor's principal place of business

City

State

ZIP code

Contractor's mailing address (if different than above)

Contractor's federal employer identification number (EIN)

Contractor's sales tax ID number (if different from contractor's EIN)

Contractor's telephone number
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Covered agency or state agency

Contract number or description

Estimated contract value over
the full term of contract
(but not including renewals) \$

Covered agency address

Covered agency telephone number

General information

Section 5-a of the Tax Law, as amended, effective April 26, 2006, requires certain contractors awarded certain state contracts valued at more than \$100,000 to certify to the Tax Department that they are registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes, if they made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000, measured over a specified period. In addition, contractors must certify to the Tax Department that each affiliate and subcontractor exceeding such sales threshold during a specified period is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes. Contractors must also file a Form ST-220-CA, certifying to the procuring state entity that they filed Form ST-220-TD with the Tax Department and that the information contained on Form ST-220-TD is correct and complete as of the date they file Form ST-220-CA.

All sections must be completed including all fields on the top of this page, all sections on page 2, Schedule A on page 3, if applicable, and Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgement on page 4. If you do not complete these areas, the form will be returned to you for completion.

For more detailed information regarding this form and section 5-a of the Tax Law, see Publication 223, *Questions and Answers Concerning Tax Law Section 5-a, (as amended, effective April 26, 2006)*. See *Need help?* for more information on how to obtain this publication.

Note: Form ST-220-TD must be signed by a person authorized to make the certification on behalf of the contractor, and the acknowledgement on page 4 of this form must be completed before a notary public.

Mail completed form to:

**NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
DATA ENTRY SECTION
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227****Privacy notification**

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I, _____, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am _____
(name) (title)
of the above-named contractor, and that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of such contractor.

Complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 below. Make only one entry in each section.

Section 1 — Contractor registration status

- ☐ The contractor has made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made. The contractor is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law, and is listed on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ The contractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Section 2 — Affiliate registration status

- ☐ The contractor does not have any affiliates.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed each affiliate exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more affiliates, and each affiliate has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Section 3 — Subcontractor registration status

- ☐ The contractor does not have any subcontractors.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors having made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made, and each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters is registered to collect New York State and local sales and compensating use taxes with the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance pursuant to sections 1134 and 1253 of the Tax Law. The contractor has listed each subcontractor exceeding the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during such quarters on Schedule A of this certification.
- ☐ To the best of the contractor's knowledge, the contractor has one or more subcontractors, and each subcontractor has not made sales delivered by any means to locations within New York State of tangible personal property or taxable services having a cumulative value in excess of \$300,000 during the four sales tax quarters which immediately precede the sales tax quarter in which this certification is made.

Sworn to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____

(sign before a notary public)

(title)

Schedule A — Listing of each entity (contractor, affiliate, or subcontractor) exceeding \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold

List the contractor, or affiliate, or subcontractor in Schedule A only if such entity exceeded the \$300,000 cumulative sales threshold during the specified sales tax quarters. See directions below. For more information, see Publication 223.

[illegible]

Column A – Enter **C** in column A if the contractor; **A** if an affiliate of the contractor; or **S** if a subcontractor.

Column B – Name - If the entity is a corporation or limited liability company, enter the exact legal name as registered with the NY Department of State, if applicable. If the entity is a partnership or sole proprietor, enter the name of the partnership and each partner's given name, or the given name(s) of the owner(s), as applicable. If the entity has a different DBA (doing business as) name, enter that name as well.

Column C – Address - Enter the street address of the entity's principal place of business. Do not enter a PO box.

Column D – ID number - Enter the federal employer identification number (EIN) assigned to the entity. If the entity is an individual, enter the social security number of that person.

Column E – Sales tax ID number - Enter only if different from federal EIN in column D.

Column F – If applicable, enter an X if the entity has submitted Form DTF-17 to the Tax Department but has not received its certificate of authority as of the date of this certification.

Individual, Corporation, Partnership, or LLC Acknowledgment

STATE OF }
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF }

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, before me personally appeared _____, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, who, being duly sworn by me did depose and say that
_ he resides at _____,
Town of _____,
County of _____,
State of _____; and further that:

[Mark an **X** in the appropriate box and complete the accompanying statement.]

- ☐ (If an individual): _he executed the foregoing instrument in his/her name and on his/her own behalf.
- ☐ (If a corporation): _he is the _____
of _____, the corporation described in said instrument; that, by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the corporation for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said corporation as the act and deed of said corporation.
- ☐ (If a partnership): _he is a _____
of _____, the partnership described in said instrument; that, by the terms of said partnership, _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the partnership for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said partnership as the act and deed of said partnership.
- ☐ (If a limited liability company): _he is a duly authorized member of _____
LLC, the limited liability company described in said instrument; that _he is authorized to execute the foregoing instrument on behalf of the limited liability company for purposes set forth therein; and that, pursuant to that authority, _he executed the foregoing instrument in the name of and on behalf of said limited liability company as the act and deed of said limited liability company.

Notary Public

Registration No. _____

FORM A

Summary: Policy and Procedure of the State University of New York Relating to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k

State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, enacted by Ch. 1 L. 2005, as amended by Ch. 596 L. 2005, effective January 1, 2006, regulate lobbying on government procurement, including procurements by State University to obtain commodities and services and to undertake real estate transactions.

Generally, the law restricts communications between a potential vendor or a person acting on behalf of the vendor, including its lobbyist, to communications with the officers and employees of the procuring agency designated in each solicitation to receive such communications. Further, the law prohibits a communication (a "Contact") which a reasonable person would infer as an attempt to unduly influence the award, denial or amendment of a contract. These restrictions apply to each contract in excess of \$15,000 during the "restricted period" (the time commencing with the earliest written notice of the proposed procurement and ending with the later of approval of the final contract by the agency, or, if applicable, the State Comptroller). The agency must record all Contacts, and, generally, must deny an award of contract to a vendor involved in a knowing and willful Contact. Each agency must develop guidelines and procedures regarding Contacts and procedures for the reporting and investigation of Contacts. The agency's procurement record must demonstrate compliance with these new requirements.

Accordingly, neither a potential vendor nor a person acting on behalf of the vendor should contact any individual at State University other than the person designated in this solicitation as State University's Designated Contact, nor attempt to unduly influence award of the contract. State University will make a record of all Contacts, and such records of Contact will become part of the procurement record for this solicitation. A determination that a vendor or a person acting on behalf of the vendor has made intentionally a Contact or provided inaccurate or incomplete information as to its past compliance with State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k is likely to result in denial of the award of contract under this solicitation. Additional sanctions may apply.

A complete copy of the State University of New York Procurement Lobbying Policy and Procedure is available for review at www.suny.info/policies.

FORM B

Affirmation with respect to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k

A complete copy of the State University of New York Procurement Lobbying Policy and Procedure is available for review at www.suny.info/policies.

Procurement Description/ID No.:

Offeror **AFFIRMS** that it has reviewed and understands the Policy and Procedure of the State University of New York, relating to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k, and agrees to comply with State University's procedure relating to Contacts with respect to this procurement.

Name of Offeror:

Address:

Person Submitting Form:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

FORM C

Disclosure and Certification with respect to State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k

Procurement Description/ID No.:

1. Has a Governmental Entity, as defined in State Finance Law §139-j(1)(a), made a determination of non-responsibility with respect to the Offeror within the previous four years where such finding was due to a violation of State Finance Law §139-j or the intentional provision of false or incomplete information with respect to previous determinations of no responsibility?

No ☐

Yes ☐

If yes, provide the following details:

Governmental Entity which made the finding:

Date of finding:

Basis of finding:

2. Has a Governmental Entity terminated or withheld a procurement contract with the Offer because of violations of State Finance Law §139-j or the intentional provision of false or incomplete information with respect to previous determinations of non-responsibility?

No ☐

Yes ☐

If yes, identify the following:

Governmental Entity which terminated the contract:

Date of contract termination or withholding:

Identify the related procurement contract:

SUNY Downstate Medical Center reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it is found that the certification filed by the Offeror in accordance with New York State Finance Law Section 139-k was intentionally false or intentionally incomplete. Upon such finding, the Governmental Entity may exercise its termination right by providing written notification to the Offeror in accordance with the written notification terms of this contract.

Offeror **CERTIFIES** that all information provided by Offeror with respect to its compliance with State Finance Law §§139-j and 139-k is complete, true and accurate.

Name of Offeror:

Address:

Signature of Person Submitting Form: _____

Name:

Title:

Date:

Model Form for Governmental Entity Report of Contact under State Finance Law §139-k(4)

Background:

New York State Finance Law §139-k(4) obligates every Governmental Entity during the Restricted Period of a Procurement Contract to make a written record of any Contacts made. The term “Contact” is defined by statute and refers to those oral, written or electronic communications that a reasonable person would infer are attempts to influence the Governmental Procurement. In addition to obtaining the required identifying information, the Governmental Entity must inquire and record whether the person or organization that made the Contact was the Offerer or was retained, employed or designated on behalf of the Offerer to appear before or Contact the Governmental Entity.

It should be noted that State Finance Law §139-k(6) provides:

[a]ny communications received by a governmental entity from members of the state legislature, or legislative staffs, when acting in their official capacity, shall not be considered to be a “contact” within the meaning of this section and shall not be recorded by a governmental entity pursuant to this section.

Instructions:

This model form is for use by the Governmental Entity and may be used for each Procurement Contract governed by State Finance Law §139-k. All recorded Contacts shall be included in the procurement record for the Procurement Contract. This model form was designed to collect information about initial and subsequent Contacts on the specified procurement contract during the Restricted Period. However, a separate form must be completed for **each** person or organization that Contacts the Governmental Entity about each Procurement Contract. Additional information and guidance on the “restricted period” and permissible Contacts can be found in the guidelines issued by the Advisory Council on Procurement Lobbying, which can be found on the OGS website at <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/aboutOgs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.html>.

It is recommended that Governmental Entities advise Offerers and those designated, employed or retained by Offerers of the intention to record the Contact. It is also recommended that information be provided regarding to Offerers and others about the statutory Restricted Period, Designated Contacts and the Permitted Contacts.

While the model form includes a section where the nature of the Contact may be recorded, such information is not statutorily required to be reported. Where such information is recorded, the Governmental Entity may in its discretion conform its collection with its other procurement practices.

(ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY INDIVIDUAL)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)SS.:

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally came _____, to me known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he/she acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Notary Public

(ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)SS.:

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally came _____, to me known, and known to me to be the person who executed the above instrument, who, being duly sworn by me, did for himself/herself depose and say that he/she is a member of the firm of _____ and that he/she executed the foregoing instrument in the firm name of _____, and that he/she had authority to sign same, and he/she did duly acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same as the act and deed of said firm of _____, for the uses and purposes mentioned therein.

