



State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

FOR

Psychiatrist Provider Services at the Philbrook Adult Transitional  
Housing Center (PATH)

RFA-2024-NHH-02-PSYCH

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**1. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW**

**1.1. Introduction**

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital (“Department”) is seeking responses to this Request for Applications (solicitation) from individuals or organizations to provide a board certified psychiatrist(s) with an active license to practice in New Hampshire, and/or a board-certified advanced practice registered nurse(s) (ARPN) with an active license to practice in New Hampshire, to provide psychiatric services to clients at Philbrook Adult Transitional Housing (PATH), on the premises at the Governor Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park in Concord. The selected Applicant(s) must provide psychiatric services at PATH approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) hours per week, or more, with approval from the Department, based on the need for such psychiatric services, and must coordinate service hours with the PATH Director or designee.

The Department anticipates multiple contracts for the services in this solicitation.

**1.2. Key Information**

The information in the table below is as anticipated by the Department. All information is subject to change, the availability of funds, and/or approval by the Governor and Executive Council.

<b>Contract Effective Date</b>	<b>December 1, 2023</b>	
<b>Contract End Date</b>	<b>May 31, 2024</b>	
<b>Renewal Options</b>	The Department may extend contracted services for up to four (4) additional years.	
<b>Funding for the resulting contract(s) is anticipated to be approximately:</b>	<b>\$210,080</b>	
<b>Funding Source</b>	The Department anticipates using General and Other funds for resulting contract(s).	
	Assistance Listing #	Not Applicable
	Award Name	Not Applicable
<b>Match Requirements</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b>	Dean B. Fancy Contract Specialist Dean.B.Fancy@dhhs.nh.gov 603-271-9610	
From the date of release of this solicitation until an award is made and announced regarding the selection of a Vendor, all communication with personnel employed by or under contract with the Department regarding this solicitation is prohibited unless first approved by the Point of Contact listed above. Department employees have been directed not to hold conferences and/or discussions concerning this solicitation with any potential contractor during the selection process, unless otherwise authorized by the Point of Contact. Vendors may be disqualified for violating this restriction on communications.		

**1.3. Procurement Timetable**

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All times are according to Eastern Time. The Department reserves the right to modify these dates and times at its sole discretion.		
Item	Action	Date
1.	Solicitation Released	9/15/2023
2.	Letter of Intent Submission Deadline (optional)	9/19/2023
3.	Questions Submission Deadline	9/22/2023 <b>12:00 Noon</b>
4.	Department Response to Questions Published	10/6/2023
5.	Vendor Solicitation Response Due Date	10/16/2023 <b>12:00 Noon</b>

**1.4. Background**

1.4.1. New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, New Hampshire Hospital

1.4.1.1. The Department of Health and Human Services is the largest state government agency in New Hampshire and is responsible for the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of New Hampshire. The Department provides services for children, adults, and families, and administers various programs throughout New Hampshire. These services are provided via contracts or partnerships with families, community groups, private providers, other state and local government entities, and many citizens throughout the state. The Department also oversees programs and services through both direct program administration as well as contracted services for mental health care. Direct administration and oversight includes contracted services and programming, such as the Critical Time Intervention (CTI) the ten (10) Community Mental Health Centers and institutions such as New Hampshire Hospital (NHH), Hampstead Hospital Residential Treatment Facility (HHRTF) and Glencliff Home.

1.4.1.2. Philbrook Adult Transitional Housing (PATH) is a 16-bed voluntary transitional housing program that provides services to individuals who have been released from inpatient psychiatric care and can live independently, but need assistance to obtain safe and affordable permanent housing. PATH opened on September 14, 2020, and in the first 18 months served 84 clients, 81% of whom were on conditional discharges from New Hampshire Hospital.

1.4.2. Objective

This Request for Applications is published to solicit applications from individuals or organizations to provide a board certified psychiatrist with an active license to practice in New Hampshire, and/or a and/or a board-certified advanced practice registered nurse (ARPN) with an active license to practice in New Hampshire, to provide psychiatric services to clients at PATH.

1.4.3. Covered Populations

Clients of PATH.

**2. STATEMENT OF WORK**

**2.1. Scope of Services**

2.1.1. The selected Applicant(s) must provide psychiatric services to clients at Philbrook Adult Transitional Housing (PATH), on the premises of the Governor Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park in Concord.

2.1.2. The selected Applicant(s) must provide psychiatric services at PATH, or virtually using a remote meeting web application (TeleHealth), with approval from the Department, approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) hours per week, or more, based on the need for such psychiatric services, and must coordinate service hours with the Path Director designee.

2.1.3. The selected Applicant(s) must provide their anticipated available hours for services by the first day of each month for that month.

2.1.4. The selected Applicant(s) must be board certified as a psychiatrist, or as an advanced practice registered nurse (ARPN) and have an active license to practice in New Hampshire. The selected Applicant(s) must provide a copy of said license and any renewals thereof to the Department, and must notify the Department immediately if said license becomes suspended, revoked or expired.

2.1.5. The selected Applicant(s) must provide the PATH Director or designee with all forms necessary to complete provider enrollment with insurance carriers, and credentialing.

