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Attachment C RFP EVALUATION PLAN

Stage 1: Initial Responsiveness Evaluation. Proposals will be reviewed for completeness, initial responsiveness, and compliance with all mandatory requirements. Proposals omitting required documents or responses or failing to meet all Mandatory and Minimum Requirements may be rejected in accordance with Attachment A – RFP Terms and Conditions.

Mandatory Requirements:

Criteria	Evaluation	Result
Offeror must submit a completed and signed Offeror Information, Acknowledgements, and Certifications - Attachment G as outlined in the RFP.	Pass/fail	
Offeror must submit a completed Offeror Response Worksheet - Attachment H as outlined in the RFP.	Pass/fail	
Offeror must submit a completed Cost Proposal – Attachment I as outlined in the RFP.	Pass/fail	
Offeror must submit a completed Proposed Modifications to Sample Master Agreement – Attachment J as outlined in the RFP. If proposing modifications, a redlined copy of the Sample Master Agreement – Attachment D must also be submitted as outlined in the RFP.	Pass/fail	
Offeror must submit a completed Claim of Business Confidentiality – Attachment K . If claiming confidential, proprietary, or protected information, a redacted copy of the Proposal clearly marked as such must also be submitted as outlined in the RFP.	Pass/fail	
Offeror confirms that they have firm fixed rates. The Offeror must request any increase to the Lead State. The Lead State will review each rate increase submission and may utilize the PPI and CPI to reject, approve, or negotiate rate increases. The awarded Offeror will be required to submit firm rate sheets prior to the finalization of contracts. All prices and rates must be guaranteed for one year. Following the initial one-year period, any request for price or rate adjustment must be for an equal guarantee period and must be made at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date. Requests for price or rate adjustments must include sufficient documentation to support the request. Any adjustment or amendment to the Master Agreement shall not be effective unless approved by the Lead State. No retroactive adjustments to prices or rates will be allowed.	Pass/Fail	Firm Rates

Minimum Requirements:

Criteria	Evaluation	Result
Cover Letter: Offeror certifies they have uploaded a Cover Letter include the following: (i) a statement that confirms that the Vendor has read the RFP in its entirety, including all links, and all Addenda released in conjunction with the RFP; (ii) a statement that Vendor agrees to perform in accordance with the scope of work, requirements, and specifications contained herein; and (iii) Vendor’s agreement to comply with all instructions, terms and conditions, and attachments	Preferred	
Offeror confirms that if a fuel surcharge will be applied, an express (air) and ground cap cannot exceed 7% for the full term of the Master Agreement. Offerors must further certify that, if applicable, a fuel surcharge will be	Pass/Fail	Fuel Surcharge Cap (7%)

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published on their website, allowing all Authorized Users to verify the accuracy of invoices. Offeror must further certify that its website shall also provide historical fuel surcharge information. This section is only to be used to certify that the Offeror will not exceed the 7% cap for the full term of the Master Agreement, that it will publish the fuel surcharge, if any, on its website, and will provide historical fuel surcharge information on its website.		
Offeror confirms the following regarding the exclusion of listed charges. A. The Offeror shall not propose or apply pick-up charges or weekly service in addition to the contracted rates due to aggregate NASPO ValuePoint volume anticipated. B. The Offeror shall not require a minimum number of packages per trip, per day, per week, or per month.	Pass/Fail	Exclusion of Listed Charges
Offeror must submit the Offeror's Carrier's Service Guide that would be in effect at the time of the Master Agreement contract start date and be in effect for the first year of the Master Agreement with no changes in rates or charges during that time without the prior written approval of the Lead State.	Pass/Fail	Submission of Services Guide
Stage 1 Result:		Pass/Fail

Proposals failing to meet or exceed all Mandatory and Minimum Requirements may be rejected in accordance with Attachment A – RFP Terms and Conditions.

Stage 2: Technical Criteria Evaluation. Proposals meeting or exceeding the Mandatory Minimum Requirements will be evaluated against the following Technical Criteria:

Attachment	Criteria	Technical Points Possible	Offeror's Technical Points Earned
Att. H	Qualification of Carriers & Prior Experience	230	
	Ability to Meet Scope of Work	270	
	Customer Service and Ordering	370	
	Money Back Guarantee	75	
	Handling State or National Emergencies	165	
	Technology and Data Security	200	
	Performance Demonstration Scenarios	140	
Att. J	Implementation and Promotion of the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement	100	
	Acceptance of Sample Master Agreement Terms & Conditions with no Redlines (as indicated in Attachment J)	50	
Stage 2 Total:		1600	

At the Lead State's discretion, points earned in the Technical Criteria evaluation may be normalized and scaled to award the Offeror earning the highest total technical score the maximum number of technical points possible.

The Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team will then determine which proposals will proceed to Stage 3: Cost Evaluation. Methods used to make this determination may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Identification of a natural break in total scores
- Consideration of the optimal number of Suppliers required to successfully supply Deliverables to Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities

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Stage 3: Cost Evaluation. Cost Proposals for proposals not rejected following the evaluation of Technical Criteria will be evaluated. The contents of Attachment I – Cost Proposal will be scored as follows:

Suppliers submitting Cost Proposals for Nationwide coverage (all regions) will be evaluated against other suppliers bidding on all regions. Suppliers submitting Cost Proposals for ten or fewer regions will be evaluated against other suppliers bidding on the same respective region(s).

Nationwide Coverage

Proposals bidding on all regions will have a maximum of 400 points available for the whole Cost Proposal. Points assigned to each Offeror’s Cost Proposal will be based on the lowest cumulative proposal cost total for all regions.

Regional Coverage

For Proposals bidding on ten or fewer regions, each region will have a maximum of 400 points, to be evaluated individually against the respective region. Points assigned to each Offeror’s proposed region(s) will be based on the lowest proposal cost total for each respective region where an Offeror submits a Cost Proposal.

The Offeror with the lowest Proposed Cost will receive 100% of the cost points for that region, or for the full Cost Proposal if bidding Nationwide Coverage. All other Offerors will receive a portion of the total cost points based on the percentage by which their Proposed Cost is higher than the Lowest Proposed Cost.

PROPOSED COSTS EXAMPLE

Cost Region	Lowest Cost	Offeror’s Cost	Cost Points Possible	Offeror’s Cost Points Earned per Region
Region #1	\$794.25	\$2059.58	400	154
Region #2	\$800	\$800	400	400
Region #3	\$754	\$767.15	400	393
Region #4	\$903.78	\$3134.03	400	115
Region #5	\$699.47	\$800	400	350

The formula for calculating cost points earned for Proposed Costs is **Lowest Cost / Offeror’s Cost x Cost Points Possible**. The Lead State reserves the right to modify this formula and/or assign a nominal value to “0” cost values if application of the formula results in an error, negative numbers, or an unreasonably skewed distribution of points.

Cost Proposals may also be subject to an independent review for reasonableness and best value by the Lead State. Costs determined not to be reasonable or best-value by the Lead State, including any cost to which Offeror’s proposed markup or discount is to be applied, may result in all or part of Offeror’s proposal being rejected, notwithstanding the results of the Cost Proposal evaluation.

