



Request for Proposal

**Proposal No. 016-24-1
OCVTC Peer Support Specialist - SAMHSA**

**Issued By:
Onslow County Purchasing Department
234 NW Corridor Blvd.
Jacksonville, NC 28540
Phone: (910) 455-1750**

**Issued for:
Onslow County
Veterans Treatment Court**

Date of Issue: January 10, 2025

Proposals Due: January 21, 2025 at 2PM

KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET

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RFP Issue Date:	January 10, 2025
Deadline for Written Questions:	12:00 noon January 15, 2025
Proposal Due Date:	January 21, 2025 2:00 PM
Electronic file (pdf):	one (1) identical electronic PDF copy (on thumb drive) of the proposal documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is in addition to a hardcopy
Mailing address to submit proposals:	Onslow County Purchasing Department Attn: Christina Russell 234 NW Corridor Blvd. Jacksonville, NC 28540

If you have received this Request for Proposal from a source other than the Onslow County Purchasing Department, it is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that all addenda have been received. Proposers can email: Christina_Russell@onslowcountync.gov to ensure that all addenda has been received prior to submitting a proposal.

Onslow County, North Carolina

Request for Proposals

Peer Support Specialist

1. Introduction

The County of Onslow has been awarded funding through a Federal Grant for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance: 2023 Onslow County Veterans Treatment Court (OCVTC) Expansion. The grant project began on September 30, 2023, and ends September 29, 2028.

The grant will fund the expansion of the treatment capacity of the Onslow County Veterans Treatment Court (OCVTC). The goal of this grant is to provide and connect participants with assessments, treatment, and assist them in navigating the journey of treatment, services, and life in recovery. The grant will fund the costs for a Peer Support Specialist position associated with OCVTC.

The purpose of soliciting proposals is to contract with an individual or firm to oversee the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as the Peer Support Specialist.

The award of a contract under this solicitation will be paid with federal funding. Funding is contingent upon compliance with all terms and conditions of the funding award. The prospective Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, executive orders, FEMA requirements and the terms and conditions of the funding award. In addition, Contractor providing submittal shall be responsible for complying with state law and local ordinances.

Copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained by applying to the Onslow County Purchasing Department, phone (910) 455-1750 during regular business hours. The County of Onslow reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. The County of Onslow encourages all businesses, including minority, women owned businesses to respond to all Request for Proposals.

2. Scope of Work

The Certified Peer Support Specialist is a full-time position, with a minimum of 40 hours per week or 2080 hours per calendar year. Must be a Veteran. Must be Certified by the North Carolina Peer Support Specialist Program (Certification Training can covered by the grant, if needed). They should be able to draw upon personal life experiences in his/her work with clients and feel comfortable with the self-disclosure of some aspects of those experiences with mental health issues, substance abuse issues, and/ or treatment and recovery, while maintaining appropriate boundaries. The Certified Peer Support Specialist is a fully integrated team member who provides highly individualized services in the community and promotes individual self-determination and decision-making. The Certified Peer Support Specialist also provides essential expertise and consultation to the entire team to promote a culture in which each individual's point of view and preferences are recognized, understood, respected and integrated into treatment, rehabilitation, and community self-help activities.

SAMHSA Goals and Objectives associated with this grant:

1. Increase capacity to assess veteran's risk and treatment needs.
 - a. 100% of applicants will receive evidence-based screenings for SUD, MH, and co-occurring disorders.
 - b. 100% of applicants will receive a Risk-Need-Responsivity screening to identify appropriate treatment modalities.
2. Connect veterans to effective evidence-based treatment and recovery supports.
 - a. 100% of veterans accepted into the program will be connected with appropriate SUD, MH, and co-occurring disorder treatment.
 - b. 100% of participants will be connected with a Peer Recovery Coach and a volunteer veteran

mentor.

3. Connect all eligible veterans with benefits and treatment earned through military service.
 - a. 100% of program participants will be provided information about and access to available benefits.
4. Decrease stressors related to daily living (e.g., addiction, financial management, housing, education, employment).
 - a. 100% of participants will be provided information regarding community resources to meet their physical and social needs.
 - b. 100% of participants requesting community resources assistance will be connected to the appropriate services.
5. Reduce Re-entry into Criminal Justice System.
 - a. 100% of participants will complete the program (graduation)
 - b. 100% of program graduates will remain in recovery at 6 and 12 months.
 - c. 100% of program graduates will remain out of the criminal justice system at 6 and 12 months.

Expectations for Peer Support Specialist:

- Working alongside volunteer veteran mentors with lived experience to support each VTC participant and family, if applicable.
- Meet with each enrolled veteran in a timely manner to establish and build a relationship to ensure progress is being made.
- Ensure that every participant has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible, including behavioral health.
- Address any social determinants, such as employment and housing stability, insurance status, proximity to services, and culturally responsive care.
- Help make the individual connections to community and treatment services.
- Recovery Planning will include the following, when appropriate:
 - A warm handoff with community-based treatment providers. Specialist will be present with individual to the community-based treatment provider to initiate the new process and supports.
 - Naloxone training will be provided to each participant receiving Medication Assisted Treatment. Families will be encouraged participate, and Naloxone will be provided.
 - Access and connections to community resources including:

Recovery Housing	Education	Job Opportunities
Medical Care	Transportation	Financial Support Programs
 - Maintain statistical data, as requested, to ensure compliance with federal reporting

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities for Peer Support Specialist:

Knowledge of harm reduction principles. Basic knowledge of personal safety standards, safety techniques and safety principals that guide home visits. Must be able to work flexible hours, including evenings, with the ability to work as a team member. Must maintain professional boundaries while working with sensitive issues and must be comfortable working with diverse group of people using a harm reduction framework. Must be comfortable with public speaking and group presentations. Should have excellent written and oral communication skills.