2.1.6. The selected Applicant(s) must provide proof of immunizations required for health care workers to the PATH Director or designee, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Recommendations for Immunization of Health-Care Workers, Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory committee, which includes proof of:

2.1.6.1. Tuberculosis screening results dated within the last year prior to the effective date of this agreement;

2.1.6.2. Hepatitis B vaccination or immunity initiation;

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- 2.1.6.3. Immunity to measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox;
- 2.1.6.4. Influenza vaccination during influenza season if not contraindicated; and
- 2.1.6.5. Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (Tap) vaccination within the past ten (10) years.
- 2.1.7. The selected Applicant(s) must complete orientation to PATH's policies and safety requirements. Required classes must be completed at orientation and thereafter at the discretion of the PATH Director or designee every two (2) years. At the discretion of the PATH Director or designee, and based on the selected Applicants' credentials and experience, the orientation requirements may be covered individually with the selected Applicants' in a condensed format.
- 2.1.8. The selected Applicant(s) that are a board-certified as a psychiatrist must provide psychiatric services including, but not limited to:
  - 2.1.8.1. Providing periodic psychiatric assessments of individuals.
  - 2.1.8.2. Providing clinical assessments in accordance with PATH's regulatory and billing standards.
  - 2.1.8.3. Diagnosing and treating psychiatric conditions, as necessary, for individuals.
  - 2.1.8.4. Developing, adjusting, and continuing treatment plans for individuals as clinically appropriate.
  - 2.1.8.5. Formulating and implementing individual treatment plans and clinical services, in cooperation with treatment teams, for the diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and care of patients.
  - 2.1.8.6. Ensuring progress notes and treatment plans are completed and/or updated within twenty-four (24) hours of the date in which a clinical visit is performed.
  - 2.1.8.7. Providing non-urgent consultation to clinical teams as appropriate.
  - 2.1.8.8. Independently prescribing psychopharmacologic drugs and act as a treatment team member in accordance with state law.
  - 2.1.8.9. Updating patient medical records in the Department Electronic Health Record.
  - 2.1.8.10. Appearing and testifying in court proceedings, as necessary, for individuals admitted to PATH.
  - 2.1.8.11. Developing and maintaining positive relationships with Department staff and contracted staff, Community Mental Health Centers, advocates, and the mental health community.

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- 2.1.8.12. The selected Applicant(s) must participate in meetings with the Department on an as needed basis, as requested by the Department.
- 2.1.9. The selected Applicant(s) that are board-certified as an ARPN must provide psychiatric services including, but not limited to:
  - 2.1.9.1. Providing periodic psychiatric assessments of individuals.
  - 2.1.9.2. Providing clinical assessments in accordance with PATH's regulatory and billing standards.
  - 2.1.9.3. Diagnosing and treating psychiatric conditions, as necessary, for individuals.
  - 2.1.9.4. Developing, adjusting, and continuing treatment plans for individuals as clinically appropriate.
  - 2.1.9.5. Formulating and implementing individual treatment plans and clinical services, in cooperation with treatment teams, for the diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and care of patients.
  - 2.1.9.6. Ensuring progress notes and treatment plans are completed and/or updated within twenty-four (24) hours of the date in which a clinical visit is performed.
  - 2.1.9.7. Providing non-urgent consultation to clinical teams as appropriate.
  - 2.1.9.8. Independently prescribing psychopharmacologic drugs and act as a treatment team member in accordance with state law.
  - 2.1.9.9. Updating patient medical records in the Department Electronic Health Record.
  - 2.1.9.10. Appearing and testifying in court proceedings, as necessary, for individuals admitted to PATH.
  - 2.1.9.11. Developing and maintaining positive relationships with Department staff and contracted staff, Community Mental Health Centers, advocates, and the mental health community.
  - 2.1.9.12. The Contractor must participate in meetings with the Department on an as needed basis, as requested by the Department.
- 2.1.10. The selected Applicant(s) will engage in Active Contract Management with the PATH Director in an effort to proactively identify any barriers to client care, manage administrative concerns and mitigate identified risks
- 2.1.11. Reporting
  - 2.1.11.1. The selected Applicant(s) must submit monthly reports to the PATH Director or designee specifying the number of service hours

provided on a report provided by the Department and provide information as requested by the Department.

- 2.1.11.2. The selected Applicant(s) may be required to provide other data and metrics to the PATH Director in a format specified by the Department.

**2.2. Mandatory Questions**

- 2.2.1. In response to this solicitation, Applicant(s) must respond to the Mandatory Questions below in Appendix C, Technical Responses to Mandatory Questions.

**Q1** – Describe your ability to perform the entire scope of work in this solicitation, including any relevant certifications or specialized trainings. Please limit your response to Q1 to a maximum of two (2) pages.

**Q2** – Describe your experience providing psychiatric services to patients in a community residence or group setting. Please limit your response to Q2 to a maximum of three (3) pages.

**Q3** – How many hours per week are you available to provide services? Please provide a range of availability per week, in hours, and any information pertinent to your availability to provide the services. Please limit your response to Q3 to a maximum of two (2) pages.

**2.3. Finance**

- 2.3.1. If more than one contract is awarded, contracts resulting from this RFA will have a total shared price limitation of \$210,080 as follows:

State Fiscal Year	Funding Amount
2024	\$66,560
2025	\$106,080
2026	\$37,440
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,080</b>

- 2.3.2. Funds are anticipated to be available in the State Fiscal Years identified above with the ability to adjust encumbrances between state fiscal years, if needed and justified.

- 2.3.3. Payment will be at an hourly rate inclusive of travel and mileage, not to exceed the price limitation, for services provided as described in the Scope of Services, in accordance with Table 2.3 below. The selected Applicant(s) shall be paid only for the actual number of hours services are provided.