Evaluation Summary

The technical criteria and cost evaluations will be combined for each region or nationally, as applicable, to get a final score.

Nationwide Coverage

Stage	Total Points Possible
Technical Criteria Evaluation	1600
Cost Evaluation for Nationwide (all 11 Regions)	400
Total:	2000

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OR

Regional Coverage

Stage	Total Points Possible
Technical Criteria Evaluation	1600
Cost Evaluation per Region	400
Total:	2000

Each Region will be evaluated independently and will have a total of 2000 points possible per Region, with the Offeror's Technical Score remaining the same for each Region in which they are being evaluated. Regional awards will evaluate cost separately against the Technical Criteria Evaluation Score. For example, a proposal for Region 1 will only be evaluated against other proposals for Region 1. If an Offeror submits a proposal for more than one Region, but not for all 11, each Region will be evaluated against other proposals for that same Region.

Award Selection

The Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team will then determine which proposals are most advantageous to the Lead State and potential Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities. Methods used to make this determination may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Identification of a natural break in total scores
- Consideration of the optimal number of Contractors required to successfully supply Deliverables to Participating Entities and Purchasing Entities

Prior to the announcement of awards and execution of Master Agreements, the Lead State will present an award recommendation to NASPO ValuePoint for approval of the proposed awards.

Following the approval of NASPO ValuePoint and any other approvals required by the Lead State, the Lead State reserves the right to negotiate with one or more Offeror, or to reject all original offers and negotiate with one or more sources of supply that may be capable of satisfying the requirement, and in either case to require Offeror to submit a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) based on discussions and negotiations with the Lead State.

If the Lead State chooses to negotiate with Offeror(s), they will reach out to the selected Offeror(s), identified by the evaluation process, through the Lead State's Sourcing Tool to begin negotiations (as necessary). Additional communication outside of the Sourcing Tool may also be utilized, depending on what needs to be negotiated.

Once negotiations are complete, the Lead State and Multistate Sourcing Team may choose to issue a Best and Final Offer (BAFO)¹ to successful suppliers. Suppliers must sign the BAFO before returning it to the Lead State. Once the Lead State signs the BAFO, they will send the complete contract packet to the awarded Supplier with a Notice of Award via email. Once all Master Agreements are executed, then a Public Notice of Award will be posted to North Carolina's website at: <https://evp.nc.gov/solicitations/>.

¹ Offerors should note that BAFOs are not included in the evaluation scoring. When submitting a Cost Proposal, the initial pricing provided should be competitive.



Attachment D SAMPLE MASTER AGREEMENT

NASPO VALUEPOINT MASTER AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. Definitions

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

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- 1.9 Participating Addendum** means a bilateral agreement executed by a Contractor and a Participating Entity incorporating this Master Agreement and any additional Participating Entity-specific language or other requirements (e.g., ordering procedures specific to the Participating Entity, entity-specific terms and conditions, etc.).
- 1.10 Participating Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states properly authorized to enter into a Participating Addendum, that has executed a Participating Addendum.
- 1.11 Participating State** means a state that has executed a Participating Addendum or has indicated an intent to execute a Participating Addendum.
- 1.12 Product or Products and Services** means any equipment, software (including embedded software), documentation, service, or other deliverable supplied or created by the Contractor pursuant to this Master Agreement. The term Product includes goods and services.
- 1.13 Purchasing Entity** means a state (as well as the District of Columbia and US territories), city, county, district, other political subdivision of a State, or a nonprofit organization under the laws of some states if authorized by a Participating Addendum, that issues a Purchase Order or Request for Services against the Master Agreement and becomes financially committed to the purchase.
- 1.14 Solicitation** means the solicitation resulting in this Master Agreement.

II. Term of Master Agreement

- 2.1 Initial Term.** The initial term of this Master Agreement is for five (5) years. The Lead State may, prior to execution, adjust the effective date or duration of the initial term or renewal period of any Master Agreement for the purpose of making the Master Agreement coterminous with others.
- 2.2 Amendment Limitations.** The terms of this Master Agreement will not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended in any manner whatsoever without prior written agreement of the Lead State and Contractor.
- 2.3 Amendment Term.** The term of the Master Agreement may be amended past the initial term and stated renewal periods for a reasonable period if in the judgment of the Lead State a follow-on competitive procurement will be unavoidably delayed (despite good faith efforts) beyond the planned date of execution of the follow-on master agreement. This subsection will not be deemed to limit the authority of a Lead State under its state law to otherwise negotiate contract extensions.

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III. Order of Precedence

- 3.1 Order.** Any Order placed under this Master Agreement will consist of the following documents:
- 3.1.1** A Participating Entity's Participating Addendum ("PA");
 - 3.1.2** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement, including all attachments thereto;
 - 3.1.3** A Purchase Order or Scope of Work/Specifications issued against the applicable Participating Addendum;
 - 3.1.4** The Solicitation or, if separately executed after award, the Lead State's bilateral agreement that integrates applicable provisions;
 - 3.1.5** Contractor's response to the Solicitation, as revised (if permitted) and accepted by the Lead State.
- 3.2 Conflict.** These documents will be read to be consistent and complementary. Any conflict among these documents will be resolved by giving priority to these documents in the order listed above. Contractor terms and conditions that apply to this Master Agreement are only those that are expressly accepted by the Lead State and must be in writing and attached to this Master Agreement as an Exhibit or Attachment.
- 3.3 Participating Addenda.** Participating Addenda will not be construed to diminish, modify, or otherwise derogate any provisions in this Master Agreement between the Lead State and Contractor. The term of a Participating Addendum will not exceed the term of this Master Agreement, except when a Participating Entity determines an extension of its Participating Addendum is necessary to avoid a lapse in contract coverage and is permitted by law.

IV. Participants and Scope

- 4.1 Requirement for a Participating Addendum.** Contractor may not deliver Products or Services under this Master Agreement until a Participating Addendum acceptable to the Participating Entity and Contractor is executed.
- 4.2 Applicability of Master Agreement.** NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions are applicable to any Order by a Participating Entity (and other Purchasing Entities covered by their Participating Addendum), except to the extent altered, modified, supplemented or amended by a Participating Addendum, subject to Section III. For the purposes of illustration and not limitation, this authority may apply to unique delivery and invoicing requirements, confidentiality requirements, defaults on Orders, governing law and venue relating to Orders by a Participating Entity, indemnification, and insurance requirements. Statutory or constitutional requirements relating to availability of funds may require specific language in some Participating Addenda

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in order to comply with applicable law. The expectation is that these alterations, modifications, supplements, or amendments will be addressed in the Participating Addendum or, with the consent of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, may be included in the Order.

- 4.3 Scope of Work Updates.** At the discretion of the Lead State, and subject to agreement by the parties, the scope of this Master Agreement may be amended to include or accommodate new or updated models, versions, or technologies related to the objectives and deliverables set forth in the Solicitation.
- 4.4 Obligated Entities.** Obligations under this Master Agreement are limited to those Participating Entities who have signed a Participating Addendum and Purchasing Entities within the scope of those Participating Addenda. States or other entities permitted to participate may use an informal competitive process to determine which Master Agreements to participate in through execution of a Participating Addendum. Participating Entities incur no financial obligations on behalf of other Purchasing Entities.
- 4.5 Notice of Participating Addendum.** Contractor shall email a fully executed PDF copy of each Participating Addendum to pa@naspo.valuepoint.org to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate databases.