Notary Public

(ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY CORPORATION)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF)SS.:

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally came _____, to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in _____; that he/she is the _____ of the _____, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal, that it was so affixed by the order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT "G", REFERENCE FORM

Contractor Firm/Name: _____

CUSTOMER FOR WHOM SERVICES WERE PERFORMED:

CUSTOMER ADDRESS: _____

DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER HOSPITAL (Please attach additional sheets as necessary):

NUMBER OF BEDS:

APPROXIMATE TOTAL VALUE OF ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO VENDOR (ANNUAL):

OUTPATIENT VISITS: _____

OTHER RELEVANT STATISTICS: _____

PROJECT REFERENCES: (REQUIRED AND WILL BE VERIFIED)

Reference #1:

CONTACT NAME AND TITLE:

CONTACT INFORMATION (PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS):

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DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT

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SUNY Downstate Medical Center: Compliance with Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

SUNY Downstate Medical Center Health Science Center at Brooklyn (DMC) is committed to conducting business in compliance with all applicable laws. To this end, we have an extensive Compliance Program in place to be followed by all employees and certain persons or entities with which we have contractual agreements.

As a participant in the Medicaid Program, we are obligated to comply with the terms and requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). In accordance with the DRA, we have adopted written policies for all employees that provide detailed information about the Federal & New York False Claims Acts, the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, other relevant state laws, the whistleblower protections under such laws and DMC's policies for detecting and preventing waste, fraud and abuse.

The DRA also requires that we provide this information to all contractors and agents for your adoption. Accordingly, we are providing you with this exhibit which contains information regarding the applicable laws, as well as our Compliance Program which sets forth, in detail, our compliance policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste and abuse. In addition, DMC has a Code of Ethics & Business Conduct that outlines the expected legal and ethical conduct of its personnel.

Please note that the Compliance Program and related materials are living documents that are subject to change as new regulations become effective and as policies & procedures are revised. In order to ensure that you are utilizing the most up-to-date version, you may always access our Compliance materials on our website at www.downstate.edu/compliance.

DMC has established a 24/7 Compliance Line as a mechanism for reporting activities, confidentially and anonymously, that may involve ethical violations or criminal conduct:

DMC COMPLIANCE LINE:
877-349-SUNY (telephone report)
OR

"COMPLIANCE LINE" link on the bottom of DMC's web- page:
www.downstate.edu (web report)

DMC has a no tolerance policy for employees, agents, or vendors who are involved in any unlawful activity. To that end, we expect that you share our goals of eradicating fraud and abuse and, therefore, will comply with your obligations under the DRA.

The following is a summary of the Federal & New York False Claims Acts, the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act and other relevant State laws as posted on the Office of Medicaid Inspector General's Provider Compliance website:
http://www.omig.state.ny.us/data/images/stories/relevant_fca_statutes_122209.pdf

I. FEDERAL LAWS

1) Federal False Claims Act (31 USC §§3729-3733)

The False Claims Act ("FCA") provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

§ 3729. False claims

(a) Liability for certain acts. --

(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2), any person who—

- (A)** knowingly presents, or causes to be presented, a false or fraudulent claim for payment or approval;
- (B)** knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record or statement material to a false or fraudulent claim;
- (C)** conspires to commit a violation of subparagraph (A), (B), (D), (E), (F), or (G);
- (D)** has possession, custody, or control of property or money used, or to be used, by the Government and knowingly delivers, or causes to be delivered, less than all of that money or property;
- (E)** is authorized to make or deliver a document certifying receipt of property used, or to be used, by the Government and, intending to defraud the Government, makes or delivers the receipt without completely knowing that the information on the receipt is true;
- (F)** knowingly buys, or receives as a pledge of an obligation or debt, public property from an officer or employee of the

Government, or a member of the Armed Forces, who lawfully may not sell or pledge property; or

- (G)** knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false record or statement material to an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the Government, or knowingly conceals or knowingly and improperly avoids or decreases an obligation to pay or transmit money or property to the Government, is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, as adjusted by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 2461) note; Public Law 104-410, plus 3 times the amount of damages which the Government sustains because of the act of that person.

(2) Reduced damages.—If the court finds that—

- (A)** the person committing the violation of this subsection furnished officials of the United States responsible for investigating false claims violations with all information known to such person about the violation within 30 days after the date on which the defendant first obtained the information;
- (B)** such person fully cooperated with any Government investigation of such violations; and
- (C)** at the time such person furnished the United States with the information about the violation, no criminal prosecution, civil action, or administrative action had commenced under this title with respect to such violation, and the person did not have actual knowledge of the existence of an investigation into such violation, the court may assess not less than 2 times the amount of damages which the Government sustains because of the act of that person.

(3) Costs of civil actions.—A person violating this subsection shall also be liable to the United States Government for the costs of a civil action brought to recover any such penalty or damages.

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(b) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “knowing” and “knowingly” —

(A) mean that a person, with respect to the information—

(i) has actual knowledge of the information;

(ii) acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information; or

(iii) acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information; and

(B) require no proof of specific intent to defraud;

(2) the term “claim” —

(A) means any request or demand, whether under a contract or otherwise, for money or property and whether or not the United States has title to the money or property, that—

(i) is presented to an officer, employee, or agent of the United States; or

(ii) is made to a contractor, grantee, or other recipient, if the money or property is to be spent or used on the Government's behalf or to advance a Government program or interest, and if the United States Government-

(I) provides or has provided any portion of the money or property requested or demanded; or

(II) will reimburse such contractor, grantee, or other recipient for any portion of the money or property which is requested or demanded; and

(B) does not include requests or demands for money or property that the Government has paid to an individual as compensation for Federal employment or as an income subsidy with no restrictions on that individual's use of the money or property;

(3) the term “obligation” means an established duty, whether or not fixed, arising from an express or implied contractual,

grantor-grantee, or licensor-licensee relationship, from a fee-based or similar relationship, from statute or regulation, or from the retention of any overpayment; and

(4) the term “material” means having a natural tendency to influence, or be capable of influencing, the payment or receipt of money or property.

(c) Exemption from disclosure.—Any information furnished pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall be exempt from disclosure under section 552 of title 5.

(d) Exclusion.—This section does not apply to claims, records, or statements made under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

While the False Claims Act imposes liability only when the claimant acts “knowingly,” it does not require that the person submitting the claim have actual knowledge that the claim is false. A person who acts in reckless disregard or in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information, also can be found liable under the Act. 31 U.S.C. 3729(b).

In sum, the False Claims Act imposes liability on any person who submits a claim to the federal government, or submits a claim to entities administering government funds, that he or she knows (or should know) is false. An example may be a physician who submits a bill to Medicare for medical services she knows she has not provided. The False Claims Act also imposes liability on an individual who may knowingly submit a false record in order to obtain payment from the government. An example of this may include a government contractor who submits records that he knows (or should know) are false and that indicate compliance with certain contractual or regulatory requirements. The third area of liability includes those instances in which someone may obtain money from the federal government to which he may not be entitled, and then uses false statements or records in order to retain the money. An example of this so-called “reverse false claim” may include a hospital which obtains interim payments from Medicare or Medicaid throughout the year, and then knowingly files a false cost report at the end of the year in

order to avoid making a refund to the Medicare or Medicaid program.

In addition to its substantive provisions, the FCA provides that private parties may bring an action on behalf of the United States. 31 U.S.C. 3730 (b). These private parties, known as “qui tam relators,” may share in a percentage of the proceeds from an FCA action or settlement.

Section 3730(d)(1) of the FCA provides, with some exceptions, that a qui tam relator, when the Government has intervened in the lawsuit, shall receive at least 15 percent but not more than 25 percent of the proceeds of the FCA action depending upon the extent to which the relator substantially contributed to the prosecution of the action. When the Government does not intervene, section 3730(d)(2) provides that the relator shall receive an amount that the court decides is reasonable and shall not be less than 25 percent and not more than 30 percent.

3. Administrative Remedies for False Claims (31 USC Chapter 38, §§ 3801–3812)

This statute allows for administrative recoveries by federal agencies. If a person submits a claim that the person knows is false or contains false information, or omits material information, the agency receiving the claim may impose a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each claim. The agency may also recover twice the amount of the claim.

Unlike the False Claims Act, a violation of this law occurs when a false claim is submitted rather than when it is paid. Also unlike the False Claims Act, the determination of whether a claim is false and the imposition of fines and penalties is made by the administrative agency, not by prosecution in the federal court system.

II. NEW YORK STATE LAWS

New York State False Claim Laws fall under the jurisdiction of both New York's civil and administrative laws, as well as its criminal laws. Some apply to recipient false claims and some apply to provider false claims. The majority of these statutes are specific to healthcare or Medicaid. Yet, some of the “common law” crimes apply to areas of interaction with the government and so, are

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applicable to health care fraud and will be listed in this section.

A. CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAWS

1) New York False Claims Act (State Finance Law §§187-194)

The New York False Claims Act is similar to the Federal False Claims Act. It imposes penalties and fines upon individuals and entities who knowingly file false or fraudulent claims for payment from any state or local government, including health care programs such as Medicaid. It also has a provision regarding reverse false claims similar to the federal FCA such that a person or entity will be liable in those instances in which the person obtains money from a state or local government to which he may not be entitled and then uses false statements or records in order to retain the money.

The penalty for filing a false claim is six to twelve thousand dollars per claim plus three times the amount of the damages which the state or local government sustains because of the act of that person. In addition, a person who violates this act is liable for costs, including attorneys' fees, of a civil action brought to recover any such penalty.

The Act allows private individuals to file lawsuits in state court, just as if they were state or local government parties, subject to various possible limitations imposed by the NYS Attorney General or a local government. If the suit eventually concludes with payments back to the government, the person who started the case can recover twenty-five to thirty percent of the proceeds if the government did not participate in the suit, or fifteen to twenty-five percent if the government did participate in the suit.

2) Social Services Law, Section 145-b – False Statements

It is a violation to knowingly obtain or attempt to obtain payment for items or services furnished under any Social Service program, including Medicaid, by use of a false statement, deliberate concealment or other fraudulent scheme or device. The state or local Social Services district may recover three times the amount incorrectly paid. In addition, the Department of Health may impose a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars per violation. If repeat violations occur within five

years, a penalty of up to thirty thousand dollars per violation may be imposed if the repeat violations involve more serious violations of Medicaid rules, billing for services not rendered, or providing excessive services.

3) Social Services Law, Section 145-c – Sanctions

If any person applies for or receives public assistance, including Medicaid, by intentionally making a false or misleading statement, or intending to do so, the needs of the individual or that of his family shall not be taken into account for the purpose of determining his or her needs or that of his family for six months if a first offense, for twelve months if a second offense (or if benefits wrongfully received are at least one thousand dollars but not more than three thousand nine hundred dollars), for eighteen months if a third offense (or if benefits wrongfully received are in excess of three thousand nine hundred dollars), and five years for any subsequent occasion of any such offense.