Table 2.3



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State Fiscal Year	Hourly Rate for Psychiatrists	Hourly Rate for APRNs
2024	\$180	\$140
2025	\$180	\$140
2026	\$190	\$150

- 2.3.4. The selected Applicant(s) must submit monthly invoices using a form satisfactory to the Department, which identifies and requests reimbursement for authorized expenses incurred. The selected Applicants must ensure invoices are completed, dated and submitted to the Department to initiate payment.

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**3. SOLICITATION RESPONSE EVALUATION**

3.1. The Department will evaluate responses from Applicants based upon the criteria and standards contained in this solicitation and by applying the points set forth below.

<b>TECHNICAL RESPONSE</b>	<b>POSSIBLE SCORE</b>
<b>Ability (Q1)</b>	100 Points
<b>Experience (Q2)</b>	100 Points
<b>Availability (Q3)</b>	50 Points
<b>Technical Response – Total Possible Score</b>	<b>250 Points</b>

**SOLICITATION RESPONSE PROCESS**

**3.2. Letter of Intent**

- 3.2.1. A Letter of Intent to submit a Response to this solicitation is optional.
- 3.2.2. Receipt of the Letter of Intent by Department will be required to receive electronic notification of any solicitation amendments, in the event such are produced; any further materials on this project, including electronic files containing tables required for response to this solicitation; any addenda, corrections, or schedule modifications; notifications regarding any informational meetings for Vendors; or responses to comments or questions.
- 3.2.3. The Letter of Intent must be transmitted by email to the Contract Specialist identified in Subsection 1.2 and include the name, telephone number, mailing address and email address of the Applicant’s designated contact. **Notwithstanding the Letter of Intent, Vendors remain responsible for reviewing the most updated information related to this solicitation before submitting a response.**

**3.3. Questions and Answers**

- 3.3.1. Applicants’ Questions
  - 3.3.1.1. All questions about this Solicitation including, but not limited to, requests for clarification, additional information or any changes to the Solicitation must be made in writing, by email only, citing the Solicitation page number and part or subpart, and submitted to the Contract Specialist identified in Subsection 1.2.
  - 3.3.1.2. The Department may consolidate or paraphrase questions for efficiency and clarity. Questions that are not understood will not be answered. Statements that are not questions will not receive a response.
  - 3.3.1.3. The questions must be submitted by email; however, the Department assumes no liability for ensuring accurate and complete email transmissions.

- 3.3.1.4. Questions must be received by the Department by the deadline given in Subsection 1.3, Procurement Timetable.
- 3.3.2. Department Responses
  - 3.3.2.1. The Department intends to issue responses to properly submitted questions by the deadline specified in Subsection 1.3, Procurement Timetable. All oral answers given are non-binding. Written answers to questions received will be posted on the Department's website at (<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/doing-business-dhhs/contracts-procurement-opportunities>). This date may be subject to change at the Department's discretion.
- 3.3.3. Exceptions
  - 3.3.3.1. The Department will require the successful Applicant(s) to execute a contract using the Form P-37, General Provisions and Standard Exhibits, which are attached as Appendix A. To the extent that an Applicant believes that exceptions to Appendix A will be necessary for the Applicant to enter into a Contract, the Applicant must note those issues during the Question Period in Subsection 1.3. Applicants may not request exceptions to the Scope of Services or any other sections of this Solicitation.
  - 3.3.3.2. The Department will review requested exceptions and accept, reject or note that it is open to negotiation of the proposed exception at its sole discretion in its response to Applicant questions.
  - 3.3.3.3. Any exceptions to the standard form contract and exhibits that are not raised by an Applicant during the Question Period may not be considered. In no event is an Applicant to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions as a replacement for the Department's terms in response to this Solicitation.

#### **3.4. Solicitation Amendment**

- 3.4.1. The Department reserves the right to amend this Solicitation by publishing any addenda, as it deems appropriate, prior to the Submission Deadline on its own initiative or in response to issues raised through Applicant questions. In the event that an addendum is published, the Department, at its sole discretion, may extend the Submission Deadline.

#### **4. SOLICITATION RESPONSE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Responses to this Solicitation must be submitted electronically via email to [rfx@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:rfx@dhhs.nh.gov) **AND** to the Contract Specialist at the email address specified in Subsection 1.2.
  - 4.1.1. The subject line must include the following information:

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- 4.2. The maximum size of file attachments per email is 10 MB. Submissions with file attachments exceeding 10 MB must be sent via multiple emails.
- 4.3. The Department must receive submissions by the time and date specified in the Procurement Timetable in Section 1.3 and in the manner specified or it may be rejected as non-compliant, unless waived by the Department as a non-material deviation.
- 4.4. The Department will conduct an initial screening step to verify Applicant compliance with the requirements of this Solicitation. The Department may waive or offer a limited opportunity for an Applicant to cure immaterial deviations from the Solicitation requirements if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Department.
- 4.5. Late submissions that are not accepted will remain unopened. Disqualified submissions will be discarded. Submission of solicitation responses shall be at the Applicant's expense.

## **5. SOLICITATION RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS**

- 5.1. Acceptable solicitation responses must offer all services identified in Section 2 - Statement of Work, unless an allowance for partial scope is specifically described in Section 2.