3. Questions

All questions pertaining to this Request for Proposal (RFP) shall be submitted in writing no later than January 15, 2025 by 12:00 PM. Questions may be emailed to: Christina_Russell@onslowcountync.gov

Only written questions will be considered formal. Any information given verbally or by telephone will be

considered informal. Any questions that the County feels are pertinent to all proposers will be mailed as an addendum to the RFP.

4. Preparation of Proposal

Each Proposer must thoroughly examine the Request for Proposal and contract documents to ensure that the contractor can meet all requirements. Proposals shall be submitted on the forms included within the RFP documents.

Proposals shall be signed by the individual or firm legally authorized to bind the Contractor to a contract. Proposals that are not signed may be rejected.

Failure to submit a proposal with all proposal requirements may be considered sufficient cause for rejection of the Proposal. Any interlineations, alterations or erasures must be initialized by the signer of the proposal. Proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after proposals are due.

5. Submittals

In order to be considered all proposals must be submitted in writing no later than **2:00 PM (EST) on January 7, 2025**. Time is of the essence; No proposal will be accepted after the official time and date. Individual or firm mailing responses should allow delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposal. The responsibility for getting the proposal to the Onslow County Purchasing Department on or before the specified time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the responding individual or firm. One (1) identical electronic PDF copy (on thumb drive) of the proposal documents must be included in addition to the hardcopy.

The outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked "**RFP # 016-24 OCVTC Peer Support Specialist - SAMHSA.**"

The County will in no way be responsible for delays caused by any occurrence. Responses may be hand carried or mailed to:

Onslow County Purchasing Department
Attn: Christina Russell
234 NW Corridor Blvd.
Jacksonville, NC 28540
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST) Monday – Friday

6. Proposer Responsibility

The Proposer is responsible for verifying any and/all information provided and to familiarize themselves with the work required, prior to bidding. A plea of ignorance of the conditions that exist, or may hereafter exist, or difficulties that may be encountered in the execution of the work, as a result of failure to make necessary investigations and examinations, will not be accepted as an excuse for any failure, or omission on the part of the successful documents and to complete the work for the consideration set forth herein, or as a basis for any claim whatsoever.

7. Subcontract

The successful bidder is the primary contractor and will perform the work themselves or using their own work force. The contractor shall not sub-contract the services/work without the prior approval of the County.

8. Compliance by Awarded Contractor: The awarded contractors shall comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, executive orders, Federal requirements, specifically 2 CFR, Part 200, and the terms and conditions of the funding award. In addition, contractors providing submittals shall be responsible for complying with state law and local ordinances.

9. **Certification of Proposer Regarding Debarment.** By submitting a proposal under this solicitation, the Contractor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any federal department or agency from participation in this transaction. See attached form enclosed.

10. **Sample Agreement**

Attached is a *Sample* Service Agreement that describes the county's contractual terms and conditions to include insurance requirements. In addition, the required federal contracting requirements apply to this contract. The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a service agreement with the County. Any exceptions to the Service Agreement and Attachment 2 "Federal Contracting Requirements" must be listed and included in Section 4 below.

11. **Proposal Requirements**

In order to evaluate responses efficiently and equitably, responses **must be** submitted as identified below. Failure to submit this information may render your proposal non-responsive. Each respondent shall provide the following company information:

Section 1: Introduction: Company/Individual Information

- Submit a cover letter on agency/individual letterhead signed by an authorized individual or official of the organization. The letter must contain:
 - Individual/Company name and address, including telephone, email address, website address.
 - The type of company (individual, partnership, corporation, etc.) and list the names of all partners, principals, etc., if applicable.
 - Year established. Include former company name(s) and year(s) established, if applicable.
 - The name, title, address, and telephone number of the company's authorized negotiator. The person identified must be empowered to make binding commitments for the company/individual.

Section 2: Experience and References:

- Must be Certified by the North Carolina Peer Support Specialist Program (Certification Training can covered by the grant, if needed).
- Peer Support Specialist must be a Veteran. Please provide proof of service.
- Must have High School Diploma or GED.
- Must have a Valid Driver's license.
- Describe the background, experience, and qualifications for the individual who will act as the Peer Support Specialist and the education, relevant experience, and qualifications.
- Provide at least three (3) current references similar if not exact to scope of work. Include Company Name, Contact Name, Title, Verified Phone Number, and Email Address

Section 3: Cost Proposal:

- Provided itemized list of services contractor will provide.
- Proposed hourly rate for Peer Support services.
- Proposed total cost based on the required minimum of hours per week or hours per calendar year.

Section 4: Forms

- Non-Collusion Affidavit (on provided form) MUST BE NOTARIZED
- Proposer's Bid Certification Form (on provided form)
- Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension (on provided form) MUST BE NOTARIZED
- E-Verify Affidavit (on provided form) MUST BE NOTARIZED

Section 5: Exceptions

- **Exceptions to the RFP and *Sample Service Agreement*.** Attached is a sample service agreement that describes the County's contractual terms and conditions and Attachment 2 "Federal Contracting Requirements." Each successful contractor will be required to enter into a service agreement. Any exceptions to the RFP, the sample agreement and the federal requirements **must be documented** and submitted in this Section.

12. Evaluation and Award of Contract

The County will contract with a Contractor that best demonstrates the ability to meet requirements as specified in this RFP. Providers submitting a response will be evaluated based on the capacity and experience demonstrated in their Proposal.