B. CRIMINAL LAWS

1) Social Services Law, Section 145 - Penalties

Any person who submits false statements or deliberately conceals material information in order to receive public assistance, including Medicaid, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2) Social Services Law, Section 366-b – Penalties for Fraudulent Practices

- a. Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain, for himself or others, medical assistance by means of a false statement, concealment of material facts, impersonation or other fraudulent means is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- b. Any person who, with intent to defraud, presents for payment a false or fraudulent claim for furnishing services, knowingly submits false information to obtain greater Medicaid compensation, or knowingly submits false information in order to obtain authorization to provide items or services is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3) Penal Law Article 155 - Larceny

The crime of larceny applies to a person who, with intent to deprive another of his property, obtains, takes or withholds the property by means of trick, embezzlement, false pretense, false promise, including a scheme to defraud, or other similar behavior. This statute has been applied to Medicaid fraud cases.

- a. Fourth degree grand larceny involves property valued over \$1,000. It is a class E felony.
- b. Third degree grand larceny involves property valued over \$3,000. It is a class D felony.
- c. Second degree grand larceny involves property valued over \$50,000. It is a class C felony.
- d. First degree grand larceny involves property valued over \$1 million. It is a class B felony.

4) Penal Law Article 175 – False Written Statements

Four crimes in this Article relate to filing false information or claims and have been applied in Medicaid fraud prosecutions:

- a. §175.05 – Falsifying business records involves entering false information, omitting material information or altering an enterprise's business records with the intent to defraud. It is a class A misdemeanor.
- b. §175.10 – Falsifying business records in the first degree includes the elements of the §175.05 offense and includes the intent to commit another crime or conceal its commission. It is a class E felony.
- c. §175.30 – Offering a false instrument for filing in the second degree involves presenting a written instrument, including a claim for payment, to a public office knowing that it contains false information. It is a class A misdemeanor.
- d. §175.35 – Offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree includes the elements of the second degree offense and must include an intent to defraud the state or a political subdivision. It is a class E felony.

5) Penal Law Article 176 – Insurance Fraud

This law applies to claims for insurance payments, including

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Medicaid or other health insurance, and contains six crimes

- a. Insurance Fraud in the 5th degree involves intentionally filing a health insurance claim knowing that it is false. It is a class A misdemeanor.
- b. Insurance fraud in the 4th degree is filing a false insurance claim for over \$1,000. It is a class E felony.
- c. Insurance fraud in the 3rd degree is filing a false insurance claim for over \$3,000. It is a class D felony.
- d. Insurance fraud in the 2nd degree is filing a false insurance claim for over \$50,000. It is a class C felony.
- e. Insurance fraud in the 1st degree is filing a false insurance claim for over \$1 million. It is a class B felony.
- f. Aggravated insurance fraud is committing insurance fraud more than once. It is a class D felony.

6) Penal Law Article 177 – Health Care Fraud

This statute, enacted in 2006, applies to health care fraud crimes. It was designed to address the specific conduct by health care providers who defraud the system including any publicly or privately funded health insurance or managed care plan or contract, under which any health care item or service is provided. Medicaid is considered to be a single health plan under this statute.

This law primarily applies to claims by providers for insurance payment, including Medicaid payment, and it includes six crimes.

- a. Health care fraud in the 5th degree – A person is guilty of this crime when, with intent to defraud a health plan, he or she knowingly and willfully provides materially false information or omits material information for the purpose of requesting payment from a health plan. This is a class A misdemeanor.
- b. Health care fraud in the 4th degree – A person is guilty of this crime upon filing such false claims on more than one occasion and annually receives more than three thousand dollars. This is a class E felony.
- c. Health care fraud in the 3rd degree – A person is guilty of this crime upon filing such false claims on more than one occasion and annually receiving over ten thousand dollars. This is a class D felony.

- d. Health care fraud in the 2nd degree – A person is guilty of this crime upon filing such false claims on more than one occasion and annually receiving over fifty thousand dollars. This is a class C felony.
- e. Health care fraud in the 1st degree – A person is guilty of this crime upon filing such false claims on more than one occasion and annually receiving over one million dollars. This is a class B felony.

III. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

1) Federal False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §3730(h))

The Federal False Claims Act provides protection to *qui tam* relators (individuals who commence a False Claims action) who are discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in any other manner discriminated against in the terms and conditions of their employment as a result of their furtherance of an action under the FCA. 31 U.S.C. 3730(h). Remedies include reinstatement with comparable seniority as the *qui tam* relator would have had but for the discrimination, two times the amount of any back pay, interest on any back pay, and compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the discrimination, including litigation costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

2) New York State False Claims Act (State Finance Law §191)

The New York State False Claims Act also provides protection to *qui tam* relators (individuals who commence in a False Claims action) who are discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in any other manner discriminated against in the terms and conditions of their employment as a result of their furtherance of an action under the Act. Remedies include reinstatement with comparable seniority as the *qui tam* relator would have had but for the discrimination, two times the amount of any back pay, interest on any back pay, and compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the discrimination, including litigation costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

3) New York State Labor Law, Section 740

An employer may not take any retaliatory action against an employee if the employee discloses information about the employer's policies, practices or activities to a regulatory, law enforcement or other similar agency or public official. Protected disclosures are those that assert that the employer is in violation of the law that creates a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety or which constitutes health care fraud under Penal Law §177 (knowingly filing, with intent to defraud, a claim for payment that intentionally has false information or omissions). The employee's disclosure is protected only if the employee first brought up the matter with a supervisor and gave the employer a reasonable opportunity to correct the alleged violation. If an employer takes a retaliatory action against the employee, the employee may sue in state court for reinstatement to the same, or an equivalent position, any lost back wages and benefits and attorneys' fees. If the employer is a health provider and the court finds that the employer's retaliatory action was in bad faith, it may impose a civil penalty of \$10,000 on the employer.

4) New York State Labor Law, Section 741

A health care employer may not take any retaliatory action against an employee if the employee discloses certain information about the employer's policies, practices or activities to a regulatory, law enforcement or other similar agency or public official. Protected disclosures are those that assert that, in good faith, the employee believes constitute improper quality of patient care. The employee's disclosure is protected only if the employee first brought up the matter with a supervisor and gave the employer a reasonable opportunity to correct the alleged violation, unless the danger is imminent to the public or patient and the employee believes in good faith that reporting to a supervisor would not result in corrective action. If an employer takes a retaliatory action against the employee, the employee may sue in state court for reinstatement to the same, or an equivalent position, any lost back wages and benefits and attorneys' fees. If the employer is a health care provider and the court finds that the employer's retaliatory action was in bad faith, it may impose a civil penalty of \$10,000 on the employer.

Contract Number: XXXXXXXX

Agency Code: 3320218

AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) made this ____ day of _____, 201_ by and between the **State University of New York**, an educational corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York and having its principal place of business located at State University Plaza, Albany, New York, 12246, hereinafter referred to as “**State University**” for and on behalf of the **State University of New York – Downstate Medical Center**, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11203 (“**SUNY-DMC**”) and **[INSERT CONTRACTOR’S FULL LEGAL NAME, TYPE OF ENTITY (AND, IF CORPORATION, INCLUDE THE STATE OF FORMATION), AND PLACE OF BUSINESS]**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of **[INSERT STATE OF INCORPORATION]**, with its principal place of business located at **[INSERT PRIMARY CORPORATE ADDRESS]** (“**Contractor**”).

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, **SUNY-DMC** requires a qualified firm to provide certain **[Insert brief (high level) description of covered services (e.g. consulting, collections)]** services;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part Q of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2013 (“Part Q”), **SUNY-DMC** solicited proposals for the aforesaid services by publication on its website (the “Posting”), a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit “B”** and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, **Contractor** submitted a timely proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “C”** and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, **Contractor** is normally engaged in the business of providing the services described above, and appears duly qualified to provide the services required by **SUNY-DMC**; and

WHEREAS, **SUNY-DMC** and the **Contractor** desire to enter into an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions by which the **Contractor** will perform the desired services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth at length herein. Unless specified otherwise, all references to “days” herein shall refer to calendar days. All of the capitalized terms not otherwise defined below, shall have the same meanings set forth in (i) the Posting, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; (ii) the Proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**; and/or (iii) any other documents incorporated herein as exhibits hereto.
2. Unless terminated earlier as provided herein, the term of this shall be **[State the initial term of the Agreement]**, (the “Term”), commencing **Insert the beginning date** and expiring **[Insert the end date of the initial term]**.

3. **Contractor** shall provide to **SUNY-DMC** the **[Insert General Description]** services described in detail in the Posting and the Proposal (the “Services”), subject to the terms hereof.
4. Upon written notification by **SUNY-DMC** to **Contractor** that this Agreement has been executed and approved by all necessary parties, **Contractor** shall immediately commence performance pursuant to the terms set forth herein. **Contractor** understands, agrees and acknowledges that, except where modified by a valid amendment hereto, subject to regulatory approval, where applicable, it shall perform only the services set forth in this Agreement in strict compliance with the terms hereunder. **Contractor** shall retain responsibility for the monitoring and administration of this Agreement, including, but not limited to ensuring that any limits or other conditions on its compensation are enforced strictly, and shall notify **SUNY-DMC**, as soon as practicable, if it appears that any compensation limits will be prematurely reached. Any failure of **Contractor** to comply with the foregoing, including, without limitation, performing services beyond the scope of this Agreement and/or exceeding or otherwise deviating from any payment terms hereunder (absent a valid amendment hereto), shall be at **Contractor’s** sole cost and expense
5. In consideration of performing the Services in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, provided that **Contractor** complies with the provisions hereof (including those governing invoicing hereunder), **SUNY-DMC** shall pay **Contractor**, in arrears, in the all-inclusive **[SPECIFY BILLING PERIOD (e.g monthly, quarterly or annual)]** amount of **[DEFINE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON PAYMENT TERMS]**
FOR USAGE: Include rate and, if applicable, specify not to exceed limit. NOTE: *Not to exceed will only apply to Part Q procurements under \$1 million*

INCLUDE IN ALL CONTRACTS:

Fees paid for which it is subsequently determined that **Contractor** was not entitled must be promptly reimbursed to **SUNY-DMC**. **Contractor** acknowledges **SUNY-DMC** may effectuate such reimbursement by subtracting such fees (due **SUNY-DMC** in accordance with the preceding sentence) from any payments that later become due to **Contractor** hereunder.

6. As a condition of **Contractor’s** entitlement to payment hereunder, **Contractor** shall submit Proper Invoices (as defined hereinafter) to **SUNY-DMC** in the manner described hereinbelow, provided, however, that **Contractor** shall not submit more than one invoice per billing period. Each invoice shall (i) be accurate and correct; (ii) reference this Agreement (specifically, the reference number assigned hereto (and set forth at the top of the first page hereof)), (iii) include an itemized statement of all charges set forth therein as well as a detailed description of such charges, including, the specific services provided, date(s) of performance (and/or period(s) covered by such charges), identification of covered equipment/systems (e.g. model/serial number), if applicable, and any substantiating or other supporting documentation or information necessary to validate or verify the charges contained in such invoice or any other information reasonably requested by **SUNY-DMC** or the Office of the State Comptroller; and (iv) shall be submitted as follows (an invoice that satisfies the criteria set forth in (i) – (iv) above is a “Proper Invoice,” collectively “Proper Invoices”):

Original to:

**SUNY – Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue
Expenditure Processing – Box #54
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098**

Copy to:

**SUNY – Downstate Medical Center
Director of Contracts and Procurement Management – Box #63
450 Clarkson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Attention: Director of Contracts**

7. Payments to **Contractor** for all undisputed charges will be rendered by the State of New York (i.e. Office of the State Comptroller) within thirty (30) days of **SUNY-DMC's** receipt of a Proper Invoice submitted in the manner described hereinabove. Payment will be remitted to **Contractor** at the following address:

[INSERT CONTRACTOR'S NAME, ADDRESS and TAX ID#]

Payment for invoices submitted by the **Contractor** shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly approved by an authorized individual, in his or her sole discretion, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with ordinary New York State procedures and practices. **Contractor** shall comply with the New York State Comptroller's procedures to authorize electronic payments. Authorization forms are available at the OSC website at www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm.