### **5.2. Technical Response Contents**

Each Technical Response must contain the following, in the order described in this section:

- 5.2.1. Appendix B – Transmittal Letter and Applicant Information, including:

- 5.2.1.1. **Vendor Code Number** - Prior to executing any resulting contract, the selected Applicant(s) will be required to provide a vendor code number issued by the State of New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services upon registering as an authorized vendor with the State. Applicants are strongly encourage to provide a vendor code number in the Appendix C if available. More information can be found at: <https://das.nh.gov/purchasing/vendorresources.aspx>

- 5.2.2. Appendix C – Applicant Technical Response to Mandatory Questions

- 5.2.3. Resumes – Applicants must provide resumes for those key personnel who would be primarily responsible for meeting the terms and conditions of any agreement resulting from this Solicitation. Applicants must redact all personal information from resumes.

## **6. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **6.1. Non-Collusion**

The Applicant's required signature on the Appendix B – Transmittal Letter and Applicant Information submitted in response to this Solicitation guarantees that the prices, terms and conditions, and services quoted have been established without collusion with other Vendors

and without effort to preclude the Department from obtaining the best possible competitive solicitation response.

## **6.2. Collaborative Solicitation Responses**

Solicitation responses must be submitted by one organization. Any collaborating organization must be designated as a subcontractor subject to the terms of Appendix A, P-37 General Provisions and Standard Exhibits.

## **6.3. Validity of Solicitation Responses**

Solicitation responses must be valid for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the deadline for submission in the Procurement Timetable above in Subsection 1.3, or until the Effective Date of any resulting contract, whichever is later.

## **6.4. Debarment**

Vendors who are ineligible to bid on proposals, bids or quotes issued by the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Procurement and Support Services pursuant to the provisions of RSA 21-I:11-c shall not be considered eligible for an award under this solicitation.

## **6.5. Property of Department**

Any material property submitted and received in response to this solicitation will become the property of the Department and will not be returned to the Applicant. The Department reserves the right to use any information presented in any solicitation response provided that its use does not violate any copyrights or other provisions of law.

## **6.6. Solicitation Response Withdrawal**

Prior to the Response Submission Deadline specified in Subsection 1.3, Procurement Timetable, a submitted Letter of Intent or solicitation responses may be withdrawn by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to the Contract Specialist specified in Subsection 1.2.

## **6.7. Confidentiality**

- 6.7.1. Pursuant to RSA 21-G:37, the content of responses to this solicitation must remain confidential until the Governor and Executive Council have awarded a contract(s). The Applicant's disclosure or distribution of the contents of its solicitation response, other than to the Department, will be grounds for disqualification at the Department's sole discretion.

## **6.8. Public Disclosure**

- 6.8.1. The information submitted in response to this solicitation (including all materials submitted in connection with it, such as attachments, exhibits, addenda, and presentations), any resulting contract, and information provided during the contractual relationship may be subject to public disclosure under Right-to-Know laws, including RSA 91-A. In addition, in accordance with RSA 9-F:1, any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation will be made accessible to the public online via the New Hampshire Secretary of State website (<https://sos.nh.gov/>).

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- 6.8.2. Confidential, commercial or financial information may be exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV. If an Applicant believes any information submitted in response to this solicitation should be kept confidential, the Applicant must specifically identify that information where it appears in the submission in a manner that draws attention to the designation and must mark/stamp each page of the materials that the Applicant claims must be exempt from disclosure as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Applicants must also provide a letter to the person listed as the point of contact for this solicitation, identifying the specific page number and section of the information considered to be confidential, commercial or financial and providing the rationale for each designation. Marking or designating an entire submission, attachment or section as confidential shall neither be accepted nor honored by the Department. Applicants must also provide a separate copy of the full and complete document, fully redacting those portions and shall note on the applicable page or pages that the redacted portion or portions are “confidential.”
- 6.8.3. Submissions which do not conform to these instructions by failing to include a redacted copy (if necessary), by failing to include a letter specifying the rationale for each redaction, by failing to designate the redactions in the manner required by these instructions, or by including redactions which are contrary to these instructions or operative law may be rejected by the Department as not conforming to the requirements of the solicitation.
- 6.8.4. Pricing, which includes but is not limited to, the administrative costs and other performance guarantees in responses or any subsequently awarded contract(s) shall be subject to public disclosure regardless of whether it is marked as confidential.
- 6.8.5. Notwithstanding an Applicant’s designations, the Department is obligated under the Right-to-Know law to conduct an independent analysis of the confidentiality of the information submitted in response to the solicitation. If a request is made to the Department to view or receive copies of any portion of the response that is marked confidential, the Department shall first assess what information it is obligated to release. The Department will then notify the Applicant that a request has been made, indicate what, if any, information the Department has assessed is confidential and will not be released, and specify the planned release date of the remaining portions of the response. To halt the release of information by the Department, an Applicant must initiate and provide to the Department, prior to the date specified in the notice, a court action in the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, at its sole expense, seeking to enjoin the release of the requested information.
- 6.8.6. By submitting a response to this solicitation, Applicants acknowledge and agree that:

- 6.8.7. The Department may disclose any and all portions of the response or related materials which are not marked as confidential and/or which have not been specifically explained in the letter to the person identified as the point of contact for this solicitation;
- 6.8.8. The Department is not obligated to comply with an Applicant's designations regarding confidentiality and must conduct an independent analysis to assess the confidentiality of the information submitted; and
- 6.8.9. The Department may, unless otherwise prohibited by court order, release the information on the date specified in the notice described above without any liability to an Applicant.