4.6 Participating Entities.

- 4.6.1** If not proscribed by law or by the Chief Procurement Official of the state in which the entity is located, an entity may be eligible to execute a Participating Addendum directly with Contractor. Such entities may include:
- 4.6.1.1** Political subdivisions, public agencies, and service districts;
 - 4.6.1.2** Public and private educational institutions, including K-12 public, charter, and private schools; institutions of higher education; and trade schools;
 - 4.6.1.3** Federally recognized tribes;
 - 4.6.1.4** Quasi-governmental entities; and
 - 4.6.1.5** Eligible non-profit organizations.
- 4.6.2** Prior to execution of a Participating Addendum with an entity listed above, Contractor shall coordinate with NASPO to confirm the entity's eligibility to execute a Participating Addendum. A determination that an entity is eligible to execute a Participating Addendum is not a determination that procurement authority exists; each entity must ensure it has the requisite procurement authority to execute a Participating Addendum. If Contractor becomes aware that an entity's

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use of a Participating Addendum is not authorized, Contractor will notify NASPO ValuePoint to initiate outreach to the appropriate parties.

4.7 [Intentionally deleted.]

4.8 Individual Customers. Except as may otherwise be agreed to by the Purchasing Entity and Contractor, each Purchasing Entity shall follow the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and will have the same rights and responsibilities for their purchases as the Lead State has in the Master Agreement and as the Participating Entity has in the Participating Addendum, including but not limited to any indemnity or right to recover any costs as such right is defined in the Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum for their purchases. Each Purchasing Entity will be responsible for its own charges, fees, and liabilities. The Contractor will apply the charges and invoice each Purchasing Entity individually.

4.9 Release of Information. Throughout the duration of this Master Agreement, Contractor must secure from the Lead State prior approval for the release of information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by the Master Agreement. This limitation does not preclude publication about the award of the Master Agreement or marketing activities consistent with any proposed and accepted marketing plan.

4.10 No Representations. The Contractor shall not make any representations of NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, any Participating Entity, or any Purchasing Entity's opinion or position as to the quality or effectiveness of the services that are the subject of this Master Agreement without prior written consent.

V. NASPO ValuePoint Provisions

5.1 Applicability. NASPO ValuePoint is not a party to the Master Agreement. The terms set forth in Section V are for the benefit of NASPO ValuePoint as a third-party beneficiary of this Master Agreement.

5.2 Administrative Fees

5.2.1 NASPO ValuePoint Fee. Contractor shall pay to NASPO ValuePoint, or its assignee, a NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee of two-fifths of one percent (0.4% or 0.004) no later than sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee must be submitted quarterly and is based on all sales of products and services under the Master Agreement (less any charges for taxes or shipping) invoiced during the preceding quarter. The NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is not negotiable and shall be included as part of all pricing incorporated now and hereafter into this Master Agreement.



5.2.2 Compliance Incentive. For each quarter that Contractor is fully compliant with the requirements described in Sections 5.3.2 and 5.3.3, the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee owed by Contractor under Section 5.2.1 shall be reduced to one-third of one percent (0.33% or 0.0033) of Contractor's invoiced sales for that quarter.

5.2.2.1 Determination of Compliance. NASPO shall have the sole discretion to determine whether Contractor's submissions are compliant with the reporting requirements of Sections 5.3.2 and 5.3.3. Within thirty (30) days of the applicable reporting deadline, NASPO shall notify Contractor of any submission deemed noncompliant. Absent such notice, NASPO shall apply a credit to the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee as described in Section 5.2.2.2. If Contractor's good-faith submission is deemed noncompliant, Contractor may still qualify for the incentive if Contractor engages with NASPO to bring its submission within ten (10) business days of notification of non-compliance. NASPO reserves the right to modify any determination of compliance based on subsequently obtained information.

5.2.2.2 Application of Incentive. The incentive identified in 5.2.2 will be applied as a credit towards the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee due to NASPO in the quarter immediately following the determination of compliance. Any incentive credit due to Contractor in excess of a payment due shall be applied towards the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee due to NASPO in the following quarter. Any incentive credit due to Contractor after expiration of this Master Agreement, where Contractor holds no Master Agreement resulting from a re-solicitation of this Portfolio, shall be remitted by NASPO to Contractor as a one-time payment.

5.2.3 Interest on Late Payment. If the Contractor does not pay the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee within sixty (60) days following the end of each calendar quarter as required by Section 5.2.1, then Contractor shall accrue interest on the unpaid amounts at the rate of 1% per month.

5.2.4 Administrative Fee Updates. NASPO ValuePoint reserves the right to update the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee. If the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee is updated, any renewals exercised shall be contingent upon Contractor's acceptance of the updated NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee.

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5.2.5 Participating Entity Fees. A Participating Entity may also require payment of an additional administrative fee by Contractors to the Participating Entity based on sales to Purchasing Entities within the Participating Entity's jurisdiction. The rate or amount, payment method, payment schedule, and reporting requirements for such fees shall be incorporated into the Participating Entity's Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise negotiated by the Participating Entity, Contractor may adjust the Master Agreement pricing incorporated into the Participating Addendum by an amount not to exceed the Participating Entity's fee. Any such adjustment shall be clearly identified in the Participating Addendum and will have no effect on the NASPO ValuePoint administrative fee, pricing in the Master Agreement, or pricing offered to Purchasing Entities outside the Participating Entity's jurisdiction.

5.3 NASPO ValuePoint Summary and Detailed Usage Reports

5.3.1 Sales Data Reporting. In accordance with this section, Contractor shall report to NASPO ValuePoint all Orders under this Master Agreement for which Contractor has invoiced the ordering entity or individual, including Orders invoiced to Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity employees for personal use if such use is permitted by this Master Agreement and the applicable Participating Addendum ("Sales Data"). By placing an Order under this Master Agreement, a Purchasing Entity agrees to have their data (i) included in reports submitted by Contractor to NASPO ValuePoint and (ii) used by NASPO ValuePoint as set forth in this Master Agreement without limitation, unless otherwise requested in writing by the Purchasing Entity and agreed to in writing by NASPO. Timely and complete reporting of Sales Data by Contractor is a material requirement of this Master Agreement. Reporting requirements, including those related to the format, contents, frequency, or delivery of reports, may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. NASPO ValuePoint shall have exclusive ownership of any media on which reports are submitted and shall have a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, and transferable right to display, modify, copy, and otherwise use reports, data, and information provided under this section.

5.3.2 Summary Sales Data. "Summary Sales Data" is Sales Data reported as cumulative totals by state. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, completely and accurately report Summary Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. If

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Contractor has no reportable Sales Data for the quarter, Contractor shall submit a zero-sales report.