In the event that **Contractor** has not received payment when due in accordance with the foregoing, **Contractor** shall immediately send a certified letter to the attention of both the notice recipient hereunder and **SUNY-DMC's** Director of Expenditure Processing informing the same of the failure to receive payment (and including any supporting documentation in connection with the outstanding charges). **Contractor's** failure to comply with the foregoing may result in its ineligibility to receive any interest payments to which it may be entitled hereunder.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein (or in any exhibit hereto), timeliness of payment and any interest to be paid to **Contractor** for late payment, to the extent required by law, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the New York State Finance Law. **Contractor's** sole and exclusive remedy for **SUNY-DMC's** failure to make payments when due shall be the interest payments described in the foregoing sentence.

8. **SUNY-DMC** is exempt from any and all taxes related to the services provided under this agreement.
9. **Contractor** represents and warrants that it possesses and shall maintain in effect (and that **Contractor's** employees assigned to perform hereunder and any permitted subcontractors (and

assigned employees thereof) shall possess and maintain in effect) throughout the term of this Agreement, all permits, licenses and authorizations (collectively, "Licenses") to perform under this Agreement as required and shall obtain and maintain any additional permits, licenses and authorizations which may be subsequently required throughout the term of this Agreement by the City of New York, the State of New York, the Federal Government, and/or by any other government or regulatory authority with jurisdiction. **Contractor** shall furnish to the administrator of forms hereunder evidence of such Licenses, and shall notify **SUNY-DMC** immediately of any change in the status of the same. Failure by **Contractor** to comply with its obligations under this section shall entitle **SUNY-DMC** to terminate this Agreement immediately upon notice.

10. **Contractor** shall perform the Services and its obligations hereunder in accordance with the highest professional standards for such services in the New York Metropolitan area and in accordance with all laws rules, ordinances and regulations of any national, state or local government, any political subdivision thereof or any other governmental, quasi-governmental, judicial, public or statutory instrumentality, authority, body, agency, department, bureau, commission, including without limitation the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations ("JCAHO").
11. **Contractor** agrees to comply with the provisions contained in Exhibits "A" and "A-1" and Attachment A, all of which are attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein and made a part hereof. The term "Contractor" in the said Exhibits "A" and "A-1" and Attachment A shall be construed to denote the **Contractor** herein.
12. Subject to applicable disclosure laws, each party will treat as confidential any information provided by the other party that is marked as proprietary or confidential (or that reasonably should be known by the receiving party to be proprietary and/or confidential), and each party will protect the confidentiality of the other party's proprietary or confidential information using at least the same degree of care such party employs in protecting its own proprietary and confidential information (but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care). Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary herein, **Contractor** acknowledges that this Agreement is subject to the New York State Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") as set forth in Article 6 of the New York State Public Officers Law and that only **Contractor's** proprietary information that satisfies the requirements of section 87(2)(d) of the Public Officers Law shall be excepted from disclosure thereunder. If **Contractor** believes that any information in the Agreement constitutes a trade secret or should otherwise be treated as confidential and wishes such information not to be disclosed if requested pursuant to Article 6 of the New York State Public Officers Law, **Contractor** shall submit with the Agreement a separate letter specifically identifying the page number(s), line(s), or other appropriate designation(s) containing such information, explaining in detail why such information is a trade secret and formally requesting that such information be confidential. Only **Contractor's** proprietary information that satisfies the requirements of section 87(2)(d) of the Public Officers Law shall be excepted from disclosure thereunder. Failure by **Contractor** to submit such a letter with the Agreement identifying trade secrets shall constitute a waiver by **Contractor** of any rights it may have under the New York State Public Officers Law relating to protection of trade secrets. To the extent that litigation arises over **Contractor's** invocation (or attempted invocation) of trade secret protection, under FOIL, **Contractor** shall be solely responsible to respond to, and defend, the litigation; and failure to do so shall constitute a waiver of **Contractor** of any rights it may have under the New York State Public Officers Law relating to protection of trade

secrets. Upon termination of this Agreement, **Contractor** shall, at its sole cost and expense, return to **SUNY-DMC** any and all confidential information of **SUNY-DMC** then in its custody or possession (regardless of the medium held or stored).

13. To the extent applicable, **Contractor** shall comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208). **Contractor** shall be liable for the costs associated with such breach if caused by **Contractor's** negligent or willful acts or omissions, or the willful acts or omissions of **Contractor's** agents, officers, employees or subcontractors.
14. To the extent applicable hereto, wages paid by **Contractor** (and/or by any subcontractor hereunder) for the required services shall be no less than the minimum wage rate, if any, prescribed by the New York State Department of Labor ("DOL") for the specific services applicable in the area where work will be performed. If the DOL should revise these rates prior to contract award or during the contract period, the Contractor and any subcontractors must then comply with any such new rates.
15. **Contractor** shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement, at its own expense and at no cost to the State of New York, with insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of New York, the following types and amounts of insurance, covering all operations hereunder, whether performed by **Contractor** or a subcontractor of **Contractor**:
 - A) **Commercial General Liability** in the amount of \$1,000,000 single limit each occurrence, \$3,000,000 aggregate, to include:
 - (1) Contractor's Liability Insurance to cover all operations with respect to all services performed hereunder;
 - (2) Contractual Liability Insurance to cover the indemnification required hereunder.
 - (3) Products/Completed Operations;
 - (4) Protective Liability Insurance issued in the name of, and covering the liability of, the People of the State of New York with respect to all operations hereunder, the for the same limits as set forth above.
 - B) Workers Compensation
 - C) **New York State Worker's Compensation and Disability Coverage** – **Contractor** shall submit either (i) proof (which proof must be acceptable to the Worker's Compensation Board (the "Board")) of both New York Disability Benefits and New York Worker's Compensation coverage or (ii) Certificate of Attestation of Exemption (CE-200) form(s) establishing statutory exemptions from coverage requirements (where applicable, a separate CE200 form must be submitted for Disability and Worker's Compensation). **ACORD FORMS ARE NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE PROOF.** Refer to the Board's website: <http://www.wcb.state.ny.us/> for further information.

- D) Automobile insurance (owned and non-owned vehicles) – no less than \$1,000,000 CSL each occurrence.

All insurance policies must (i) name **SUNY-DMC**, **SUNY** and the State of New York as additional insureds and (ii) contain a thirty (30) day written notice of any cancellation, change, or termination of coverage. All certificates must be filed with the Director of Contracts prior to commencement hereof.

16. To the extent applicable, **Contractor** agrees to comply with the reporting requirements arising under New York State Finance Law Section 8 and Section 163, as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006. Further information on such requirements (including copies of the forms **Contractor** must complete to satisfy such requirements - Planned Employment Form (Form A) and the Annual Employment Report (Form B)) is available via the following web address: www.osc.state.ny.us/agencies/gbull/g-226.htm.
17. As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (the “Act”), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), §165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (“OGS”) is charged with developing a “list” (prohibited entities list) of “persons” who are engaged in “investment activities in Iran” (both are defined terms under the law). Pursuant to SFL §165-a(3)(b), OGS is required to issue the initial list no later than 120 days after the Act’s effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website, and to update the list every 180 days thereafter.

By entering into a renewal or extension of this Agreement, **Contractor** (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize, as a subcontractor, to perform its obligations under this Agreement, any entity identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, **Contractor** understands that, during the term of this Agreement, should **SUNY-DMC** receive information that a “person” (for the purposes hereof, **Contractor** and its subsidiaries, parents, affiliates or other related individuals or entities that fall within the Act’s definition of a person) is in violation of the above-referenced certification, **SUNY-DMC** will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its investment in violation of the Act, then **SUNY-DMC** shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages and/or declaring the Contractor in default.

SUNY-DMC reserves the right to reject any renewal, extension or request for assignment to an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

18. **Contractor** and any of its agents, employees or sub-contractors engaged in the performance of the services contemplated under this Agreement shall at all times be deemed to be performing as an independent contractor, and not as an agent or employee of the **State University** or **SUNY-DMC**, and the acts and omissions of such agents, employees or sub-contractors shall be deemed to be those of **Contractor**. **Contractor** shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the **State University of New York**, the **State of New York** and **SUNY-DMC** (the “Indemnified”)

and their officers, trustees, employees and agents from and against all loss, damage and expense (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys', accountants' and consultants' fees and court costs) or other liability incurred by, imposed upon or threatened against the Indemnified in connection with any claim, suit, action, demand or judgment arising out of **Contractor's** (and/or its officers', employees' and agents'): (i) negligence or intentional misconduct; and/or (ii) failure to comply with the provisions hereof. Reciprocally, subject to the availability of lawful appropriations (as required by Section 41 of State Finance Law) and consistent with Section 8 of the State Court of Claims Act, **SUNY-DMC** shall hold **Contractor** harmless from and indemnify it for any final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to the extent attributable to the negligence of **SUNY-DMC** or its officers and employees when acting within the course and scope of their employment.

19. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, **Contractor** shall remain liable, without monetary limitation, for direct damages for personal injury, death or damage to real property, tangible personal property or intellectual property attributable to the negligence or other tort of **Contractor** or **Contractor's** officers, employees or agents.

20. **Termination by SUNY-DMC.**

- (a) In the event of a breach by **Contractor** of any provision of this Agreement, **SUNY-DMC** shall give the **Contractor** fifteen (15) days to cure. If the breach is not remedied within the fifteen (15) day cure period, **SUNY-DMC** may, in addition to other rights and/or remedies that it may otherwise have, terminate this Agreement by giving the **Contractor** fifteen (15) days written notice.
- (b) **SUNY-DMC** may terminate this Agreement immediately, without penalty, if: (i) in **SUNY-DMC's** reasonable determination, **Contractor's** acts or omissions: (a) pose a danger to **SUNY-DMC's** employees, patients and/or visitors; (b) might result in the loss of any license reasonably necessary for the operation of Customer's business, including accreditations (required pursuant to contractual arrangements); (ii) **Contractor's** insurance lapses; (iii) **Contractor**: (a) makes an assignment in contravention to the terms of this Agreement and/or applicable law; (b) is or becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or similar proceeding; or otherwise (c) becomes insolvent; (iv) lawful appropriations are not made (pursuant to Section 41 of State Finance Law); (v) the certifications filed by **Contractor** in accordance with: (a) State Finance Law sections 139-j and 139-k are found to be intentionally false or intentionally incomplete; or (b) Tax Law Section 5-a, if applicable, are found to be false or incomplete.
- (c) **SUNY-DMC** reserves the sole right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason, without penalty, by giving the **Contractor** thirty (30) days written notification.
- (d) **SUNY-DMC** reserves the right at any time during the performance of this Agreement to omit any portion of the work as **SUNY-DMC** may deem, in its sole discretion, necessary without constituting grounds for any claim by **Contractor** for allowances for damages.
- (e) In the event **SUNY-DMC** terminates this Agreement, for any reason, **Contractor** shall refund to **SUNY-DMC**: (i) if applicable, any compensation paid on account of any period during which **Contractor** was in breach of its obligations hereunder; and (ii) that portion of compensation already paid that is attributable to the balance of the term of this Agreement.
- (f) The foregoing termination rights shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other or additional rights and remedies that **SUNY-DMC** may have hereunder, at law or in equity.