#### **6.9. Electronic Posting of Solicitation Results and Resulting Contract(s)**

- 6.9.1. At the time of receipt of responses, the Department will post the number of responses received with no further information. No later than five (5) business days prior to submission of a contract to the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to this solicitation, the Department will post the name, rank or score of each responding Applicant. In the event that the resulting contract(s) does not require Governor & Executive Council approval, the Agency will disclose the rank or score at least five (5) business days before final approval of the contract(s).
- 6.9.2. Pursuant to RSA 91-A and RSA 9-F:1, the Secretary of State will post to the public any document submitted to G&C for approval, including contracts resulting from this solicitation, and posts those documents on its website (<https://sos.nh.gov/administration/miscellaneous/governor-executive-council/>). By submitting a response to this solicitation, Applicants acknowledge and agree that, in accordance with the above mentioned statutes and policies, (and regardless of whether any specific request is made to view any document relating to this solicitation), any contract resulting from this solicitation that is submitted to G&C for approval will be made accessible to the public online.

#### **6.10. Non-Commitment**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this solicitation, this solicitation does not commit the Department to award a contract. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all responses to this solicitation or any portions thereof, at any time and to cancel this solicitation and to solicit new solicitation responses under a new procurement process.

#### **6.11. Liability**

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Applicant agrees that in no event shall the Department be either responsible for or held liable for any costs incurred by an Applicant in the preparation or submittal of or otherwise in connection with a solicitation response, or for work performed prior to the Effective Date of a resulting contract.

#### **6.12. Request for Additional Information or Materials**



The Department may request any Applicant to provide additional information or materials needed to clarify information presented in the solicitation response. Such a request will be issued in writing and will not provide an Applicant with an opportunity to change, extend, or otherwise amend its solicitation response in intent or substance.

### **6.13. Oral Presentations and Discussions**

The Department reserves the right to require some or all Applicants to make oral presentations of their solicitation response. The purpose of the oral presentation is to clarify and expound upon information provided in the written solicitation response. Applicants are prohibited from altering the original substance of their solicitation response during the oral presentations. The Department will use the information gained from oral presentations to refine the technical review scores. Any and all costs associated with an oral presentation shall be borne entirely by the Applicant.

### **6.14. Successful Applicant Notice and Contract Negotiations**

If an Applicant is selected, the Department will send written notification of their selection and the Department's desire to enter into contract negotiations. Until the Department successfully completes negotiations with the selected Applicant(s), all submitted solicitation responses remain eligible for selection by the Department. In the event contract negotiations are unsuccessful with the selected Applicant(s), the evaluation team may recommend another Applicant. The Department will not contact Applicant(s) that are not initially selected to enter into contract negotiations.

### **6.15. Scope of Award and Contract Award Notice**

- 6.15.1. The Department reserves the right to award a service, part of a service, group of services, or total solicitation response and to reject any and all solicitation responses in whole or in part. A contract award is contingent on approval by the Governor and Executive Council.
- 6.15.2. If a contract(s) is awarded, the selected Applicant(s) must obtain written consent from the State before any public announcement or news release is issued pertaining to any contract award.

### **6.16. Site Visits**

The Department may, at its sole discretion, at any time prior to contract award, conduct a site visit at the Applicant's location or at any other location deemed appropriate by the Department, to determine the Applicant's capacity to satisfy the terms of this solicitation. The Department may also require the Applicant to produce additional documents, records, or materials relevant to determining the Applicant's capacity to satisfy the terms of this solicitation. Any and all costs associated with any site visit or requests for documents shall be borne entirely by the Applicant.

### **6.17. Protest of Intended Award**

Any challenge of an award made or otherwise related to this solicitation shall be governed by RSA 21-G:37, and the procedures and terms of this solicitation. The procedure set forth in RSA 21-G:37, IV, shall be the sole remedy available to challenge any award resulting from this solicitation. In the event that any legal action is brought challenging this solicitation and selection process, outside of the review process identified in RSA 21-G:37,IV, and in the event



that the State of New Hampshire prevails, the challenger agrees to pay all expenses of such action, including attorney's fees and costs at all stages of litigation.

#### **6.18. Contingency**

Aspects of the award may be contingent upon changes to state or federal laws and regulations.

#### **6.19. Ethical Requirements**

From the time this solicitation is published until a contract is awarded, no Vendor shall offer or give, directly or indirectly, any gift, expense reimbursement, or honorarium, as defined by RSA 15-B, to any elected official, public official, public employee, constitutional official, or family member of any such official or employee who will or has selected, evaluated, or awarded a solicitation, or similar submission. Any Vendor that violates RSA 21-G:38 shall be subject to prosecution for an offense under RSA 640:2. Any Vendor who has been convicted of an offense based on conduct in violation of this section, which has not been annulled, or who is subject to a pending criminal charge for such an offense, shall be disqualified from submitting a response to this solicitation, or similar request for submission and every such Vendor shall be disqualified from submitting any solicitation response or similar request for submission issued by any state agency. A Vendor that was disqualified under this section because of a pending criminal charge which is subsequently dismissed, results in an acquittal, or is annulled, may notify the Department of Administrative Services, which shall note that information on the list maintained on the state's internal intranet system, except in the case of annulment, the information, shall be deleted from the list.