Factors to be considered during the evaluation will include:

- Completeness of submitted proposal and adherence to stated criteria in this RFP
- Qualifications and Experience
- Proposed Fees
- References
- Exceptions/Acceptance of the terms of the contract

A contract will be negotiated for the period beginning May 1, 2024, or sooner and through the life of the federal grant funds being September 29, 2028. Contract renewal will be based on the availability of funding, grantee performance, and contractual compliance.

In addition, if funding is to be paid with federal grant funds, the awarded individual/firm must comply with the contract provisions in Appendix II Part 200 – "Uniform Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for federal awards." and any SAMHSA grant requirements.

[eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#)

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of North Carolina

County of Onslow

Proposal Request No. 016-24-1

_____ (name of individual), being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

1. He/She is the _____ (title) of _____ (company name), the proposer that has submitted the attached proposal;
2. He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;
3. Such proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;
4. Neither the said proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other proposer firm or Person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connection with the contract for which the attached proposal has been submitted or to refrain from proposing in connection with such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly sought by agreement or collusion of communication or conference with any other proposer, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached proposal or of any other proposers, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the proposal price of the proposal of any other proposer or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the County of Onslow or any person interested in the proposed contract; and
5. The price or prices quoted in the attached proposal are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the proposer or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

Signature

Title

Date: _____

Seal
if
Corporation

This form must be notarized

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,
This _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public _____

My Commission Expires: _____

PROPOSAL FORM

RFP 016-24-1

PART I: Proposal Form

Please provide a list of hourly rates for the following services:

\$ _____ Hourly Rate for Peer Support services

_____ Total

\$ _____ Additional expenses please list below:

This is an acknowledgement that only Federal Grant funding will be used to fund this contract. The Contractor will comply with all applicable federal laws regulations, executive orders, and the latest version of Federal/SAMHSA policies, procedures, and directives.

PART II: Submitted by

Company Name		
Company Address		
Telephone		Fax
Representative (print name)		
Signature of Representative		
Email Address		
Date Submitted		

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

The undersigned applicant certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that he applicant and its principals:

- (a) are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal Department or agency;
- (b) have not within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a valid judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, Ste, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (c) are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entitle (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- (d) have not within a 3-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Should the applicant not be able to provide this certification, an explanation as to why should be placed after the assurances page in the application package.

The applicant agrees by submitting the proposal that it will include, without modification, the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, in eligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions" in all lower tier covered transactions (i.e., transactions with sub- grantees and/or contractors) and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

_____ (Seal if Corporation)
 Signature

 Title
 Date: _____

NOTARIZE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,
This _____ day of _____, 20____

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

My Commission Expires: _____

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ONSLOW**

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE – E-VERIFY

I, _____ (the individual attesting below), being duly authorized by and on behalf of _____ (hereinafter "Vendor") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Vendor understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 65 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and
2. Vendor understands that "Employer", as defined in NCGS§64-25(4), are required by law to use E-Verify to verify the work authorization of the employee through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a). The term "Employer" does not include State agencies, counties, municipalities, or other governmental bodies.
3. Vendor is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in the state of North Carolina. (mark Yes or No)
 - a. YES _____, or
 - b. NO _____
4. Vendor will ensure compliance with E-Verify by any subcontractors subsequently hired by Vendor to perform work under Vendor's contract with Onslow County.
5. Vendor shall keep the County of Onslow informed of any change on its status pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina Statutes.

This ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature of Affiant
Print or Type Name: _____

State of _____ County of _____

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the ____ day of _____, 20__.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)

SAMPLE – DO NOT FILL IN

SERVICE CONTRACT

NORTH CAROLINA

ONSLOW COUNTY

THIS CONTRACT is made, and entered into this the [] day of [], by and between the **COUNTY of ONSLOW**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “**COUNTY**”), and [], a corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “**CONTRACTOR**”).

For and in consideration of mutual promises to each as herein after set forth, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide the services and/or materials under this Contract pursuant to the provisions and specifications identified in “Attachment 1” (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Services”) & “Attachment 2” (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Federal Contract Requirements”). Attachment 1 & 2 are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Contract. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Contract that specify a time for performance.
- 2. TERM OF CONTRACT.** The Term of this Contract for Services is from [] to [] unless sooner terminated as provided herein.
- 3. PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR.** CONTRACTOR shall receive from COUNTY an amount not to exceed [] (\$ []) as full compensation for the provision of Services. COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR at the rates specified for Services performed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY, in accordance with this Contract, and Attachment 1. Unless otherwise specified, CONTRACTOR shall submit an itemized invoice to COUNTY by the end of the month during which Services are performed. A Purchase Order number may be assigned to encumber the funds associated with this Contract and must appear on all invoices and correspondence mailed to Purchaser. Payment will be processed promptly upon receipt and approval of the invoice by COUNTY.
- 4. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree that CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of COUNTY for any purpose in the performance of CONTRACTOR’s duties under this Contract. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state, and local taxes as well as business license fees arising out of CONTRACTOR’s activities in accordance with this Contract. For purposes of this Contract taxes shall include, but not be limited to, Federal and State Income, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance taxes.