- 5.3.3 Detailed Sales Data.** “Detailed Sales Data” is Sales Data that includes for each Order all information required by the Solicitation or by NASPO ValuePoint, including customer information, Order information, and line-item details. Contractor shall, using the reporting tool or template provided by NASPO ValuePoint, completely and accurately report Detailed Sales Data to NASPO ValuePoint for each calendar quarter no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter. Detailed Sales Data shall be reported in the format provided in the Solicitation or provided by NASPO ValuePoint and shall include all required fields. The total sales volume of reported Detailed Sales Data shall be consistent with the total sales volume of reported Summary Sales Data.
- 5.3.4 Sales Data Crosswalks.** Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide to NASPO ValuePoint tables of customer and Product information and specific attributes thereof for the purpose of standardizing and analyzing reported Sales Data (“Crosswalks”). Customer Crosswalks must include a list of existing and potential Purchasing Entities and identify for each the appropriate customer type as defined by NASPO ValuePoint. Product Crosswalks must include Contractor’s part number or SKU for each Product in Offeror’s catalog and identify for each the appropriate Master Agreement category (and subcategory, if applicable), manufacturer part number, product description, eight-digit UNSPSC Class Level commodity code, and (if applicable) EPEAT value and Energy Star rating. Crosswalk requirements and fields may be updated by NASPO ValuePoint with reasonable notice to Contractor and without amendment to this Master Agreement. Contractor shall work in good faith with NASPO ValuePoint to keep Crosswalks updated as Contractor’s customer lists and product catalog change.
- 5.3.5 Executive Summary.** Contractor shall, upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, provide NASPO ValuePoint with an executive summary that includes but is not limited to a list of states with an active Participating Addendum, states with which Contractor is in negotiations, and any Participating Addendum roll-out or implementation activities and issues. NASPO ValuePoint and Contractor will determine the format and content of the executive summary.
- 5.3.6 Obligation to Act in Good Faith.** The parties acknowledge that this Master Agreement and its terms and pricing have been negotiated for the benefit of the parties, NASPO ValuePoint, Participating Entities, and

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Purchasing Entities. Apart from a Participating Addendum or Order, Contractor shall not intentionally induce a potential Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity to enter into a separate agreement, the pricing and terms of which are derived from this Master Agreement, for the purpose of avoiding compliance with Contractor's obligations under Section V. Nothing in this Section 5.3.6 shall prohibit Contractor from contracting with an entity with substantially similar pricing and terms if such pricing and terms are independently negotiated with the entity or are consistent with pricing and terms ordinarily offered by Contractor to public sector customers.

5.3.7 Corrections Required. If it is determined that Contractor's sales reporting is inaccurate for any reason, Contractor is required to correctly report its sales data within thirty (30) days of discovery of the reporting error. If the reporting error caused underpayment of the NASPO ValuePoint Administrative Fee identified in Section 5.2.1, then the Contractor shall incur interest on the unpaid amounts at the rate of 1% per month. Such interest shall accrue from sixty (60) days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the sale was made, the date the payment would have originally been due had correct reporting been received.

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

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

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

5.4.3 Annual Contract Performance Review. Contractor shall participate in an annual contract performance review with the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint, which may at the discretion of the Lead State be held in

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person and which may include a discussion of marketing action plans, target strategies, marketing materials, Contractor reporting, and timeliness of payment of administration fees.

5.4.4 Use of NASPO ValuePoint Logo. The NASPO ValuePoint logos may not be used by Contractor in sales and marketing until a separate logo use agreement is executed with NASPO ValuePoint.

5.4.5 Most Favored Customer. Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of their effective date, notify the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint of any contractual most-favored-customer provisions in third-party contracts or agreements that may affect the promotion of this Master Agreement or whose terms provide for adjustments to future rates or pricing based on rates, pricing in, or Orders from this Master Agreement. Upon request of the Lead State or NASPO ValuePoint, Contractor shall provide a copy of any such provisions.

5.5 NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace

5.5.1 The NASPO ValuePoint cooperative provides an eMarketPlace for public entities to access a central online platform to view and/or purchase the goods, services, and solutions available from NASPO ValuePoint's cooperative Master Agreements. This eMarketPlace is provided by NASPO at no additional cost to the Contractor or public entities. Its purpose is to facilitate the connection of public entities with Contractors who meet the requisite needs for a good, service, or solution by that entity through a NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement.

5.5.2 Contractor shall cooperate in good faith with NASPO, and any third party acting as an agent on behalf of NASPO, to integrate Contractor's industry presence by either an electronic hosted catalog, punchout site, or providing eQuotes through the NASPO eMarketPlace, per the Implementation Timeline as further described below.

5.5.3 Regardless of how Contractor's presence is reflected in the eMarketPlace (*i.e.*, hosted catalog, punchout site, or eQuote), Contractor's listed offerings must be strictly limited to Contractor's awarded contract offerings through the NASPO award. Products and/or services not authorized through the resulting NASPO cooperative contract should not be viewable by NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace users. Furthermore, products and/or services not authorized through a Participating Addendum should not be viewable by NASPO ValuePoint eMarketPlace users utilizing that Participating Addendum. The accuracy of Contractor's offerings through the eMarketPlace must be maintained by Contractor throughout the duration of the Master Agreement.

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- 5.5.4** Contractor agrees that NASPO controls which Master Agreements appear in the eMarketPlace and that NASPO may elect at any time to remove any of Contractor's offerings from the eMarketPlace.
- 5.5.5** Contractor is solely responsible for the accuracy, quality, and legality of Contractor's Content on the eMarketPlace. "Content" means all information that is generated, submitted, or maintained by Contractor or otherwise made available by Contractor on the eMarketPlace, including Contractor catalogs. Contractor's Content shall comply with and accurately reflect the terms and pricing of this Master Agreement.
- 5.5.6** Contractor's use of the eMarketPlace shall comply with the eMarketPlace's Terms of Use.
- 5.5.7** Contractor is solely responsible for the security and accuracy of transactions facilitated through the eMarketPlace, including the assessment, collection, and remittance of any sales tax.
- 5.5.8** Lead State reserves the right to approve all pricing, catalogs, and information on the eMarketPlace. This catalog review right is solely for the benefit of the Lead State and Participating Entities, and the review and approval shall not waive the requirement that products and services be offered at prices required by the Master Agreement.
- 5.5.9** NASPO Participating Entities may have their own procurement system, separate from the NASPO eMarketPlace, that enables the use of certain NASPO Master Agreements. In the event one of these entities elects to use this NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement (available through the eMarketPlace) but publish to their own eMarketPlace, Contractor agrees to work in good faith with the entity and NASPO to implement the catalog.
- 5.5.10** In the event a Participating Entity has entity-specific catalog requirements set forth in its Participating Addendum (e.g., entity-specific pricing, restrictions in the scope of offerings, etc.), Contractor shall ensure its eMarketPlace Content for that Participating Entity accurately reflects and is compliant with these requirements.
- 5.5.11** Implementation Timeline: Following the execution of Contractor's Master Agreement, NASPO will provide a written request to Contractor to begin the onboarding process into the eMarketPlace. Contractor shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of written request to work with NASPO to set up an enablement schedule, at which time the technical documentation for onboarding shall be provided to Contractor. The

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schedule will include future calls and milestone dates related to test and go live dates.