#### **6.20. Liquidated Damages**

The selected Applicant agrees that liquidated damages may be determined by the Department as part of the contract specifications, as failure to achieve required performance levels will more than likely substantially delay and disrupt the Department's operations.

### **7. COMPLIANCE**

**7.1.** The selected Applicant(s) must be in compliance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and applicable policies and procedures adopted by the Department currently in effect, and as they may be adopted or amended during the contract period.

**7.2.** The selected Applicant(s) may be required to complete a contract monitoring questionnaire, to be provided by the Department, to determine risk of noncompliance and appropriate monitoring activities, including, but not limited to:

7.2.1. Site visits.

7.2.2. File reviews.

7.2.3. Staff training.

#### **7.3. Records**

7.3.1. The selected Applicant(s) must maintain the following records during the resulting contract term where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department:

- 7.3.1.1. Books, records, documents and other electronic or physical data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the selected Applicant(s) in the performance of the resulting contract(s), and all income received or collected by the selected Applicant(s).
  - 7.3.1.2. All records must be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
  - 7.3.1.3. Medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
- 7.3.2. During the term of the resulting contract(s) and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the resulting contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts. If, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the selected Applicant as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the selected Applicant.

#### **7.4. Credits and Copyright Ownership**

- 7.4.1. All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the resulting contract(s) must include the following statement, "The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services."
- 7.4.2. All written, video and audio materials produced or purchased under the contract(s) must have prior approval from the Department before printing, production, distribution or use.
- 7.4.3. The Department will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to:
  - 7.4.3.1. Brochures.

- 7.4.3.2. Resource directories.
- 7.4.3.3. Protocols.
- 7.4.3.4. Guidelines.
- 7.4.3.5. Posters.
- 7.4.3.6. Reports.
- 7.4.4. The selected Applicant(s) must not reproduce any materials produced under the contract(s) without prior written approval from the Department.

## **7.5. Background Checks**

- 7.5.1. Prior to permitting any individual to provide services under this Agreement, the selected Applicant must ensure that said individual has undergone:
  - 7.5.1.1. A criminal background check, at the selected Applicant's expense, and has no convictions for crimes that represent evidence of behavior that could endanger individuals served under this Agreement;
  - 7.5.1.2. A name search of the Department's Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) State Registry, pursuant to RSA 161-F:49, with results indicating no evidence of behavior that could endanger individuals served under this Agreement; and
  - 7.5.1.3. A name search of the Department's Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Central Registry pursuant to RSA 169-C:35, with results indicating no evidence of behavior that could endanger individuals served under this Agreement.

## **7.6. Confidential Data**

- 7.6.1. The selected Applicant must meet all information security and privacy requirements as set by the Department and in accordance with the Department's Exhibit E, DHHS Information Security Requirements.

## **7.7. Department Owned Devices, Systems and Network Usage**

- 7.7.1. If the selected Applicant's End Users are authorized by the Department's Information Security Office to use a Department issued device (e.g. computer, tablet, mobile telephone) or access the Department network in the fulfillment of this Agreement, the selected Applicant must:
  - 7.7.1.1. Sign and abide by applicable Department and New Hampshire Department of Information Technology (NH DoIT) use agreements, policies, standards, procedures and guidelines, and complete applicable trainings as required;
  - 7.7.1.2. Use the information that they have permission to access solely for conducting official Department business and agree that all other

- use or access is strictly forbidden including, but not limited, to personal or other private and non-Department use, and that at no time shall they access or attempt to access information without having the express authority of the Department to do so;
- 7.7.1.3. Not access or attempt to access information in a manner inconsistent with the approved policies, procedures, and/or agreement relating to system entry/access;
- 7.7.1.4. Not copy, share, distribute, sub-license, modify, reverse engineer, rent, or sell software licensed, developed, or being evaluated by the Department, and at all times must use utmost care to protect and keep such software strictly confidential in accordance with the license or any other agreement executed by the Department;
- 7.7.1.5. Only use equipment, software, or subscription(s) authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;
- 7.7.1.6. Not install non-standard software on any Department equipment unless authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;
- 7.7.1.7. Agree that email and other electronic communication messages created, sent, and received on a Department-issued email system are the property of the Department of New Hampshire and to be used for business purposes only. Email is defined as "internal email systems" or "Department-funded email systems."
- 7.7.1.8. Agree that use of email must follow Department and NH DoIT policies, standards, and/or guidelines; and
- 7.7.1.9. Agree when utilizing the Department's email system:
- 7.7.1.9.1. To only use a Department email address assigned to them with a "@ affiliate.DHHS.NH.Gov".
- 7.7.1.9.2. Include in the signature lines information identifying the End User as a non-Department workforce member; and
- 7.7.1.9.3. Ensure the following confidentiality notice is embedded underneath the signature line:
- CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: "This message may contain information that is privileged and confidential and is intended only for the use of the individual(s) to whom it is addressed. If you receive this message in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete this electronic

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message and any attachments from your system. Thank you for your cooperation.”