CONTRACTOR, as an independent contractor, shall perform the Services required hereunder in a professional manner and in accordance with the standards of applicable professional organizations and licensing agencies.
- 5. LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND REGISTRATION OF PERSONNEL.** All personnel provided or made available by Contractor to render services hereunder shall be licensed, certified or registered, as appropriate, in their respective areas of expertise as required by applicable North Carolina law.
- 6. CONFIDENTIALITY:** All data and information, both written and verbal, furnished to Contractor by County shall be regarded as confidential, shall remain the sole property of County and shall be held in confidence and safekeeping by Contractor for the sole use of the parties and Contractor under the terms of this Agreement. Contractor agrees that its officers, employees and agents will not disclose to any person, firm or entity other than County or County's designated legal counsel, accountants or practice management consultants any information about County, its practice or billing, or any of the patients of County. Contractor agrees to carry out its obligations to County in compliance with the privacy and security regulations pursuant to Public Law 104-191 of August 21, 1996, known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, (“HIPAA”). Contractor agrees to all terms and conditions contained within the County’s Business Associate Agreement and agrees to execute same upon presentation to Contractor.
- 7. COUNTY’S SATISFACTION WITH HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.** If County becomes dissatisfied with any

health care personnel provided by Contractor hereunder, Contractor, in recognition of the sensitive nature of services, shall, following receipt of written notice from County of the grounds for such dissatisfaction and in consideration of the reasons therefore, exercise its best efforts to resolve the problem. If the problem is not resolved satisfactorily to County, Contractor shall remove or shall cause any independent contractor, subcontractor, or assignee to remove the individual about whom County has expressed dissatisfaction. Should removal of an individual become necessary, Contractor will be allowed reasonable time, prior to removal, to find an acceptable replacement, without penalty or any prejudice to the interests of Contractor.

- 8. TITLE VI:** All activities under this Contract will be conducted in accordance with Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- 9. INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY.** To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY and its officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, direct, indirect, or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers or architects, attorneys, and other professionals and costs related to court action or arbitration) arising out of or resulting from CONTRACTOR's performance of this Contract or the actions of the CONTRACTOR or its officials, employees, or contractors under this Contract or under contracts entered into by the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Contract.

In addition, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and shall provide for the payment of workers' compensation to its employees in the manner and to the extent required by such Act. Additionally, CONTRACTOR shall maintain, at its expense, the following minimum insurance coverage:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$3,000,000 aggregate – Professional Liability
\$1,000,000 per occurrence /\$2,000,000 aggregate --- Bodily Injury Liability, and
\$100,000 --- Property Damage Liability, or
\$1,000,000 per occurrence /\$2,000,000 aggregate---Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage
Automobile Liability \$100,000 Bodily Injury per Person /\$300,000 Bodily Injury per Accident / \$50,000 Property Damage per Accident, or
\$300,000 Automobile Liability Combined Single Limit Bodily and Property Damage

CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Contract, shall furnish to the COUNTY a Certificate of Insurance reflecting the minimum limits stated above. The Certificate shall provide for thirty (30) days advance written notice in the event of a decrease, termination or cancellation of coverage. Providing and maintaining adequate insurance coverage is a material obligation of the CONTRACTOR. All such insurance shall meet all laws of the State of North Carolina. Such insurance coverage shall be obtained from companies that are authorized to provide such coverage and that are authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in North Carolina. The CONTRACTOR shall at all times comply with the terms of such insurance policies, and all requirements of the insurer under any such insurance policies, except as they may conflict with existing North Carolina laws or this Contract. The limits of coverage under each insurance policy maintained by the CONTRACTOR shall not be interpreted as limiting the CONTRACTOR's liability and obligations under the Contract.

- 10. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs required by OSHA and all other regulatory agencies while providing Services under this Contract.
- 11. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed and that employees are treated fairly and legally during employment with regard to their age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of an appropriate agency or court to be in violation of any non-discrimination provision of federal, state or local law or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts.

12. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. All actions relating in any way to this Contract shall be brought in the General Court of Justice in the County of Onslow and the State of North Carolina.

13. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT. This Contract may be terminated, without cause and without penalty, by COUNTY upon thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR, and such an early termination shall not be deemed to be a breach of this contract. This termination notice period shall begin upon receipt of the notice of termination. Such a termination does not bar either party from pursuing a claim for damages for breach of the contract if such a breach has occurred.

This Contract may be terminated, for cause, by the non-breaching party notifying the breaching party of a substantial failure to perform in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and if the failure is not corrected within ten (10) days of the receipt of the notification. Upon such termination, the parties shall be entitled to such additional rights and remedies as may be allowed by relevant law.

Termination of this Contract, either with or without cause, shall not form the basis of any claim for loss of anticipated profits by either party.

14. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. CONTRACTOR shall not assign its interest in this Contract without the written consent of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR has no authority to enter into contracts on behalf of COUNTY.

15. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. CONTRACTOR represents that it is in compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws, regulations or orders, as amended or supplemented. The implementation of this Contract shall be carried out in strict compliance with all Federal, State, or local laws.

16. E-VERIFY. As a condition of payment for services rendered under this agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes. Further, if CONTRACTOR provides the services to the County utilizing a subcontractor, CONTRACTOR shall require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the General Statutes as well. CONTRACTOR shall verify, by affidavit, compliance of the terms of this section upon request by the County.

17. IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT. CONTRACTOR certifies that they are not listed on the Final Divestment List created by the State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-6A-4. Individuals or companies on the Final Divestment List are ineligible to contract or subcontract with Local Government Units. (G.S. 143C-6A-6(a).) It is the responsibility of each vendor or contractor to monitor compliance with this restriction. Contracts valued at less than \$1,000.00 are exempt from this restriction.

18. DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL. The CONTRACTOR certifies that it has not been designated by the North Carolina State Treasurer as a company engaged in the boycott of Israel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 147-86.81. It is the responsibility of each vendor or contractor to monitor compliance with this restriction. Contracts valued at less than \$1,000.00 are exempt from this restriction.

19. GOOD STANDING WITH COUNTY. CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not delinquent on any taxes, fees, or other debt owed by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY. CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees to remain current on any taxes, fees, or other debt owed by CONTRACTOR to COUNTY during the Term of this Contract.