5.5.11.1 Contractor's NASPO eMarketPlace account with eQuoting functionality shall minimally be established within thirty (30) days following the written request.

5.5.11.2 Contractor shall deliver either a (1) hosted catalog or (2) punchout site, pursuant to the mutually agreed upon enablement schedule.

5.5.11.3 NASPO will work with Contractor to decide which structures between hosted catalog, punchout site, and/or eQuoting as further described below will be provided by Contractor.

5.5.11.3.1 Hosted Catalog. By providing a hosted catalog, Contractor is providing a list of its awarded products/services and pricing in an electronic data file in a format acceptable to NASPO, such as a tab delimited text file. Contractor is solely responsible for ensuring the most up-to-date versions of its product/service offerings approved by the Lead State under this Master Agreement are reflected in the eMarketPlace.

5.5.11.3.2 Punchout Site. By providing a punchout site, Contractor is providing its own online catalog, which must be capable of being integrated with the eMarketPlace as a Standard punchout via Commerce eXtensible Markup Language (cXML). Contractor shall validate that its online catalog is up-to-date. The site must also return detailed UNSPSC codes for each line item.

5.5.11.3.3 eQuoting. NASPO will work with Contractor to set up participation and use to provide eQuotes through the NASPO eMarketPlace. This requirement would be in addition to any requirement to provide a hosted catalog or punchout site.

5.5.12 Hosted catalogs and punchout sites will provide all of the eMarketPlace standard data elements/information including, but not limited to, the following:

5.5.12.1 The most current pricing, including all applicable administrative fees and/or discounts, as well as the most up-

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to-date product/service offering the Contractor is authorized to provide in accordance with this Master Agreement;

5.5.12.2 A Lead State contract identification number for this Master Agreement;

5.5.12.3 Detailed product line item descriptions;

5.5.12.4 Pictures illustrating products, services, or solutions where practicable; and

5.5.12.5 Any additional NASPO, Lead State, or Participating Addendum requirements.

5.6 Cancellation. In consultation with NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State may, in its discretion, cancel the Master Agreement or not exercise an option to renew, when utilization of Contractor's Master Agreement does not warrant further administration of the Master Agreement. The Lead State may also exercise its right to not renew the Master Agreement if the Contractor fails to record or report revenue for three consecutive quarters, upon 60-calendar day written notice to the Contractor. Cancellation based on nonuse or under-utilization will not occur sooner than two years after execution of the Master Agreement. This subsection does not limit the discretionary right of either the Lead State or Contractor to cancel the Master Agreement or terminate for default subject to the terms herein. This subsection also does not limit any right of the Lead State to cancel the Master Agreement under applicable laws.

5.7 Canadian Participation. Subject to the approval of Contractor, any Canadian provincial government or provincially funded entity in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, or Saskatchewan, and territorial government or territorial government funded entity in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon, including municipalities, universities, community colleges, school boards, health authorities, housing authorities, agencies, boards, commissions, and crown corporations, may be eligible to use Contractor's Master Agreement.

5.8 Additional Agreement with NASPO. Upon request by NASPO ValuePoint, awarded Contractor shall enter into a direct contractual relationship with NASPO ValuePoint related to Contractor's obligations to NASPO ValuePoint under the terms of the Master Agreement, the terms of which shall be the same or similar (and not less favorable) than the terms set forth in the Master Agreement.

VI. Pricing and Payment

6.1 Pricing. The prices contained in this Master Agreement or offered under this Master Agreement represent the not-to-exceed price to any Purchasing Entity. Invoicing that deviates from this provision may result in contract cancellation.

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- 6.1.1** All prices, rates, charges, and fees must be guaranteed for the first year following execution of the Master Agreement.
- 6.1.2** Following the first year following execution of the Master Agreement, any request for a price, rate, charge, or fee adjustment must be for an equal guarantee period (one year) and must be made at least 60 days prior to the effective date.
- 6.1.3** Requests for a price, rate, charge, or fee adjustment, including but not limited to those based on changes in market conditions, fuel costs, tariff rates, and labor rates, must comply with any Lead State requirements and include sufficient documentation supporting the request and demonstrating the correlation between the requested adjustment and the increase in Contractor's cost. Price, rate, charge, or fee adjustments will be limited to the duration of Contractor's corresponding increase in costs or other period of time identified by the Lead State after which additional documentation will be required. Any adjustment or amendment to the Master Agreement will not be effective unless approved in writing by the Lead State.
- 6.1.4** No retroactive adjustments to prices, rates, charges, or fees will be allowed.
- 6.1.5** One update to the Contractor's Rate/Service Guide will be allowed per contract year. The updated guide will be memorialized and incorporated through an amendment, and any price, rate, charge, fee, etc., shall remain firm until a new Rate/Service Guide is incorporated through the amendment process.
- 6.2** **Payment.** Unless otherwise agreed upon in a Participating Addendum or Order, Payment after Acceptance will be made within thirty (30) days following the date the entire order is delivered or the date a correct invoice is received, whichever is later. After 45 days the Contractor may assess overdue account charges up to a maximum rate of one percent per month on the outstanding balance, unless a different late payment amount is specified in a Participating Addendum or Order, or otherwise prescribed by applicable law. Payments will be remitted in the manner specified in the Participating Addendum or Order. Payments may be made via a purchasing card with no additional charge.
- 6.3** **Alternative Financing Methods.** The procurement and other applicable laws of some Purchasing Entities may permit the use of alternative financing methods for the acquisition of Products and Services under this Master Agreement. Where the terms and conditions are not otherwise prescribed in an applicable Participating Addendum, the terms and conditions for alternative financing

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methods are subject to negotiation between the Contractor and Purchasing Entity.

VII. Ordering

- 7.1 Order Numbers.** Master Agreement number, Participating Addendum number, Participating Entity account number, order number, and purchase order numbers (where applicable) must be clearly shown on all acknowledgments, packing slips, invoices, and on all correspondence.
- 7.2 Quotes.** Purchasing Entities may define entity-specific or project-specific requirements and informally compete the requirement among companies having a Master Agreement on an “as needed” basis. This procedure may also be used when requirements are aggregated or other firm commitments may be made to achieve reductions in pricing. This procedure may be modified in Participating Addenda and adapted to the Purchasing Entity’s rules and policies. The Purchasing Entity may in its sole discretion determine which Master Agreement Contractors should be solicited for a quote. The Purchasing Entity may select the quote that it considers most advantageous, cost, and other factors considered.
- 7.3 Applicable Rules.** Each Purchasing Entity will identify and utilize its own appropriate purchasing procedure and documentation. Contractor is expected to become familiar with the Purchasing Entities’ rules, policies, and procedures regarding the ordering of supplies and/or services contemplated by this Master Agreement.
- 7.4 Required Documentation.** Contractor shall not begin work without a valid Order, Participating Entity account number, or other appropriate commitment document under the law of the Purchasing Entity.
- 7.5 Term of Purchase.** Orders may be placed consistent with the terms of this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum during the term of the Master Agreement and Participating Addendum.
- 7.5.1** Orders must be placed pursuant to this Master Agreement prior to the termination date thereof, but may have a delivery date or performance period up to 120 days past the then-current termination date of this Master Agreement.
- 7.5.2** Notwithstanding the previous, Orders must also comply with the terms of the applicable Participating Addendum, which may further restrict the period during which Orders may be placed or delivered.
- 7.5.3** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Master Agreement, any obligation of a Purchasing Entity to make payment on an Order placed under this Master Agreement is contingent upon the appropriation and availability of funds for such purposes. In the event that sufficient funds

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are not appropriated or otherwise made available by the Purchasing Entity's legislative or governing body, the Purchasing Entity shall terminate the Order with written notice to Contractor. The Purchasing Entity shall not be liable to Contractor for any penalty or damages as a result of such termination, and Contractor shall be entitled to payment only for those Products and Services delivered and accepted prior to the effective date of termination.