- 7.7.2. Contractor End Users with a Department issued email, access or potential access to Confidential Data, and/or a workspace in a Department building/facility, must:
  - 7.7.2.1. Complete the Department’s Annual Information Security & Compliance Awareness Training prior to accessing, viewing, handling, hearing, or transmitting Department Data or Confidential Data.
  - 7.7.2.2. Sign the Department’s Business Use and Confidentiality Agreement and Asset Use Agreement, and the NH DoIT Department wide Computer Use Agreement upon execution of the Contract and annually throughout the Contract term.
  - 7.7.2.3. Agree End User’s will only access the Department’ intranet to view the Department’s Policies and Procedures and Information Security webpages.
  - 7.7.2.4. Agree, if any End User is found to be in violation of any of the above-Department terms and conditions of the Contract, said End User may face removal from the Contract, and/or criminal and/or civil prosecution, if the act constitutes a violation of law.
  - 7.7.2.5. Agrees to notify the Department a minimum of three business days prior to any upcoming transfers or terminations of End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges. If End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges resign or are dismissed without advance notice, the selected Applicant agrees to notify the Department’s Information Security Office or designee immediately.
- 7.7.3. Workspace Requirement
  - 7.7.3.1. If applicable, the Department will work with selected Applicant to determine requirements for providing necessary workspace and Department equipment for its End Users.

**7.8. Audit Requirements**

- 7.8.1. The selected Applicant must email an annual audit to [dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov) if any of the following conditions exist:
  - 7.8.1.1. Condition A - The selected Applicant expended \$750,000 or more in federal funds received as a subrecipient pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, during the most recently completed fiscal year.

- 7.8.1.2. Condition B - The selected Applicant is subject to audit pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 7:28, III-b, pertaining to charitable organizations receiving support of \$1,000,000 or more.
- 7.8.1.3. Condition C - The selected Applicant is a public company and required by Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations to submit an annual financial audit.
- 7.8.2. If Condition A exists, the selected Applicant shall submit an annual single audit performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to the Department within 120 days after the close of the Applicant's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards.
- 7.8.3. If Condition B or Condition C exists, the selected Applicant shall submit an annual financial audit performed by an independent CPA within 120 days after the close of the selected Applicant's fiscal year.
- 7.8.4. Any selected Applicant that receives an amount equal to or greater than \$250,000 from the Department during a single fiscal year, regardless of the funding source, may be required, at a minimum, to submit annual financial audits performed by an independent CPA if the Department's risk assessment determination indicates the Applicant is high-risk.
- 7.8.5. In addition to, and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the resulting Contract(s), it is understood and agreed by the selected Applicant(s) that the selected Applicant shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department all payments made under the resulting Contract to which exception has been taken, or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.

## **8. APPENDICES TO THIS SOLICITATION**

- 8.1. Appendix A – Form P-37 General Provisions and Standard Exhibits**
- 8.2. Appendix B – Transmittal Letter and Applicant Information**
- 8.3. Appendix C – Technical Response to Questions**

**Subject:**

Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name		1.2 State Agency Address	
1.3 Contractor Name		1.4 Contractor Address	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number	1.6 Account Unit and Class	1.7 Completion Date	1.8 Price Limitation
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number	
1.11 Contractor Signature  <div style="text-align: right;">Date:</div>		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory	
1.13 State Agency Signature  <div style="text-align: right;">Date:</div>		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel <i>(if applicable)</i>  By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) <i>(if applicable)</i>  By: _____ On: _____			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council <i>(if applicable)</i>  G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			



**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 (“State”), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 (“Contractor”) to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference (“Services”).

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 (“Effective Date”).

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance

hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State’s liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor’s order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor’s books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State’s point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.



## 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder (“Event of Default”):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;  
8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or  
8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

## 9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State’s discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report (“Termination Report”) describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State’s discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

## 10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word “Property” shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

**11. CONTRACTOR’S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers’ compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

## 12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. “Change of Control” means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State’s sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

**14. INSURANCE.**

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

**17. NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

**18. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.**

19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

**20. CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

**21. THIRD PARTIES.** This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

**22. HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

**23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

**24. FURTHER ASSURANCES.** The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

**25. SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

**26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

# New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

## Exhibit D – Federal Requirements

### SECTION A: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

#### ALTERNATIVE I - FOR CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.). The January 31, 1989 regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990 Federal Register (pages 21681-21691), and require certification by contractors (and by inference, sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 3017.630(c) of the regulation provides that a contractor (and by inference, sub-contractors) that is a State may elect to make one certification to the Department in each federal fiscal year in lieu of certificates for each Agreement during the federal fiscal year covered by the certification. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment. Contractors using this form should send it to:

Commissioner  
NH Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301-6505

1. The Contractor certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - 1.1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - 1.2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
    - 1.2.1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - 1.2.2. The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - 1.2.3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - 1.2.4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - 1.3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the Agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - 1.4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the Agreement, the employee will
    - 1.4.1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - 1.4.2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
  - 1.5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2 from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every contract officer on whose contract activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal

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agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected Agreement;

- 1.6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2, with respect to any employee who is so convicted
    - 1.6.1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
    - 1.6.2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
  - 1.7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6.
2. The Contractor may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific Agreement.

Place of Performance (street address, city, county, state, zip code) (list each location)

Check  if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

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### SECTION B: CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

- \*Temporary Assistance to Needy Families under Title IV-A
- \*Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D
- \*Social Services Block Grant Program under Title XX
- \*Medicaid Program under Title XIX
- \*Community Services Block Grant under Title VI
- \*Child Care Development Block Grant under Title IV

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-contractor).
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub- contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, (Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, see <https://omb.report/icr/201009-0348-022/doc/20388401>
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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### SECTION C: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12549 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this Agreement is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2004-title45-vol1/CFR-2004-title45-vol1-part76/context>.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this Agreement that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties) <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-22/chapter-V/part-513>.