20. NOTICES. All notices which may be required by this contract or any rule of law shall be effective when received by certified mail sent to the following addresses:

COUNTY OF ONSLOW
ATTN:

CONTRACTOR:
ATTN:

21. AUDIT RIGHTS. For all Services being provided hereunder, COUNTY shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of any and all books, accounts, invoices, records and other writings relating to the performance of the Services. Audits shall take place at times and locations mutually agreed upon by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONTRACTOR must make the materials to be audited available within one (1) week of the request for them.

- 22. COUNTY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES.** COUNTY shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any expenses paid or incurred by CONTRACTOR, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 23. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND FUNDING.** This Agreement may be subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Onslow County Commissioners. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, in the event that funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then County shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement, without penalty or liability, except the payment of all contract fees due under this Agreement up to and through the last day of service.
- 24. NO PLEDGE OF TAXING AUTHORITY:** No deficiency judgment may be rendered against COUNTY or any agency of COUNTY in any action for breach of a contractual obligation under this contract. The taxing power of the COUNTY is not pledged directly or indirectly to secure any monies due under this contract.
- 25. EQUIPMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall supply, at its sole expense, all equipment, tools, materials, and/or supplies required to provide Services hereunder, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 26. ENTIRE CONTRACT.** This Contract, including Attachment 1 & 2, shall constitute the entire understanding between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR and shall supersede all prior understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof and may be amended only by written mutual agreement of the parties.
- 27. HEADINGS.** The subject headings of the sections are included for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions. This Contract shall be deemed to have been drafted by both parties and no interpretation shall be made to the contrary.
- 28. EXISTENCE.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and is duly qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina and has full power and authority to enter into and fulfill all the terms and conditions of this contract.
- 29. AUTHORITY.** By execution hereof, the person signing for CONTRACTOR below certifies that he/she has read this Contract and that he/she is duly authorized to execute this Contract on behalf of the CONTRACTOR. This Contract, together with any amendments or modifications, may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. This Contract may also be executed electronically. By signing electronically, the parties indicate their intent to comply with the Electronic Commerce in Government Act (N.C.G.S § 66-358.1 et seq.) and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (N.C.G.S § 66-311 et seq.). Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Contract by either electronic means or by facsimile shall be as effective as a manually executed counterpart.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Service Contract to be executed by their duly authorized office or agent.

Reviewed by Department Head

Date Reviewed: _____

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government and Fiscal Control Act

Onslow County Finance Officer

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Printed Name: []

Title: []

ONSLOW COUNTY

By: _____

Printed Name: []

Title: []

ATTACHMENT 1

Onslow County Request for Proposal No. 016-24-1“Peer Support Specialist” issued January 10, 2025 and _____ proposal dated _____, 2025 are made a part of this contract as if fully set forth.

To the extent there is a conflict between the terms of the County’s Request for Proposal and the Provider’s proposal, the terms within the County’s Request for Proposal shall control.

ATTACHMENT 2

Federal Contracting Requirements – RFP 016-24-1

This *Attachment 2* is incorporated into the Service Contract between the County and the Vendor. Capitalized terms not defined in this Attachment shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Contract. All references to the “Vendor” or “Company” or “Vendor” or “Provider” shall be deemed to mean the Vendor.

This Contract will be funded in whole or in part with federal funding. As such, federal laws, regulations, policies and related administrative practices apply to this Contract. The most recent of such federal requirements, including any amendments made after the execution of this Contract shall govern the Contract, unless the federal government determines otherwise. This *Attachment 2* identifies the federal requirements that may be applicable to this contract. The Vendor is responsible for complying with all applicable provisions, updates or modifications that occur in the future relating to these clauses.

To the extent possible, the federal requirements contained in the most recent version of the Uniform Administrative Requirements for federal awards (Uniform Rules) codified at 2.C.F.R., Part 200, including any certifications and contractual provisions required by any federal statutes or regulation referenced therein to be included in this contract are deemed incorporated into this contract by reference and shall be incorporated into any sub-agreement or subcontract executed by the Vendor pursuant to its obligations under this Contract. The Vendor and its sub-contractors, if any, hereby represent and covenant that they have complied and shall comply in the future with the applicable provisions of the original contract then in effect and with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules and local policies and procedures, as amended from time to time, relating to Work to be performed under this contract.

Drug Free Workplace Requirements

Drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D). All Vendors entering into federal funded contracts over \$100,000 must comply with Federal Drug Free workplace requirements as Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.

Vendor Compliance

The Vendor shall comply with all uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirement for federal awards.

Conflict of Interest

The Vendor must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the County of Onslow or pas through entity in accordance with federal policy.

Mandatory Disclosures

The Vendor must disclose in writing all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award.

Energy Conservation

The Vendor and subcontractors agrees to comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6321, et seq.

Federal Water Pollution Control Act

For contracts in excess of \$150,000, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

The Vendor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.

The Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.”

Clean Air Act

For contracts in excess of \$150,000, the Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the Federal Water Pollution Act as amended (33 USC § 1251-1387).

The Vendor agrees to report any violation to the County immediately upon discovery. The Vendor understands and agrees that the County will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the County, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Office. Vendor must include this requirement in all subcontracts that exceed \$150,000.

The Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FEMA.

Access to Records and Reports

The Vendor must maintain an acceptable cost accounting system. The Vendor agrees to provide the County, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Vendor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.

The Vendor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.

The Vendor agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representatives access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

All Vendors and their successors, transferees, assignees, and subcontractors acknowledge and agree to comply with applicable provisions governing Department and FEMA access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff.