7.5.4 Notwithstanding the expiration, cancellation or termination of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall perform in accordance with the terms of any Orders then outstanding at the time of such expiration or termination. Contractor shall not honor any Orders placed after the expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Master Agreement, or in any manner inconsistent with this Master Agreement's terms.

7.5.5 Orders for any separate indefinite quantity, task order, or other form of indefinite delivery order arrangement priced against this Master Agreement may not be placed after the expiration or termination of this Master Agreement, notwithstanding the term of any such indefinite delivery order agreement.

7.6 Order Form Requirements. All Orders pursuant to this Master Agreement, at a minimum, must include:

7.6.1 The services or supplies being delivered;

7.6.2 A shipping address and other delivery requirements, if any;

7.6.3 A billing address;

7.6.4 Purchasing Entity contact information;

7.6.5 Pricing consistent with this Master Agreement and applicable Participating Addendum and as may be adjusted by agreement of the Purchasing Entity and Contractor;

7.6.6 A not-to-exceed total for the products or services being ordered; and

7.6.7 The Master Agreement number or the applicable Participating Addendum number, provided the Participating Addendum references the Master Agreement number.

7.7 Communication. All communications concerning administration of Orders placed must be furnished solely to the authorized purchasing agent within the Purchasing Entity's purchasing office, or to such other individual identified in writing in the Order.



7.8 Contract Provisions for Orders Utilizing Federal Funds. Pursuant to Appendix II to 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards, Orders funded with federal funds may have additional contractual requirements or certifications that must be satisfied at the time the Order is placed or upon delivery. These federal requirements may be proposed by Participating Entities in Participating Addenda and Purchasing Entities for incorporation in Orders placed under this Master Agreement.

VIII. Shipping and Delivery

8.1 [Intentionally deleted.]

8.1.1 [Intentionally deleted.]

8.2 [Intentionally deleted.]

8.3 Inside Deliveries. To the extent applicable, all deliveries will be “Inside Deliveries” as designated by a representative of the Purchasing Entity placing the Order. Inside Delivery refers to a delivery to a location other than a loading dock, front lobby, or reception area. Specific delivery instructions will be noted on the order form or Purchase Order. Costs to repair any damage to the building interior (*e.g.*, scratched walls, damage to the freight elevator, etc.) caused by Contractor will be the responsibility of the Contractor. Immediately upon becoming aware of such damage, Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Entity placing the Order.

8.4 [Intentionally deleted.]

IX. Inspection and Acceptance

9.1 Laws and Regulations. Any and all Products offered and furnished must comply fully with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

9.2 Applicability. Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section IX will apply. This section is not intended to limit rights and remedies under the applicable commercial code.

9.3 Inspection. All Products are subject to inspection at reasonable times and places before Acceptance. Contractor shall provide right of access to the Lead State, to any other authorized agent or official of the Lead State or other Participating or Purchasing Entity, and NASPO ValuePoint, at reasonable times, to monitor and evaluate performance, compliance, and/or quality assurance requirements under this Master Agreement.

9.3.1 [Intentionally deleted.]

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9.3.2 [Intentionally deleted.]

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

9.5 [Intentionally deleted.]

X. Warranty

10.1 Applicability. Unless otherwise specified in the Master Agreement, Participating Addendum, or ordering document, the terms of this Section X will apply.

10.2 Warranty. The Contractor warrants for a period of one year from the date of Acceptance that: (a) the Product performs according to all specific claims that the Contractor made in its response to the Solicitation, (b) the Product is suitable for the ordinary purposes for which such Product is used, (c) the Product is suitable for any special purposes identified in the Solicitation or for which the Purchasing Entity has relied on the Contractor's skill or judgment, (d) the Product is designed and manufactured in a commercially reasonable manner, and (e) the Product is free of defects.

10.3 Breach of Warranty. Upon breach of the warranty set forth above, the Contractor will repair or replace (at no charge to the Purchasing Entity) the Product whose nonconformance is discovered and made known to the Contractor. If the repaired and/or replaced Product proves to be inadequate, or fails of its essential purpose, the Contractor will refund the full amount of any payments that have been made.

10.4 Rights Reserved. The rights and remedies of the parties under this warranty are in addition to any other rights and remedies of the parties provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and, as applicable and awarded under the law, to a prevailing party, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

10.5 Warranty Period Start Date. The warranty period will begin upon Acceptance, as set forth in Section IX.

XI. [Intentionally deleted.]

XII. Indemnification

12.1 General Indemnification. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless NASPO, NASPO ValuePoint, the Lead State, Participating Entities, and

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Purchasing Entities, along with their officers and employees, from and against third-party claims, damages or causes of action including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs for any death, injury, or damage to tangible property arising from any act, error, or omission of the Contractor, its employees or subcontractors or volunteers, at any tier, relating to performance under this Master Agreement.

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

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

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

12.2.1.2 specified by the Contractor to work with the Product;

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

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

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

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- 12.2.3** The Indemnified Party shall furnish, at the Contractor's reasonable request and expense, information and assistance necessary for such defense. If the Contractor fails to vigorously pursue the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim, the Indemnified Party may assume the defense or settlement of the Intellectual Property Claim and the Contractor shall be liable for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and related costs, incurred by the Indemnified Party in the pursuit of the Intellectual Property Claim.
- 12.2.4** Unless otherwise set forth herein, Section 12.2 is not subject to any limitations of liability in this Master Agreement or in any other document executed in conjunction with this Master Agreement.

XIII. Insurance

- 13.1 Term.** Contractor shall, during the term of this Master Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, the insurance described in this section. A Participating Entity may negotiate alternative Insurance requirements in their Participating Addendum.
- 13.2 Class.** Contractor shall acquire such insurance from an insurance carrier or carriers licensed to conduct business in each Participating Entity's state and having a rating of A-, Class VII or better, in the most recently published edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Reports. Failure to buy and maintain the required insurance may result in this Master Agreement's termination or, at a Participating Entity's option, result in termination of its Participating Addendum.
- 13.3 Coverage.** Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis. The minimum acceptable limits will be as indicated below:
 - 13.3.1** Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance covering premises operations, independent contractors, products and completed operations, blanket contractual liability, personal injury (including death), advertising liability, and property damage, with a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million general aggregate;
 - 13.3.2** If Contractor uses a vehicle in the performance of this Master Agreement, Contractor shall maintain Commercial Automobile Liability insurance for such vehicle covering bodily injury, property damage liability, and contractual liability, with a limit of not less than \$1 million per occurrence, combined single limit.
 - 13.3.3** Contractor must comply with any applicable State Workers Compensation or Employers Liability Insurance requirements.