21. If at any time hereunder **Contractor** alleges breach by **SUNY-DMC** of any of the provisions hereunder, **Contractor** shall not, in any event, withhold performance under this or any other agreement it may have with **SUNY-DMC**. **Contractor** shall, instead, provide **SUNY-DMC** with notice, pursuant to provision governing notices hereunder which notice shall specifically detail the alleged breach and the remedial measure sought, and allow **SUNY-DMC** ninety (90) days to cure any such breach ("Curative Period"). In the event **SUNY-DMC** has commenced, but not completed, remedial actions during the Curative Period, **SUNY-DMC** shall confer with **Contractor** in good faith and the parties shall negotiate a reasonable extension to the Curative Period.
22. Upon natural expiration, or earlier termination, of this Agreement, **Contractor** shall (at no additional cost to **SUNY-DMC**): (a) perform such activities as are reasonably necessary to ensure an orderly wind-down of its activities hereunder (which shall include, at a minimum, returning to **SUNY-DMC** (or, at **SUNY-DMC's** request, to a third party (including a successor provider of the services hereunder) any materials, documents or other items held, or otherwise possessed, by **Contractor** for or on behalf of **SUNY-DMC** (or otherwise in **Contractor's** possession); and (b) reasonably assist **SUNY-DMC** to facilitate transition of the services hereunder to either a successor provider or **SUNY-DMC**.
23. The parties agree that, if by reason of strike or other labor disputes, civil disorders, inclement weather, acts of God, delays in regulatory approvals or other cause beyond the control of the parties, either party is unable to entirely perform its obligations hereunder, such non-performance shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. The Party claiming excusable delay shall use commercially reasonable efforts to immediately notify the other Party of the force majeure condition and to mitigate the effects of the force majeure condition giving rise to the delay so as to continue performing as required hereunder as expeditiously as reasonably possible.
24. The **Contractor** shall keep books and records in accordance with good accounting practice and shall permit **SUNY-DMC** to examine and audit the books of the **Contractor** at the **Contractor's** place of business, upon reasonable notice by **SUNY-DMC**.
25. Any notices between **SUNY-DMC** and **Contractor** must be in writing signed by the party giving such notice, and shall be either hand delivered with receipt given or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier as follows:

To **SUNY-DMC**:

SUNY- Downstate Medical Center
Director of Contracts and Procurement Management
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 63
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Attention: Director of Contracts

To **Contractor**:

[INSERT CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS FOR NOTICE RECIEPT AND NOTICE
RECIPIENT'S TITLE]

or to such other address or addressee as may be subsequently designated by notice. All notices become effective only when received by the addressee.

26.
 - a. **Contractor** shall be responsible for notifying the Director of Contracts and Procurement Management, in writing, of any change of address or telephone number, notwithstanding any notification to any other department of **SUNY-DMC**.
 - b. **Contractor** shall be responsible for notifying the Director of Contracts and Procurement Management, in writing, of the appropriate address(es) to send correspondence, including renewal letters and financial documentation relating to this Agreement.
 - c. The Contracts and Procurement Management Department shall mail correspondence to the address(es) designated by **Contractor**.
 - d. The Contracts and Procurement Management Department shall not be liable for any ramifications resulting from **Contractor's** failure to comply with Items (a) and (b) herein above.
27. To the extent applicable, **Contractor** agrees that **Contractor** (and **Contractor's** employees and/or agents assigned to **SUNY-DMC**) shall, at all times, comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") of 1996 and its implementing regulations, other applicable privacy laws as well as applicable **SUNY-DMC** policies and procedures governing the confidentiality, privacy and security of patient protected health information, as set forth in the Business Associates Agreement ("BAA"), a copy of which is annexed hereto as **Exhibit D** and made a part hereof.
28. **SUNY-DMC** is required by law to provide information to all of its contractors and agents regarding the Federal False Claims Act, New York State Laws regarding civil or criminal penalties for false claims and payments, administrative remedies for false claims and statements, and whistleblower protections under these laws. **Exhibit E** (the "DRA Appendix") of this Agreement satisfies this notification requirement, and by execution of this Agreement, **Contractor** acknowledges that it has received and understands the information provided therein.
29. **Contractor** shall determine, by reference to the then Current Department of Health and Human Services Offices of the Inspector General's List, the General Administration list of Excluded Individuals/Entities, and the New York State Medicaid Disqualified Provider List, whether **Contractor**, its employees, or any individual **Contractor** assigns to **SUNY-DMC** to furnish goods or services pursuant to the Agreement, or any individual or entity from which **Contractor** receives or purchases goods that it provides to **SUNY-DMC**, is excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or other federally funded health care programs. **Contractor** shall not assign to **SUNY-DMC** any employee or any individual that is so excluded. Prior to the assignment, **Contractor** shall provide **SUNY-DMC** with a copy of the report indicating that **Contractor**, the employee, individual, or entity is not so excluded. If, at any time during the term of the Agreement, **Contractor**, the employee, individual, or entity **Contractor** is excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or other federally funded health care programs, **Contractor** shall immediately notify **SUNY-DMC** of the exclusion, and **SUNY-DMC** shall have the option of immediately terminating the Agreement and this

Amendment, in whole or in part as necessary and applicable in **SUNY-DMC**'s sole discretion, and **Contractor** shall provide a pro rata refund to **SUNY-DMC** based on the period of time remaining in the term of the Agreement. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (www.oig.hhs.gov), General Services Administrative List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (www.epls.gov), and New York State Medicaid Disqualified Provider List (www.omig.state.ny.us).

30. **Contractor's Obligations with respect to Employees On-Site at SUNY-DMC.**

- a. **Legal Compliance.** Any personnel assigned by **Contractor** to provide services on-site at **SUNY-DMC** shall have and maintain, for the duration hereof, any and all applicable licenses, certifications or other authorizations required by applicable law for the performance of such services. Further, such personnel shall comply with all applicable **SUNY-DMC** policies and procedures governing access to and any entry upon its premises.
- b. **SUNY-DMC's Right to Staff Replacement.** If at any time during the course of the Term, the appearance, conduct, performance, or other behavior of any of **Contractor's** employees is reasonably deemed by **SUNY-DMC** to be unacceptable or otherwise not in the best interests thereof, **Contractor** shall immediately remove such employee from **SUNY-DMC's** premises.
- c. **Assignment Conditions/HR Competencies for On-Site Performance.**
 - i. All personnel supplied by **Contractor** shall be and remain its employees, and, except as specifically provided hereunder, **SUNY-DMC** shall have no responsibility whatsoever as an employer with respect to such personnel, i.e. withholding social security, unemployment compensation, or any other taxes mandated by law.
 - ii. Prior to assignment to **SUNY-DMC**, directly or indirectly, Contractor shall ensure that all of its employees have successfully completed all required medical/physical and other required examinations. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, **Contractor** shall be responsible for: (a) screening for competence all of its personnel performing work on or about **SUNY-DMC's** property; and (b) providing, on an individual basis, written certification to **SUNY-DMC** that each employee: (1) possesses the requisite employment eligibilities work status (form I-9), education, training, physical/mental health and experience required to perform the duties of the position performed on behalf of **Contractor** at **SUNY-DMC**; and (2) has demonstrated competence in performing the duties required of the position. The foregoing health requirements shall include, inter alia, **Contractor** causing all of its employees assigned to duty in any **SUNY-DMC** facility to submit to period health examinations as required by **SUNY-DMC** and/or by applicable law, and submission by **Contractor** of satisfactory evidence of compliance with all health regulations to **SUNY-DMC's** Employee Health Department in accordance with its rules, regulations and standard practices.
 - iii. **Contractor** must maintain a file including documentation of the competencies of each employee working at **SUNY-DMC** and must make said file available via fax transmission or other reasonably requested medium to **SUNY-DMC's** Human

Resources Department when requested, upon four (4) hours notice. At a minimum, such file must include for each individual a written job description, a completed job application or resume detailing the individual's competencies, including copies of any license, registration, certification and/or permits; evidence that the employee has received an initial **SUNY-DMC** orientation and attended annual Mandatory Education Program; evidence that the employee has had a physical examination within the last twelve (12) month period including TB testing, chicken pox and measles testing; and completed annual competency assessments, including age-specific competencies and assessments and current, up-to-date evaluation and appraisal tools.

- iv. Prior to assignment of an individual to **SUNY-DMC**, **Contractor** shall determine, through use of an appropriate consumer reporting agency, whether such individual has at any time been convicted of a crime under any federal or state law, and shall furnish **SUNY-DMC** with a copy of the report resulting from such process. In the event that the individual has been so convicted, **SUNY-DMC** shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether assignment of such individual is acceptable. The criminal background check performed by **Contractor** shall meet the following specifications: a. A Social Security Trace shall be performed to verify that provided social security number is valid. This trace will provide address records of the employee associated with the number, which shall then be used for the associated criminal records search; and b. A search shall be performed of all criminal records (felony and misdemeanor) for all counties in which the individual is known to have resided, under his or her current name as well as under any alias or maiden names assigned to the Social Security Number. Such criminal records search should extend as far back in time as the records of each particular county permit, which may vary by state and/or county. With respect to individuals assigned to **SUNY-DMC** continuously for a year or more, **Contractor** shall re-perform the checks described hereinabove at least once annually, and shall provide **SUNY-DMC** with a copy of the resulting reports.
- d. Pre-employment Training/Programs. **Contractor** shall ensure that all of its employees attend the required **SUNY-DMC** New Employee Orientation program, as well as all mandatory annual in-service training, including, but not limited to, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Fire Safety Training.
31. Neither this Agreement nor any of its provisions shall be assigned, delegated, transferred, conveyed, sub-let, or otherwise disposed of without the prior written consent of **SUNY-DMC** and, where applicable, that of the New York State Attorney General and the New York State Office of the State Comptroller; and any attempts to assign, delegate, transfer, convey, sub-let, or otherwise dispose of this Agreement without said written consents shall be null and void. For avoidance of doubt, all provisions hereof shall bind any permitted successors and/or assigns of either party.
32. The **SUNY-DMC** Project Manager for this Agreement shall be **[INSERT PROJECT MANAGER'S TITLE]**, or any other such individual as may be subsequently designated by **SUNY-DMC**. The Project Manager shall review any work plan prepared by the **Contractor**, approve activities hereunder and review and approve the **Contractor's** invoices submitted hereunder.
33. This Agreement is not intended to benefit any third party, nor shall any person who is not

now or in the future a party hereto be entitled to enforce any of the rights or obligations of a party under this Agreement.