No Obligation by Federal Government

The County and the Vendor acknowledge and agree that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the County, the Vendor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying contract.

The Vendor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

Program Fraud and False or Fraudulent Statements or Related Acts

The Vendor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Vendor's actions pertaining to this contract. Upon execution of the underlying contract, the Vendor certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to be made, pertaining to the underlying contract or the Federally assisted project for which this contract work is being performed. In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, the Vendor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on the Vendor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Vendor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307(n)(1) on the Vendor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

The Vendor agrees to include the above two clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the sub-contractor who will be subject to the provisions.

Changes

Any change in the contract cost, modification, change order, or constructive change must be allowable, allocable, within the scope of its funding, grant or cooperative agreement, and reasonable for the completion of project scope. All changes and/or amendments to the contract will be outlined in detail, formalized in writing, and signed by the authorized representative of each party. Vendors failure to do so shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

Termination

Termination Without Cause. The County may immediately terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving written notice to the Vendor.

Termination for Default by Either Party. By giving written notice to the other party, either party may terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

The other party violates or fails to perform any covenant, provision, obligation, term or condition contained in this Agreement, provided that, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, such failure or violation shall not be cause for termination if both of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) such default is reasonably susceptible to cure; and (ii) the other party cures such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of default from the non-defaulting party; or

The other party attempts to assign, terminate or cancel this Agreement contrary to the terms hereof; or

The other party ceases to do business as a going concern, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, admits in writing its inability to pay debts as they become due, files a petition in bankruptcy or has an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against it (except in connection with a reorganization under which the business of such party is continued and performance of all its obligations under this Agreement shall continue), or if a receiver, trustee or liquidator is appointed for it or any substantial part of other party's assets or properties.

Any notice of default pursuant to this Section shall identify and state the party's intent to terminate this Agreement if the default is not cured within the specified period.

Additional Grounds for Default Termination by the County. By giving written notice to the Vendor, the County may also terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events (which shall each constitute grounds for termination without a cure period and without the occurrence of any of the other events of default previously listed):

The Vendor makes or allows to be made any material written misrepresentation or provides any materially misleading written information in connection with this Agreement, Vendor's Proposal, or any covenant, agreement, obligation, term or condition contained in this Agreement; or

The Vendor takes or fails to take any action which constitutes grounds for immediate termination under the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to failure to obtain or maintain the insurance policies and endorsements as required by this Agreement, or failure to provide the proof of insurance as required by this Agreement.

Cancellation of Orders and Subcontracts. In the event this Agreement is terminated by the County for any reason prior to the end of the term, the Vendor shall upon termination immediately discontinue all service in connection with this Agreement and promptly cancel all existing orders and subcontracts, which are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, the Vendor shall submit a statement to the County showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination.

No Effect on Taxes, Fees, Charges, or Reports. Any termination of the Agreement shall not relieve the Vendor of the obligation to pay any fees, taxes or other charges then due to the County, nor relieve the Vendor of the obligation to file any daily, monthly, quarterly or annual reports covering the period to termination nor relieve the Vendor from any claim for damages previously accrued or then accruing against the Vendor.

Obligations Upon Expiration or Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the Vendor shall promptly (a) return to the County all computer programs, files, documentation, data, media, related material and any other recording devices, information, or compact discs that are owned by the County; (b) deliver to the County all Work Product; (c) allow the County or a new vendor access to the systems, software, infrastructure, or processes of the Vendor that are necessary to migrate the Services to a new vendor; and (d) refund to the County all pre-paid sums for Products or Services that have been cancelled and will not be delivered.

No Suspension. In the event that the County disputes in good faith an allegation of default by the Vendor, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Vendor agrees that it will not terminate this Agreement or suspend or limit the delivery of Products or Services or any warranties or repossess, disable or render unusable any Software supplied by the Vendor, unless (i) the parties agree in writing, or (ii) an order of a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise.

Authority to Terminate. The County Manager or their designee is authorized to terminate this Agreement on behalf of the County.

Audit. During the term of the Agreement and for a period of one (1) year after termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, the County shall have the right to audit, either itself or through a third party, all books and records (including but not limited to the technical records) and facilities of the Vendor necessary to evaluate Vendor's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the County's payment obligations. The County shall pay its own expenses, relating to such audits, but shall not have to pay any expenses or additional costs of the Vendor. However, if non-compliance is found that would have cost the County in excess of \$5,000 but for the audit, then the Vendor shall be required to reimburse the County for the cost of the audit.

Remedies

Liquidated Damages: The County and the Vendor acknowledge and agree that the County may incur costs if the Vendor fails to meet the delivery times set forth in the Request for Proposal for the Products and Services. The parties further acknowledge and agree that: (a) the County may be damaged by such failures, including loss of goodwill and administrative costs; but that (b) the costs that the County might reasonably be anticipated to accrue as a result of such failures are difficult to ascertain due to their indefiniteness and uncertainty. Accordingly, the Vendor agrees to pay liquidated damages at the rates set forth in the Request for Proposal (if applicable). The parties agree that the liquidated damages set forth in the Request for Proposal shall be the County's exclusive remedy for loss of goodwill and administrative costs, attributable to a failure by the Vendor to meet such delivery times but shall not be the remedy for the cost to cover or other direct damages.