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- 13.4 Notice of Cancellation.** Contractor shall pay premiums on all insurance policies. Contractor shall provide notice to a Participating Entity who is a state within five (5) business days after Contractor is first aware of expiration, cancellation or nonrenewal of such policy or is first aware that cancellation is threatened or expiration, nonrenewal or expiration otherwise may occur.
- 13.5 Notice of Endorsement.** Prior to commencement of performance, Contractor shall provide to the Lead State a written endorsement to the Contractor's general liability insurance policy or other documentary evidence acceptable to the Lead State that (1) provides that written notice of cancellation will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions, and (2) provides that the Contractor's liability insurance policy will be primary, with any liability insurance of any Participating State as secondary and noncontributory.
- 13.6 Participating Entities.** Contractor shall provide to Participating States and Participating Entities the same insurance obligations and documentation as those specified in Section XIII, except the endorsement is provided to the applicable Participating State or Participating Entity.
- 13.7 Furnishing of Certificates.** Contractor shall furnish to the Lead State copies of certificates of all required insurance in a form sufficient to show required coverage within thirty (30) calendar days of the execution of this Master Agreement and prior to performing any work. Copies of renewal certificates of all required insurance will be furnished within thirty (30) days after any renewal date to the applicable state Participating Entity. Failure to provide evidence of coverage may, at the sole option of the Lead State, or any Participating Entity, result in this Master Agreement's termination or the termination of any Participating Addendum.
- 13.8 Disclaimer.** Insurance coverage and limits will not limit Contractor's liability and obligations under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.

XIV. General Provisions

14.1 Records Administration and Audit

- 14.1.1** The Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Master Agreement and Orders placed by Purchasing Entities under it to the extent and in such detail as will adequately reflect performance and administration of payments and fees. Contractor shall permit the Lead State, a Participating Entity, a Purchasing Entity, the federal government (including its grant awarding entities and the U.S. Comptroller General), NASPO ValuePoint, and any other duly authorized agent of a governmental

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agency, to audit, inspect, examine, copy and/or transcribe Contractor's books, documents, papers and records directly pertinent to this Master Agreement or orders placed by a Purchasing Entity under it for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. This right will survive for a period of six (6) years following termination of this Agreement or final payment for any order placed by a Purchasing Entity against this Master Agreement, whichever is later, or such longer period as is required by the Purchasing Entity's state statutes, to assure compliance with the terms hereof or to evaluate performance hereunder.

14.1.2 Without limiting any other remedy available to any governmental entity, the Contractor shall reimburse the applicable Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity for any overpayments inconsistent with the terms of the Master Agreement or Orders or underpayment of fees found as a result of the examination of the Contractor's records.

14.1.3 The rights and obligations herein exist in addition to any quality assurance obligation in the Master Agreement that requires the Contractor to self-audit contract obligations and that permits the Lead State and NASPO ValuePoint to review compliance with those obligations.

14.2 Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure, and Injunctive Relief

14.2.1 Confidentiality. Contractor acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of providing a Product under this Master Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to Purchasing Entity or Purchasing Entity's clients.

14.2.1.1 Any and all information of any form that is marked as confidential or would by its nature be deemed confidential obtained by Contractor or its employees or agents in the performance of this Master Agreement, including but not necessarily limited to (1) any Purchasing Entity's records, (2) personnel records, and (3) information concerning individuals, is confidential information of Purchasing Entity ("Confidential Information").

14.2.1.2 Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Contractor shall be treated in the same manner as the Confidential Information.

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14.2.1.3 Confidential Information does not include information that (1) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Contractor) publicly known; (2) is furnished by Purchasing Entity to others without restrictions similar to those imposed by this Master Agreement; (3) is rightfully in Contractor's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Master Agreement; (4) is obtained from a source other than Purchasing Entity without the obligation of confidentiality, (5) is disclosed with the written consent of Purchasing Entity; or (6) is independently developed by employees, agents or subcontractors of Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

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

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

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

14.2.2.3 Except as directed by Purchasing Entity, Contractor will not at any time during or after the term of this Master Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, except in accordance with this

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Master Agreement, and that upon termination of this Master Agreement or at Purchasing Entity's request, Contractor shall turn over to Purchasing Entity all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession that embody Confidential Information.

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

14.2.3 Injunctive Relief. Contractor acknowledges that Contractor's breach of Section 14.2 would cause irreparable injury to the Purchasing Entity that cannot be adequately compensated in monetary damages. Accordingly, Purchasing Entity may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interests of Purchasing Entity and are reasonable in scope and content.

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

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

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

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14.3 Assignment/Subcontracts

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

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

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

14.5 Independent Contractor. Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor has no authorization, express or implied, to bind the Lead State, Participating States, other Participating Entities, or Purchasing Entities to any agreements, settlements, liability or understanding whatsoever, and shall not to hold itself out as agent except as expressly set forth herein or as expressly set forth in an applicable Participating Addendum or Order.

14.6 Cancellation. Unless otherwise set forth herein, this Master Agreement may be canceled by either party upon sixty (60) days' written notice prior to the effective date of the cancellation. Further, any Participating Entity may cancel its participation upon thirty (30) days' written notice, unless otherwise limited or stated in the Participating Addendum. Cancellation may be in whole or in part. Any cancellation under this provision will not affect the rights and obligations attending Orders outstanding at the time of cancellation, including any right of a Purchasing Entity to indemnification by the Contractor, rights of payment for Products delivered and accepted, rights attending any warranty or default in performance in association with any Order, and requirements for records administration and audit. Cancellation of the Master Agreement due to Contractor default may be immediate.

14.7 Force Majeure. Neither party to this Master Agreement shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by one or more of the following events, if such event's occurrence or continuation is beyond the party's reasonable control and substantially inhibits the party's ability to deliver Product or other deliverables in accordance with this Master Agreement: fire, riot, unusually severe weather, other acts of God, acts of war or terrorism, and restrictions on the movement of

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people or goods imposed in a public health order or by a declared state of emergency. The Lead State may terminate this Master Agreement upon determining such delay or default will reasonably prevent successful performance of the Master Agreement.

14.8 Defaults and Remedies

14.8.1 The occurrence of any of the following events will be an event of default under this Master Agreement:

14.8.1.1 Nonperformance of contractual requirements;

14.8.1.2 A material breach of any term or condition of this Master Agreement;

14.8.1.3 Any certification, representation or warranty by Contractor in response to the Solicitation or in this Master Agreement that proves to be untrue or materially misleading;

14.8.1.4 Institution of proceedings under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar law, by or against Contractor, or the appointment of a receiver or similar officer for Contractor or any of its property, which is not vacated or fully stayed within thirty (30) calendar days after the institution or occurrence thereof; or

14.8.1.5 Any default specified in another section of this Master Agreement.

14.8.2 Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the Lead State shall issue a written notice of default, identifying the nature of the default, and providing a period of fifteen (15) calendar days in which Contractor shall have an opportunity to cure the default. The Lead State shall not be required to provide advance written notice or a cure period and may immediately terminate this Master Agreement in whole or in part if the Lead State, in its sole discretion, determines that it is reasonably necessary to preserve public safety or prevent immediate public crisis. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate Contractor's liability for damages, including liquidated damages to the extent provided for under this Master Agreement.