34. Those provisions of this Agreement that, by their nature, are intended to survive termination or expiration hereof will remain in full force and effect, including, without limitation, the following Sections: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 27, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 38. Accordingly, termination of this Agreement will not adversely affect any right existing as of the effective date of termination. The rights and remedies provided under this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to any other rights or remedies available at law and in equity, and any other contract instrument or paper. If any portion of this Agreement is found to be illegal in law, all other elements of the contract will remain in full force. As the parties hereto have jointly negotiated this agreement, in the event of ambiguity, this Agreement shall not be presumptively construed for or against either party.
35. This Agreement includes by reference all exhibits hereto. In the event that there is a conflict between any of the terms and conditions set forth in the documents that constitute this Agreement, the following order of precedence shall apply:
 - (a) ***Exhibits A and A-1***;
 - (b) ***Exhibit D***: BAA;
 - (c) ***Exhibit E***: DRA Appendix;
 - (d) The text of this Agreement (pages 1 through **[Insert number of last page (before signature page)]**);
 - (e) ***Exhibit B***: the Posting; and
 - (f) ***Exhibit C***: the Proposal.
36. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and the parties agree to bring any action to interpret, construe or enforce this Agreement in a New York court of competent jurisdiction.
37. Mandatory Responsibility Provisions in State Contracts.
 - a. General Responsibility Language: The Contractor shall at all times during the Contract term remain responsible. The Contractor agrees, if requested by the Head of State Agency or his or her designee, to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity.
 - b. Suspension of Work (for Non-Responsibility): The Head of State Agency or his or her designee, in his or her sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under this Contract, at any time, when he or she discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor will be given written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the Head of State Agency of his or her designee issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Contract.

- c. Termination (for Non-Responsibility): Upon written notice to the Contractor, and a reasonable opportunity to be heard with appropriate Agency officials or staff, the Contract may be terminated by the Head of State Agency or his or her designee at the Contractor's expense where the Contractor is determined by the Head of State Agency or his or her designee to be non-responsible. In such event, the Head of State Agency or his or her designee may complete the contractual requirements in any manner he or she deem advisable and pursue legal or equitable remedies for breach.
38. This Agreement, together with all exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all previous communications between the parties whether written or oral, with reference to the subject matter of this Agreement are hereby superseded, and may not be altered, modified or amended except by a written amendment executed by authorized officers of both parties and, where applicable, subject to the approval of the New York State Attorney General and Office of the New York State Comptroller.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their signatures to be affixed as of the date first above written.

AGENCY CODE: 3320218

CONTRACT NUMBER: [TXXXXXX]

Agency Certification

“In addition to the acceptance of this contract, I also certify that original copies of this signature page will be attached to all other exact copies of this contract.”

**[INSERT CONTRACTOR'S FULL
LEGAL NAME]**

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER**

Print Name:
Print Title:

Alan Dzija
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

MANDATORY SUBMISSION CHECKLIST FOR PART Q PROCUREMENT

Procurement # and Name: _____

Vendor Name: _____ Vendor Contact: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Administrative Forms (in required documentation order)

1. ☐ NYSFL §§139(j) & (k) Acknowledgement Form (**Please complete and return immediately upon receipt of the procurement package, and include a copy with your proposal submission**).
 2. ☐ NYSFL §§139(j) & (k) Forms A, B, and C
 3. ☐ Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire
 4. ☐ ST220-CA Form
 5. ☐ Copy of the completed ST220-TD Form (**Please send the original to the NYS Tax Department**)
 6. ☐ Consultant Reporting Disclosure Form A & Form B NOT APPLICABLE FOR Q14-08
 7. ☐ C-105.2 Form (to be completed by your current NYS Workers' Compensation Insurance provider)
 8. ☐ DB-120.1 Form (to be completed by your NYS Disability Benefits Insurance provider)
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Vendor Proposal Components

9. ☐ Company Background
 - ☐ Years of Experience
 - ☐ Resumes of Project Leaders☐ Staffing Plan
 10. ☐ Technical Proposal
 - ☐ Response to each specification
 - ☐ Implementation Plan
 - ☐ Expectations from, and requirements of, SUNY-DMC☐ List of deliverables
☐ All applicable timelines
 11. ☐ Five References
 12. ☐ Price Proposal Matrix
 13. ☐ MWBE Utilization Plan (if applicable)
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PART Q PROCUREMENT GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I. **Background.** As part of the New York State Executive Budget, the legislature passed Chapter 56, Part Q of the Laws of 2013 (“Part Q”), pursuant to which SUNY-DMC was granted procurement flexibility applicable to certain categories of procurements that are for the purpose of implementing its sustainability plan. The stated purpose of the procurement flexibility is to enable SUNY-DMC to enter into contracts in an expedited manner to facilitate implementation of the sustainability plan and resultant attainment of sustainability. The instant procurement is conducted under Part Q. Accordingly, interested vendors must commit to acting expeditiously (in complying with the requirements set forth below and otherwise in the posting). By submitting a proposal in response to the Posting, each vendor agrees to comply strictly with the timetable and other requirements described herein.
- II. **Required Submissions.** To be eligible for consideration, prospective vendors must submit the documents listed in the attached “Submission Checklist,” in the order and on the schedule set forth therein.
- III. **Restricted Period/Designated Contacts.** In accordance with the requirements of New York State Finance Law Sections 139j and 139k (“Lobbying Law”), the Restricted Period for this procurement is now in effect. Therefore, all communications regarding this procurement must be handled through SUNY-DMC’s “Designated Contacts” ONLY. Please see the 139(j) & (k) Acknowledgement Form for Designated Contact(s) and additional information on Lobbying Law compliance.
- IV. **The Contract.** Pursuant to applicable regulatory requirements, SUNY-DMC uses a standard form agreement that incorporates various mandatory New York State contract terms. A copy of the SUNY-DMC form agreement (the “Form Agreement”) is attached for reference.
 - a. ***Contract Exhibits.*** The contract ultimately awarded as a result of this Posting will include the following:
 - i. SUNY Exhibits A and A-1 and Attachment A;
 - ii. SUNY-DMC’s Deficit Reduction Act Appendix;
 - iii. SUNY-DMC’s standard Business Associates Agreement (if applicable);
 - iv. The Posting; and
 - v. Prevailing vendor’s proposal (submitted in response to the Posting).
 - b. ***Exceptions to the Form Agreement.*** Given both the need to act expeditiously and the regulatory foundation for the provisions of the Form Agreement, SUNY-DMC implores vendors to accept the terms thereof without exception. However, in the event a vendor identifies clause(s) that are unacceptable, the vendor shall submit a list of exceptions (along with proposed revisions thereto) along with its proposal.
 - i. ***Mandatory Clauses.*** Notwithstanding the foregoing, there are certain clauses that are required, without exception. Those clauses include, without limitation, liability, indemnity,
 - c. ***Vendor Contracts.*** Given the need to act expeditiously, the basis of the Part Q procurement flexibility, SUNY-DMC’s policy dictates vendor contracts generally will not incorporate vendor contracts. However, in the limited instances, where a vendor insists on using its form contract, it shall submit:
 - i. A copy of its contract (with any terms that are inconsistent with the Form Agreement either stricken or revised to resolve any such inconsistency); and
 - ii. A reasonably detailed explanation of the basis for its request to incorporate its contract (e.g. the extenuating circumstances that necessitate incorporation of the vendor contract).

SUNY-DMC reserves the right to determine, in its sole discretion, whether to incorporate the vendor’s contract into the final agreement.

SECTION III

**FORMS RE:
MINORITY
AND
WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES**

MEMORANDUM

To: Maureen Crystal
Director of Contracts

FROM: Pamela Swanigan ^{PJS}
University-wide MWBE Program Director

SUBJECT: 9-Point Goal Development Memo

DATE: 1/23/14

Please complete the following and submit to our office for review and consultation to ensure that you are documenting Good Faith Efforts during the pre-solicitation period.

1. Type of Contract: Transfer DRG Recovery Services for previously billed Medicare inpatient accounts
2. Contract Amount - \$800,000
3. Contract Term – Start Date: 2//15/14 End Date: 2/14/19
4. Procurement Method:

IFB

5. General Discussion:

1. The Successful Bidder ***MUST BE WILLING TO INVOICE FOR SERVICES ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF INCREMENTAL PAYMENTS BY SUNY-DMC FROM CMS RESULTING FROM THE VENDOR'S TRANSFER DRG RECOVERY EFFORTS.***
2. The Successful Bidder must have the ability to effectively complete Transfer DRG Recovery Services. These services must include identification of underpayments caused by improperly assigned Transfer DRG account status, rebilling of accounts, and responding to CMS and CMS contractors' requests for supporting documentation.
3. The Successful Bidder must have the ability to complete the Transfer DRG Recovery Services project utilizing standard account and demographic patient data from the Siemens AHS Eagle 2000 system. Customization of data download files must be minimal.
4. The Successful Bidder will recommend the span of the Transfer DRG recovery

services; from current billed Medicare inpatient accounts to previous years with the goal of maximizing recoveries.

5. The Successful Bidder must either be supported by the Contractor(s)'s own computer system or be on a time-share basis with a computer support service bureau. The Contractor(s) must have the capacity to receive/transmit data to/from SUNY-DMC/UHB and have the ability to establish remote access to SUNY-DMC/UHB's system in a secured file transfer environment. Specifically, the Contractor(s) must be able to deliver files via FTP process and accept the standard American Healthcare Eagle 2000 collection file/data.

The Successful Bidder(s) shall maintain comprehensive files for each account identified as a potential Transfer DRG Underpayment. Each file must include a record detailing the method of identification, a confirmation of underpayment status, billing activities, current account status and ultimately, collections. The Successful Bidder shall produce and provide to SUNY-DMC any and all data, information and/or reports as shall be necessary for SUNY-DMC's annual cost report. In addition, the Successful Bidder shall, upon request, make such files.

Specific Experience: Vendor must have at least five (5) years of verifiable experience providing *Transfer DRG Recovery Services* (the "Services"). Further, Vendor must have experience providing services of similar scope to those herein requested at hospitals of similar size and scope to SUNY-DMC. In addition, Vendors' staff that will be assigned to SUNY-DMC account must have at least two (2) years experience providing Services.

6. MWBE Program Compliance Efforts:

Searched ESDC's database under commodity codes: Medical Claims ESD-H-2030; Billing Services ESD-I-1095; Management Consultants

7. MWBE Program Participation:

See attached MWBE vendor lists.

8. Barriers to Participation:

None.