Right to Cover: If the Vendor fails to meet any completion date or resolution time set forth in this Agreement (including the Exhibits), and it fails to cure such default within one (1) business day after receiving written notice from the County of such failure, the County may take any of the following actions with or without terminating this Agreement, and in addition to and without limiting any other remedies it may have:

Employ such means as it may reasonably deem advisable and appropriate to perform itself or obtain the Services from a third party until the matter is resolved and the Vendor is again able to resume performance under this Agreement; and

Deduct any and all reasonable expenses incurred by the County in obtaining or performing the Services from any money then due or to become due the Vendor and, should the County's reasonable cost of obtaining or performing the services exceed the amount due the Vendor, collect the difference from the Vendor.

Right to Withhold Payment. If the Vendor materially breaches any provision of this Agreement, the County shall have a right to withhold all payments due to the Vendor with respect to the services that are the subject of such breach until such breach has been fully cured.

Specific Performance and Injunctive Relief. The Vendor agrees that due to the potential impact on public health, monetary damages may not be an adequate remedy for the Vendor's failure to provide the Services required by this Agreement, and monetary damages may not be the equivalent of the performance of such obligation. Accordingly, the Vendor hereby agrees that the County may seek an order granting specific performance of such obligations of the Vendor in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of North Carolina. The Vendor further consents to the County seeking injunctive relief (including a temporary restraining order) to assure performance in the event the Vendor breaches the Agreement in any material respect.

Setoff. Each party shall be entitled to setoff and deduct from any amounts owed to the other party pursuant to this Agreement all damages and expenses incurred as a result of the other party's breach of this Agreement, following any applicable cure periods, and provided such party has given notice of its intention to apply a setoff prior to making the payment deduction, together with documentary evidence demonstrating that such party has actually incurred the damages and/or expenses being setoff.

Other Remedies. Except as specifically set forth in the main body of this Agreement, the remedies set forth above shall be deemed cumulative and not exclusive and may be exercised successively or concurrently, in addition to any other available remedy

Debarment and Suspension

A contract award (see C.R.F. 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM exclusions contain the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. The Vendor shall certify compliance.

This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 2 C.F.R. Part. 3000. As such, the Vendor is required to verify that none of the Vendor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).

The Vendor is required to comply with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, Subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. By signing and submitting its bid or proposal, the bidder or proposer certifies that:

This certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by the County. If it is later determined that the bidder or proposer knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available by the County, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The bidder or proposer agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C and 2 C.F.R. Part 3000, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this offer. The bidder or proposer further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.”

Equal Employment Opportunity

During the performance of this contract, the Vendor agrees as follows:

1. The Vendor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Vendor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The Vendor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
3. The Vendor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Vendor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The Vendor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by executive Order 11375, and with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The Vendor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
6. In the event of the Vendor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Vendor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
7. The Vendor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Vendor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event a Vendor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the Vendor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Davis-Bacon Requirements

If applicable to this contract, the Vendor agrees to comply with all provisions of the Davis Bacon Act as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-348).

1. Minimum Wages.

(i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR Part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalent thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary

of Labor which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the Vendor and such laborers and mechanics.

Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section 1(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1)(iv) of this section; also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: *Provided* that the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under (1)(ii) of this section) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321) shall be posted at all times by the Vendor and its sub-contractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can easily be seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) The contracting officer shall require that any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. The contracting officer shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

- (1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;
- (2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and
- (3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the Vendor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and the contracting officer agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by the contracting officer to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the Vendor, the laborers, or mechanics to be employed in the classification, or their representatives, and the contracting officer do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), the contracting officer shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of the contracting officer, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise the contracting officer or will notify the contracting officer within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1)(ii) (B) or (C) of this paragraph, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the Vendor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determination or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the Vendor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the Vendor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program: *Provided* that the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the Vendor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the Vendor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

2. Withholding.

The County shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the Vendor under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Vendor, or any other

federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime Vendor, so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees, and helpers, employed by the Vendor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee, or helper, employed or working on the site of work, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the Sponsor may, after written notice to the Vendor, Sponsor, Applicant, or Owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased.

3. Payrolls and Basic Records.

(i) Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the Vendor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work. Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker; his or her correct classification; hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act); daily and weekly number of hours worked; deductions made; and actual wages paid. Whenever the Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the Vendor shall maintain records that show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and that show the costs anticipated or the actual costs incurred in providing such benefits. Vendors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The Vendor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to the Sponsor if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the Vendor will submit the payrolls to the applicant, Sponsor, or Owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the Sponsor. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included on weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (*e.g.* the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm or its successor site. The prime Vendor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Vendors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker and shall provide them upon request to the Sponsor if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the Vendor will submit them to the applicant, sponsor, or Owner, as the case may be, for transmission to the Sponsor, the Vendor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime Vendor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime Vendor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, Sponsor, or Owner).

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the Vendor or subcontractor or his or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) The payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR § 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR § 5.5 (a)(3)(i), and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) Each laborer and mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in Regulations 29 CFR Part 3;

(3) Each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the Vendor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under Section 1001 of Title 18 and Section 231 of Title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The Vendor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of the sponsor, the Sponsor, or the Department of Labor and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the Vendor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, the Federal agency may, after written notice to the Vendor, Sponsor, applicant, or Owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to

submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

4. *Apprentices and Trainees.*

(i) Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the Vendor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a Vendor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the Vendor's or sub-Vendor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Bureau, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the Vendor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination that provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate that is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the Vendor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal Employment Opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees, and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR Part 30.

5. *Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements.*

The Vendor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 3, which are incorporated by reference in this contract.

6. *Subcontracts.*

The Vendor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in 29 CFR Part 5.5(a)(1) through (10) and such other clauses as the Sponsor may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractor to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Vendor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in 29 CFR Part 5.5.

7. Contract Termination: Debarment.

A breach of the contract clauses in paragraph 1 through 10 of this section may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a Vendor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

8. Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Requirements.