14.8.3 If Contractor is afforded an opportunity to cure and fails to cure the default within the period specified in the written notice of default, Contractor shall be in breach of its obligations under this Master Agreement and the Lead State shall have the right to exercise any or all of the following remedies:

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- 14.8.3.1** Any remedy provided by law;
 - 14.8.3.2** Termination of this Master Agreement and any related Contracts or portions thereof;
 - 14.8.3.3** Assessment of liquidated damages as provided in this Master Agreement;
 - 14.8.3.4** Suspension of Contractor from being able to respond to future bid solicitations;
 - 14.8.3.5** Suspension of Contractor's performance; and
 - 14.8.3.6** Withholding of payment until the default is remedied.
- 14.8.4** Unless otherwise specified in the Participating Addendum, in the event of a default under a Participating Addendum, a Participating Entity shall provide a written notice of default as described in this section and shall have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph regarding its participation in the Master Agreement, in addition to those set forth in its Participating Addendum. Unless otherwise specified in an Order, a Purchasing Entity shall provide written notice of default as described in this section and have all of the rights and remedies under this paragraph and any applicable Participating Addendum with respect to an Order placed by the Purchasing Entity. Nothing in these Master Agreement Terms and Conditions will be construed to limit the rights and remedies available to a Purchasing Entity under the applicable commercial code.
- 14.9 Waiver of Breach.** Failure of the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity to declare a default or enforce any rights and remedies will not operate as a waiver under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order. Any waiver by the Lead State, Participating Entity, or Purchasing Entity must be in writing. Waiver by the Lead State or Participating Entity of any default, right or remedy under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, or by Purchasing Entity with respect to any Purchase Order, or breach of any terms or requirements of this Master Agreement, a Participating Addendum, or Purchase Order will not be construed or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of such term or requirement, or of any other term or requirement under this Master Agreement, any Participating Addendum, or any Purchase Order.
- 14.10 Debarment.** The Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in public procurement or contracting by any governmental department or agency. This certification represents a

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recurring certification made at the time any Order is placed under this Master Agreement. If the Contractor cannot certify this statement, attach a written explanation for review by the Lead State.

14.11 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

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

14.11.2 This section applies to a claim brought against the Participating Entities who are states only to the extent Congress has appropriately abrogated the state's sovereign immunity and is not consent by the state to be sued in federal court. This section is also not a waiver by the state of any form of immunity, including but not limited to sovereign immunity and immunity based on the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

14.12 Governing Law and Venue

14.12.1 The procurement, evaluation, and award of the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Lead State sponsoring and administering the procurement. The construction and effect of the Master Agreement after award will be governed by the law of the state serving as Lead State. The construction and effect of any Participating Addendum or Order against the Master Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Participating Entity's or Purchasing Entity's state.

14.12.2 Unless otherwise specified in the RFP, the venue for any protest, claim, dispute or action relating to the procurement, evaluation, and award is in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute or action concerning the terms of the Master Agreement will be in the state serving as Lead State. Venue for any claim, dispute, or action concerning any Order placed against the Master Agreement or the effect of a Participating Addendum will be in the Purchasing Entity's state.

14.12.3 If a claim is brought in a federal forum, then it must be brought and adjudicated solely and exclusively within the United States District

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Court for (in decreasing order of priority): the Lead State for claims relating to the procurement, evaluation, award, or contract performance or administration if the Lead State is a party; a Participating State if a named party; the state where the Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity is located if either is a named party.

- 14.13 Assignment of Antitrust Rights.** Contractor irrevocably assigns to a Participating Entity who is a state any claim for relief or cause of action which the Contractor now has or which may accrue to the Contractor in the future by reason of any violation of state or federal antitrust laws (15 U.S.C. § 1-15 or a Participating Entity's state antitrust provisions), as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, in connection with any goods or services provided in that state for the purpose of carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Master Agreement or Participating Addendum, including, at the Participating Entity's option, the right to control any such litigation on such claim for relief or cause of action.
- 14.14 Survivability.** Unless otherwise explicitly set forth in a Participating Addendum or Order, the terms of this Master Agreement as they apply to the Contractor, Participating Entities, and Purchasing Entities, including but not limited to pricing and the reporting of sales and payment of administrative fees to NASPO ValuePoint, shall survive expiration of this Master Agreement and shall continue to apply to all Participating Addenda and Orders until the expiration thereof or completion of performance thereunder, whichever is later.

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for
Small Package Delivery Services
Between the
State of North Carolina
and
[Contractor]

This Master Agreement is entered into by the State of North Carolina (“Lead State”) and the following contractor (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) as a result of Solicitation Number DPC-1472182913-MT (the “RFP”) for the purpose of providing Small Package Delivery Services through the NASPO ValuePoint cooperative purchasing program:

[Contractor] (“Contractor”)
[Contractor street address]
[Contractor city, state, and zip code]

MASTER AGREEMENT CONTACTS.

Contractor’s contact for this Master Agreement is:

[Contact name]
[Contact title]
[Contact email address]
[Contact phone number]

Lead State’s contact for this Master Agreement is:

Melinda Tomlinson
State Procurement Manager
Melinda.tomlinson@doa.nc.gov
984-236-0238

TERM. This Master Agreement is effective as of the date of the last signature below or [effective date], whichever is later, and will terminate on [termination date] unless terminated sooner or extended or renewed in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

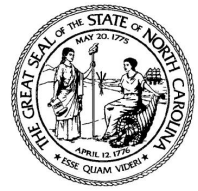
EXHIBITS. This Master Agreement includes the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A: Execution Page (see RFP Att. M)
- Exhibit B: NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement Terms and Conditions (see RFP Att. D)
- Exhibit C: Scope of Work (see RFP Att. B)
- Exhibit D: Pricing

[Add additional pages as needed.]

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Attachment F PROTEST INFORMATION

This attachment is intended to provide Offerors with an overview of the Lead State's protest law, procedures, and requirements, which may be updated and amended without notice. Offerors filing a protest are wholly responsible for locating, understanding, and complying with protest law, procedures, and requirements in effect at the time of the protest.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: When a Supplier wishes to protest a contract awarded by the Division of Purchase and Contract, a Supplier shall submit a written request addressed to the Chief Purchasing Officer at: Division of Purchase and Contract, 1305 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1305, or via email at protest@doa.nc.gov.

The protest request must be received in the Division of Purchase and Contract office within thirty (30) consecutive calendar days from the date of the Contract award. Protest letters shall contain specific grounds and reasons for the protest, how the protesting party was harmed by the award made and any documentation providing support for the protesting party's claims. Note: Contract award notices are sent only to the Supplier actually awarded the contract, and not to every person or firm responding to a Solicitation. Award notices are posted on eVP at <https://evp.nc.gov>. All protests will be handled pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Code, [01 NCAC 05B .1519](#).