For University-wide MWBE Program Office Use Only

9. Contract Goals Determination:

MWBE goals are 20%: MBE 14%; WBE 6%

EEO goals are 20%: 10% minority workforce participation; 10% female workforce participation

ATTACHMENT A

Authority: Article 15-A of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR parts 140-144 Standard Clauses for All State University of New York (SUNY) Contracts

PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS AND WOMEN WITH RESPECT TO STATE CONTRACTS: REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

I. General Provisions

- A. The State University of New York is required to implement the provisions of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR Parts 142-144 (“MWBE Regulations”) for all State contracts as defined therein, with a value (1) in excess of \$25,000 for labor, services, equipment, materials, or any combination of the foregoing or (2) in excess of \$100,000 for real property renovations and construction.
- B. The Contractor to the subject contract (the “Contractor” and the “Contract,” respectively) agrees, in addition to any other nondiscrimination provision of the Contract and at no additional cost to the State University of New York (“SUNY”), to fully comply and cooperate with SUNY in the implementation of New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBEs”). Contractor’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements. These provisions shall be deemed supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the nondiscrimination provisions required by New York State Executive Law Article 15 (the “Human Rights Law”) or other applicable federal, state or local laws.
- C. Failure to comply with all of the requirements herein may result in a finding of non-responsiveness, non-responsibility and/or a breach of contract, leading to the withholding of funds or such other actions, liquidated damages pursuant to Section VII of this Appendix or enforcement proceedings as allowed by the Contract.

II. Contract Goals

- A. For purposes of this procurement, SUNY hereby establishes a University-wide goal of _____ for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBE”) participation, _____ for Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (“MBE”) participation and _____ for Women-Owned Business Enterprises (“WBE”) participation (based on the current availability of qualified MBEs and WBEs).
- B. For purposes of providing meaningful participation by MWBEs on the Contract and achieving the Contract Goals established in Section II-A hereof, Contractor should reference the directory of New York State Certified MBWEs found at the following internet address: <http://www.esd.ny.gov/MWBE/directorySearch.html>.

Additionally, Contractor is encouraged to contact the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development ((518) 292-5250; (212) 803-2414; or (716) 846-8200) to discuss additional methods of maximizing participation by MWBEs on the Contract.

- C. Where MWBE goals have been established herein, pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8, Contractor must document “good faith efforts” to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of the Contract. In accordance with Section 316-a of Article 15-A and 5 NYCRR §142.13, the Contractor acknowledges that if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals set forth in the Contract, such a finding constitutes a breach of contract and the Contractor shall be liable to SUNY for liquidated or other appropriate damages, as set forth herein.

III. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- A. Contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions of Article 15-A and the MWBE Regulations promulgated by the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development of the Department of Economic Development (the “Division”). If any of these terms or provisions conflict with applicable law or regulations, such laws and regulations shall supersede these requirements.
- B. Contractor shall comply with the following provisions of Article 15-A:
1. Contractor and Subcontractors shall undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status. For these purposes, EEO shall apply in the areas of recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, grading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.
 2. The Contractor shall submit an EEO policy statement to the SUNY within seventy two (72) hours after the date of the notice by SUNY to award the Contract to the Contractor.
 3. If Contractor or Subcontractor does not have an existing EEO policy statement, SUNY has provided the Contractor or Subcontractor a model statement (see Form 104) – Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement).
 4. The Contractor’s EEO policy statement shall include the following language:
 - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status, will undertake or continue existing EEO programs to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force.
 - b. The Contractor shall state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees that, in the performance of the contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

- c. The Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
- d. The Contractor will include the provisions of Subdivisions (a) through (c) of this Subsection 4 and Paragraph "E" of this Section III, which provides for relevant provisions of the Human Rights Law, in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the Contract.

C. Form 108 - Staffing Plan

To ensure compliance with this Section, the Contractor shall submit a staffing plan to document the composition of the proposed workforce to be utilized in the performance of the Contract by the specified categories listed, including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. Contractors shall complete the Staffing plan form and submit it as part of their bid or proposal or within a reasonable time, but no later than the time of award of the contract.

D. Form 112 - Workforce Employment Utilization Report ("Workforce Report")

1. Once a contract has been awarded and during the term of Contract, Contractor is responsible for updating and providing notice to SUNY of any changes to the previously submitted Staffing Plan. This information is to be submitted on a quarterly basis during the term of the contract to report the actual workforce utilized in the performance of the contract by the specified categories listed including ethnic background, gender, and Federal occupational categories. The Workforce Report must be submitted to report this information.
2. Separate forms shall be completed by Contractor and any subcontractor performing work on the Contract.
3. In limited instances, Contractor may not be able to separate out the workforce utilized in the performance of the Contract from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce. When a separation can be made, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided related to the actual workforce utilized on the Contract. When the workforce to be utilized on the contract cannot be separated out from Contractor's and/or subcontractor's total workforce, Contractor shall submit the Workforce Report and indicate that the information provided is Contractor's total workforce during the subject time frame, not limited to work specifically under the contract.

- E. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law, all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions. Contractor and subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military

status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest.

IV. MWBE Utilization Plan

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor has submitted an MWBE Utilization Plan prior to the execution of the contract.

B. MWBE Utilization Plan (Form MWBE 107).

1. Contractors are required to submit a Utilization Plan on Form 107 with their bid or proposal. Complete the following steps to prepare the Utilization Plan:
 - a. list NYS Certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises which the Contractor intends to use to perform the State contract;
 - b. insert a description of the contract scope of work which the Contractor intends to structure to increase the participation by NYS Certified minority- and women-owned enterprises on the State contract;
 - c. insert the estimated or, if known, actual dollar amounts to be paid to and performance dates of each component of a State contract which the Contractor intends to be performed by a NYS Certified minority- or women-owned business; and
 - d. Any modifications or changes to the agreed participation by NYS Certified MWBEs after the Contract Award and during the term of the contract must be reported on a revised MWBE Utilization Plan and submitted to the SUNY University-wide MWBE Program Office.
2. The SUNY University-wide MWBE Program Office will review the MWBE Utilization Plan and will issue the Contractor a written notice of acceptance or deficiency within twenty (20) day of its receipt. A notice of deficiency shall include the:
 - a. list NYS Certified minority- and women-owned business enterprises which the Contractor intends to use to perform the State contract;
 - b. name of any MWBE which is not acceptable for the purpose of complying with the MWBE participation goals;
 - c. reasons why it is not an acceptable element of the Contract scope of work which the MWBE Program Office has determined can be reasonably structured by the Contractor to increase the likelihood of participation in the Contract by MWBEs; and
 - d. other information which the MWBE Program Office determines to be relevant to the MWBE Utilization Plan.

3. The Contractor shall respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt by submitting to SUNY's University-wide MWBE Program Office a written remedy in response to the notice of deficiency.
 - a. If the written remedy that is submitted is not timely or is found to be inadequate, the University-wide MWBE Program Office shall notify the Contractor and direct the Contractor to submit, within five (5) business days, a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE participation goals on forms provided by the University-wide MWBE Program Office.
 - b. Failure to file the waiver form in a timely manner may be grounds for disqualification of the bid or proposal.
 4. SUNY's University-wide MWBE Program Office may disqualify a Contractor as being non-responsive under the following circumstances:
 - a. If a Contractor fails to submit a MWBE Utilization Plan;
 - b. If a Contractor fails to submit a written remedy to a notice of deficiency in a MWBE Utilization Plan;
 - c. If a Contractor fails to submit a request for waiver; or
 - d. If the MWBE Program Office determines that the Contractor has failed to document Good Faith Efforts.
- C. Contractor agrees to use such MWBE Utilization Plan for the performance of MWBEs on the Contract pursuant to the prescribed MWBE goals set forth in Section III-A of this Appendix.
- D. Contractor further agrees that a failure to submit and/or use such MWBE Utilization Plan shall constitute a material breach of the terms of the Contract. Upon the occurrence of such a material breach, SUNY shall be entitled to any remedy provided herein, including but not limited to, a finding of Contractor non-responsiveness.

V. Waivers

- A. For Waiver Requests Contractor should use Form 114 – Waiver Request.
- B. If the Contractor, after making good faith efforts, is unable to comply with MWBE goals, the Contractor may submit a Request for Waiver form documenting good faith efforts by the Contractor to meet such goals. If the documentation included with the waiver request is complete SUNY's University-wide MWBE Program Office shall evaluate the request and issue a written notice of acceptance or denial within twenty (20) days of receipt.
- C. If SUNY's University-wide MWBE Program Office, upon review of the MWBE Utilization Plan and updated Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Reports determines that Contractor is failing or refusing to comply with the Contract goals and no waiver has been issued in regards to such non-compliance, the SUNY University-wide MWBE Program Office may issue a notice of deficiency to the Contractor. The contractor must respond to the notice of deficiency within seven (7) business days of receipt. Such response may include a request for partial or total waiver of MWBE Contract Goals.

VI. Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report

Contractor is required to submit a Quarterly MWBE Contractor Compliance Report (Form 114) to the SUNY campuses by the 5th day following each end of quarter over the term of the Contract documenting the progress made towards achievement of the MWBE goals of the Contract.

VII. Liquidated Damages - MWBE Participation

- A. Where SUNY's University-wide MWBE Program Office determines that Contractor is not in compliance with the requirements of the Contract and Contractor refuses to comply with such requirements, or if Contractor is found to have willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the MWBE participation goals, Contractor shall be obligated to pay to SUNY liquidated damages.
- B. Such liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equaling the difference between:
 - 1. All sums identified for payment to MWBEs had the Contractor achieved the contractual MWBE goals; and
 - 2. All sums actually paid to MWBEs for work performed or materials supplied under the Contract.
- C. In the event a determination has been made which requires the payment of liquidated damages and such identified sums have not been withheld by the SUNY campus, Contractor shall pay such liquidated damages to the SUNY within sixty (60) days after they are assessed by the SUNY campus unless prior to the expiration of such sixtieth day, the Contractor has filed a complaint with the Director of the Division of Minority and Woman Business Development pursuant to Subdivision 8 of Section 313 of the Executive Law in which event the liquidated damages shall be payable if Director renders a decision in favor of the SUNY.

All forms must be scanned and e-mailed directly to campus and copy the University-wide MWBE Program Office at MWBEProgram@suny.edu.

Pamela Swanigan
University-wide MWBE Program Director
State University Plaza
Albany, NY 12246
518-320-1628
MWBEProgram@suny.edu

Effective April 1, 2013

MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT

I, _____, the (awardee /contractor)_____ agree to adopt the following policies with respect to the project being developed or services rendered pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract.

MWBE

This organization will and will cause its contractors and subcontractors to take good faith actions to achieve the MWBE contract participations goals set by the State for that area in which the State-funded project is located, by taking the following steps:

- (1) Active and affirmatively solicit bids for contracts and subcontracts from qualified State certified MBEs or WBEs, including solicitations to MWBE contractor associations.
- (2) Request a list of State-certified MWBEs from SUNY campuses and solicit bids from them directly.
- (3) Ensure that plans, specifications, request for proposals and other documents used to secure bids will be made available in sufficient time for review by prospective MWBEs.
- (4) Where feasible, divide the work into smaller portions to enhanced participations by MWBEs and encourage the formation of joint venture and other partnerships among MWBE contractors to enhance their participation.
- (5) Document and maintain records of bid solicitation, including those to MWBEs and the results thereof. Contractor will also maintain records of actions that its subcontractors have taken toward meeting MWBE contract participation goals.
- (6) Ensure that progress payments to MWBEs are made on a timely basis so that undue financial hardship is avoided, and that bonding and other credit requirements are waived or appropriate alternatives developed to encourage MWBE participation.