All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts contained in 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

9. Disputes Concerning Labor Standards.

Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR Parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the Vendor (or any of its subcontractors) and the contracting agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

10. Certification of Eligibility.

(i) By entering into this contract, the Vendor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the Vendor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(ii) No part of this contract shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1).

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 USC 1001.

Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

Vendor. The Vendor must comply with the requirements of the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 and 40 U.S.C. § 3145) and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. Part 3 *as may be applicable*, which are incorporated by reference into this contract.

Vendor and subcontractors are prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed on the project to give up any part of the compensation to which the employee is entitled. The Vendor and each subcontractor must submit to the Owner, a weekly statement on the wages paid to each employee performing on covered work during the prior week

Subcontracts. The Vendor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Vendor shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractors with all of these contract clauses.

Breach. A breach of the contract clauses above may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a Vendor and sub-Vendor as provided in 29 C.F.R. § 5.12."

Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)

Where applicable, all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must be in compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5).

1. Overtime requirements. No Vendor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.
2. Violation; liability for unpaid wages; liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the Vendor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such Vendor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

3. Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The Owner shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the Vendor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime Vendor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime Vendor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such Vendor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
4. Subcontractors. The Vendor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraph (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime Vendor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section.”

Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement

Patent and Rights in Data

CONTRACTS INVOLVING EXPERIMENTAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, OR RESEARCH WORK.

Rights in Data - The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental or research work:

The term "subject data" used in this clause means recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, that is delivered or specified to be delivered under the contract. The term includes graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs; text in specifications or related performance or design-type documents; machine forms such as punched cards, magnetic tape, or computer memory printouts; and information retained in computer memory. Examples include, but are not limited to: computer software, engineering drawings and associated lists, specifications, standards, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information. The term "subject data" does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration.

The following restrictions apply to all subject data first produced in the performance of the contract to which this Attachment has been added:

Except for its own internal use, the Purchaser or Vendor may not publish or reproduce subject data in whole or in part, or in any manner or form, nor may the Purchaser or Vendor authorize others to do so, without the written consent of the Federal Government, until such time as the Federal Government may have either released or approved the release of such data to the public; this restriction on publication, however, does not apply to any contract with an academic institution.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 18.34 and 49 C.F.R. § 19.36, the Federal Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for "Federal Government purposes," any subject data or copyright described in subsections (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this clause below. As used in the previous sentence, "for Federal Government purposes," means use only for the direct purposes of the Federal Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Federal Government may not extend its Federal license to any other party.

Any subject data developed under that contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained; and

Any rights of copyright purchased by the Purchaser or Vendor using Federal assistance in whole or in part.

When federal assistance is awarded for experimental, developmental, or research work, it is the general intention to increase knowledge available to the public rather than to restrict the benefits resulting from the work to participants in that work. Therefore, unless determined otherwise, the Purchaser and the Vendor performing experimental, developmental, or research work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment is added agree to make available to the public, either the license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of that contract or a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work, which is the subject of the underlying contract, is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under that contract shall become subject data as defined in subsection (a) of this clause and shall be delivered as the Federal Government may direct. This subsection (c), however, does not apply to adaptations of automatic data processing equipment or programs for the Purchaser or Vendor's use whose costs are financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Unless prohibited by state law, upon request by the Federal Government, the Purchaser and the Vendor agree to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Federal Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by the Purchaser or Vendor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy, arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data

furnished under that contract. Neither the Purchaser nor the Vendor shall be required to indemnify the Federal Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agents of the Federal Government.

Nothing contained in this clause regarding rights in data shall imply a license to the Federal Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Federal Government under any patent.

Data developed by the Purchaser or Vendor and financed entirely without the use of Federal assistance that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract to which this Attachment has been added is exempt from the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this clause, provided that the Purchaser or Vendor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work.

Unless determined otherwise, the Vendor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Vendor's status (*i.e.*, a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual, etc.), the Purchaser and the Vendor agree to take the necessary actions to provide those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

The Vendor also agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Patent Rights - The following requirements apply to each contract involving experimental, developmental, or research work:

General - If any invention, improvement, or discovery is conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the course of or under the contract to which this Attachment has been added, and that invention, improvement, or discovery is patentable under the laws of the United States of America or any foreign country, the Purchaser and Vendor agree to take actions necessary to provide immediate notice and a detailed report to the party at a higher tier.

Unless the Federal Government later makes a contrary determination in writing, irrespective of the Vendor's status (a large business, small business, state government or state instrumentality, local government, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, individual), the Purchaser and the Vendor agree to take the necessary actions to provide those rights in that invention due the Federal Government as described in U.S. Department of Commerce regulations, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," 37 C.F.R. Part 401.

The Vendor also agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

Procurement of Recovered Materials

Vendor and subcontractor must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247. In the performance of this contract and to the extent practicable, the Vendor and subcontractors are to use products containing the highest percentage of recovered materials for items designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 CFR Part 247 whenever:

1. The contract requires procurement of \$10,000 or more of a designated item during the fiscal year; or
2. The Vendor has procured \$10,000 or more of a designated item using Federal funding during the previous fiscal year.

Section 6002(c) establishes exceptions to the preferences for recovery EPA-Designed products if the Vendor can demonstrate the item is:

- Not reasonably available within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
- Fails to meet reasonable contract performance requirements; or
- Is only available at an unreasonable price.

Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designate items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.”

Safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information:

Vendor will take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information designated as sensitive by the awarding agency or is considered sensitive consistent with applicable federal, state, and/or local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

DHS Seal, Logo, and Flags

The Vendor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without pre-approval by the specific federal agency.