EEO

(a) This organization will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status, will undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination, and shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on state contracts.

(b) This organization shall state in all solicitation or advertisements for employees that in the performance of the State contract all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status.

(c) At the request of the contracting agency, this organization shall request that each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or martial status and that such union or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of this organization's obligations herein.

(d) This organization will include the provisions of sections (a) through (c) of this agreement in every subcontract in such a manner that the requirements of the subdivisions will be binding upon each subcontractor as to work in connection with the State contract.

Agreed to this _____ day of _____, 2_____

By _____

Print: _____ Title: _____

Minority Business Enterprise Liaison

_____ is designated as the Minority Business Enterprise Liaison (Name of Designated Liaison) responsible for administering the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises- Equal Employment Opportunity (MWBE-EEO) program.

MWBE Contract Goals

_____ % Minority Business Enterprise Participation

_____ % Women's Business Enterprise Participation

EEO Contract Goals

_____ % Minority Labor Force Participation

_____ % Female Labor Force Participation

(Authorized Representative)

Title: _____

Date: _____

**FORM 104 (MWBE UNIT REVISED: 01/2013)
Effective April 1, 2013**

STAFFING PLAN
Submit with Bid or Proposal – Instructions on page 2

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Solicitation No.: | Reporting Entity: | Report includes Contractor's/Subcontractor's: <input type="checkbox"/> Work force to be utilized on this contract <input type="checkbox"/> Total work force |
| Offeror's Name: | | <input type="checkbox"/> Offeror <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor Subcontractor's name _____ |
| Offeror's Address: | | |

Enter the total number of employees for each classification in each of the EEO-Job Categories identified

| EEO-Job Category | Total Work force | Work force by Gender | | Work force by Race/Ethnic Identification | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Total Male (M) | Total Female (F) | White (M) (F) | | Black (M) (F) | | Hispanic (M) (F) | | Asian (M) (F) | | Native American (M) (F) | | Disabled (M) (F) | | Veteran (M) (F) | |
| Officials/Administrators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Professionals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technicians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| PREPARED BY (Signature): | TELEPHONE NO.: | DATE: |
| | EMAIL ADDRESS: | |
| NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER (Print or Type): | | Submit completed with bid or proposal MWBE 108 (Rev 01/2013) Effective April 1, 2013 |

General instructions: All Offerors and each subcontractor identified in the bid or proposal must complete an EEO Staffing Plan (MWBE 101) and submit it as part of the bid or proposal package. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract can be separated out from the contractor's and/or subcontractor's total work force, the Offeror shall complete this form only for the anticipated work force to be utilized on the State contract. Where the work force to be utilized in the performance of the State contract cannot be separated out from the contractor's and/or subcontractor's total work force, the Offeror shall complete this form for the contractor's and/or subcontractor's total work force.

Instructions for completing:

1. Enter the Solicitation number that this report applies to along with the name and address of the Offeror.
2. Check off the appropriate box to indicate if the Offeror completing the report is the contractor or a subcontractor.
3. Check off the appropriate box to indicate work force to be utilized on the contract or the Offerors' total work force.
4. Enter the total work force by EEO job category.
5. Break down the anticipated total work force by gender and enter under the heading 'Work force by Gender'
6. Break down the anticipated total work force by race/ethnic identification and enter under the heading 'Work force by Race/Ethnic Identification'.
Contact the OMWBE Permissible contact(s) for the solicitation if you have any questions.
7. Enter information on disabled or veterans included in the anticipated work force under the appropriate headings.
8. Enter the name, title, phone number and email address for the person completing the form. Sign and date the form in the designated boxes.

RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

Race/ethnic designations as used by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. For the purposes of this form, an employee may be included in the group to which he or she appears to belong, identifies with, or is regarded in the community as belonging. However, no person should be counted in more than one race/ethnic group. The race/ethnic categories for this survey are:

- **WHITE** (Not of Hispanic origin) All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.
- **BLACK** a person, not of Hispanic origin, who has origins in any of the black racial groups of the original peoples of Africa.
- **HISPANIC** a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
- **ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- **NATIVE INDIAN (NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

OTHER CATEGORIES

- **DISABLED INDIVIDUAL** any person who: - has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity(ies)
 - has a record of such an impairment; or
 - is regarded as having such an impairment.
- **VIETNAM ERA VETERAN** a veteran who served at any time between and including January 1, 1963 and May 7, 1975.
- **GENDER** Male or Female

M/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: This form must be submitted with any bid, proposal, or proposed negotiated contract or within a reasonable time thereafter, but prior to contract award. This Utilization Plan must contain a detailed description of the supplies and/or services to be provided by each certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) under the contract. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Offeror's Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone No.:

Authorized Representative:

Authorized Signature:

Federal Identification No.:

Location of Work: SUNY at

Project No.:

M/WBE Goals in the Contract: MBE % WBE %

EEO Goals in the Contract: MBE % WBE %

| 1. Certified M/WBE Subcontractors/Suppliers Name, Address, Email Address, Telephone No. | 2. Classification | 3. Federal ID No. | 4. Detailed Description of Work (Attach additional sheets, if necessary) | 5. Dollar Value of Subcontracts/ Supplies/Services and intended performance dates of each component of the contract. |
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| 1. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
| 2. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
| 3. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
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| 7. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
| 8. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
| 9. | NYS ESD CERTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> WBE | | | |
| 6. IF UNABLE TO FULLY MEET THE MBE AND WBE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT, OFFEROR MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR WAIVER FORM (M/WBE 104). | | | | |
| PREPARED BY (Signature): DATE: NAME AND TITLE OF PREPARER (Print or Type): SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE OFFEROR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE M/WBE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH UNDER NYS EXECUTIVE LAW, ARTICLE 15-A, 5 NYCRR PART 143, AND THE ABOVE-REFERENCED SOLICITATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF NONCOMPLIANCE AND POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF YOUR CONTRACT. | | TELEPHONE NO.: | EMAIL ADDRESS: | |
| MWBE 107 (Revised 1/2013) Effective April 1, 2013 | | FOR M/WBE USE ONLY | | |
| | | REVIEWED BY: | | DATE: |
| | | UTILIZATION PLAN APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date: _____ Contract No.: _____ Project No. (if applicable): _____ Contract Award Date: _____ Estimated Date of Completion: _____ Amount Obligated Under the Contract: _____ Description of Work: _____ NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ISSUED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date: _____ NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE ISSUED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date: _____ | | |

Contracts Department

VIA EMAIL

DATE: February 18, 2014
TO: Prospective Proposers
FROM: Maureen Crystal
Director of Contracts
RE: Invitation For Bid (IFB) # Q14-08
Type of Service: Transfer DRG Recover Services

Addendum No. 1

IFB Q14-08 is hereby amended. The RFP is amended only as set forth in this Addendum No. 1, consisting of this cover page plus the following two (2) pages. All other terms and conditions of the IFB dated February 3, remain in full force and effect.

On the subsequent page hereof, please find both the balance of the inquiries that were properly submitted by "Vendors" in connection with the IFB and SUNY-Downstate's responses thereto.

Immediately upon receiving this Addendum No. 1, please acknowledge such receipt by providing the information requested below and returning this page only via fax to (718) 270-3342.

Vendor's Name

Contact Person

Date

IFB Q14-08 Addendum 1
February 18, 2014
Summary of Questions Received and [Answers](#).

1. It is unclear from the document whether the successful vendor is required to adopt and maintain an affirmative action plan, or whether the requirement is that the vendor be established as an equal opportunity employer. Please clarify and provide guidance on whether the vendor is required to adopt and maintain an affirmative action plan.
 - [Vendor is required to adopt and maintain an affirmative action plan](#)
2. As we interpret the document, SUNY-DMC reserves the right to recall accounts at any time, for any reason and without charge or liability. In order to preserve our firm's ability to be paid for work that we completed, we would propose to include in the agreement our standard provision that ensures payment to BESLER for claims that have been assigned to us and which we have prepared for adjustment when, and only when, SUNY-DMC receives payment for the adjusted claims in question. Is SUNY-DMC open to including such a provision in the agreement?
 - [Downstate would agree to this provision.](#)
3. It is unclear from the document whether the successful vendor is required to utilize (or to what extent) minority-owned businesses to deliver the services as outlined in the IFB (Section III). If a Contractor is able to provide all services under the contract without hiring new staff members and without the need to subcontract, the Contractor's *MWBE Utilization Plan* would so state. Will the fact that the Contractor is able to staff the project without staff additions or subcontractors adversely affect consideration of the Contractor's bid or proposal?
 - [Under New York State Executive Law Article 15-A, vendor is required to demonstrate "good faith efforts". Vendor reserves the right to file a Waiver Form 114 \(page 100 of 107\). Downstate cannot guaranty the Waiver will be granted.](#)
4. Please provide clarification on the specific terms of the engagement and the range for review of the accounts (5 year reference on page 18, Section T).
 - [This is only a reference to the term of the contract. It has no bearing on the range for review of the accounts.](#)
5. In addition, page 18, Specific Requirements, Item 4 states the following: The Successful Bidder will recommend the span of the Transfer DRG recovery services; from current billed Medicare inpatient accounts to previous years with the goal of maximizing reconvenes. Based on Vendor's experience with similar clients **in scope and size, we believe that there is a significant revenue opportunity** in evaluating a four year retrospective review as well as a prospective review utilizing quarterly data sets. In other words, please clarify and confirm how much data we are actually able to review.
 - [The statement reads "*The Successful Bidder will recommend the span of the Transfer DRG recovery services; from current billed Medicare inpatient accounts to previous years with the goal of maximizing recoveries.*"](#)

[SUNY DMC is looking for the vendor to recommend a strategy to maximize the financial gains of the project. If the vendor were to recommend a four year retrospective review and a prospective quarterly review, we could accommodate that if, when compared to other proposals, we felt this was the most effective approach.](#)

6. It is unclear if the discharge summary and/or the History and Physical (H&P) documentation is available from the Siemens AHS Eagle 2000 system. This information is necessary in order to complete a listing of all relevant post-acute care providers and contact information.

- The Eagle System does not contain the discharge summary and/or the History and Physical (H&P) documentation. The discharge summary is included in the All Scripts, hybrid EHR. The H&P is included in the scanned medical record puff file.

7. Will we get paid on invoice after the recovered funds are in your account or will there be a lag time?

Downstate pays within 30 days of receipt of an invoice.

8. If your recovery exceeds \$800,000. Will the ceiling be raised?

No. Downstate would need to rebid the services at that time.

9. The deadline for submission of Vendor's Proposals is hereby extended to: **Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 4:00PM.**