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9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

### PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - 11.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - 11.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (Agreement) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a 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;
  - 11.3. Are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (l)(b) of this certification; and
  - 11.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
12. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

### LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

13. By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (Agreement), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
  - 13.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
  - 13.2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (Agreement).
14. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (Agreement) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

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### SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS, CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER ACT

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

Contractor will comply, and will require any subcontractors to comply, with any applicable federal nondiscrimination requirements, which may include:

1. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3789d) which prohibits recipients of federal funding under this statute from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act requires certain recipients to produce an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan;
2. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. Section 5672(b)) which adopts by reference, the civil rights obligations of the Safe Streets Act. Recipients of federal funding under this statute are prohibited from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act includes Equal Employment Opportunity Plan requirements;
3. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity);
4. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), which prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of disability, in regard to employment and the delivery of services or benefits, in any program or activity;
5. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sections 12131-34), which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation;
6. The Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681, 1683, 1685-86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs;
7. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. Sections 6106-07), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. It does not include employment discrimination;
8. 28 C.F.R. pt. 31 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – OJJDP Grant Programs); 28 C.F.R. pt. 42 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity; Policies and Procedures); Executive Order No. 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations); Executive Order No. 13559, which provide fundamental principles and policy-making criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations;
9. 28 C.F.R. pt. 38 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); and Whistleblower protections 41 U.S.C. §4712 and The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) the Pilot



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Program for Enhancement of Contract Employee Whistleblower Protections, which protects employees against reprisal for certain whistle blowing activities in connection with federal grants and contracts.

10. The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) which seeks to protect human health and the environment from emissions that pollute ambient, or outdoor, air.

11. The Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387) which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters.

The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment.

In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, to the applicable contracting agency or division within the Department of Health and Human Services, and to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Ombudsman.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

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### SECTION E: CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees, by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Section 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of Public Law 103-227, Part C, known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994.

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### SECTION F: CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$30,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$30,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$30,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$30,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must report the following information for any sub award or contract award subject to the FFATA reporting requirements:

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique Entity Identifier (SAM UEI; DUNS#)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.  
Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, Public Law 109-282 and Public Law 110-252, and 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

The below named Contractor agrees to provide needed information as outlined above to the NH Department of Health and Human Services and to comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act.

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### FORM A

As the Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions, I certify that the responses to the below listed questions are true and accurate.

1. The UEI (SAM.gov) number for your entity is: \_\_\_\_\_
2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO                      \_\_\_\_\_ YES

If the answer to #2 above is NO, stop here

If the answer to #2 above is YES, please answer the following:

3. Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO                      \_\_\_\_\_ YES

If the answer to #3 above is YES, stop here

If the answer to #3 above is NO, please answer the following:

4. The names and compensation of the five most highly compensated officers in your business or organization are as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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##### A. Definitions

The following terms may be reflected and have the described meaning in this document:

1. "Breach" means the loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to personally identifiable information, whether physical or electronic. With regard to Protected Health Information, "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
2. "Computer Security Incident" shall have the same meaning "Computer Security Incident" in section two (2) of NIST Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.
3. "Confidential Information" or "Confidential Data" means all confidential information disclosed by one party to the other such as all medical, health, financial, public assistance benefits and personal information including without limitation, Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Case Records, Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

Confidential Information also includes any and all information owned or managed by the State of NH - created, received from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or accessed in the course of performing contracted services - of which collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation. This information includes, but is not limited to Protected Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI), Personal Financial Information (PFI), Federal Tax Information (FTI), Social Security Numbers (SSN), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and or other sensitive and confidential information.

4. "End User" means any person or entity (e.g., contractor, contractor's employee, business associate, subcontractor, other downstream user, etc.) that receives DHHS data or derivative data in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
5. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. "Incident" means an act that potentially violates an explicit or implied security policy, which includes attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, unwanted disruption or denial of service, the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data; and changes to system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without the owner's knowledge, instruction, or consent. Incidents include the loss of data through theft or device misplacement, loss

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or misplacement of hardcopy documents, and misrouting of physical or electronic mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

7. "Open Wireless Network" means any network or segment of a network that is not designated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Information Technology or delegate as a protected network (designed, tested, and approved, by means of the State, to transmit) will be considered an open network and not adequately secure for the transmission of unencrypted PI, PFI, PHI or confidential DHHS data.
8. "Personal Information" (or "PI") means information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, personal information as defined in New Hampshire RSA 359-C:19, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.
9. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
10. "Protected Health Information" (or "PHI") has the same meaning as provided in the definition of "Protected Health Information" in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
11. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
12. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

#### I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

##### A. Business Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information.

1. The Contractor must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Confidential Information except as reasonably necessary as outlined under this Contract. Further, Contractor, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.

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2. The Contractor must not disclose any Confidential Information in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.
3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

#### II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

1. Application Encryption. If End User is transmitting DHHS data containing Confidential Data between applications, the Contractor attests the applications have been evaluated by an expert knowledgeable in cyber security and that said application's encryption capabilities ensure secure transmission via the internet.
2. Computer Disks and Portable Storage Devices. End User may not use computer disks or portable storage devices, such as a thumb drive, as a method of transmitting DHHS data.
3. Encrypted Email. End User may only employ email to transmit Confidential Data if email is encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
4. Encrypted Web Site. If End User is employing the Web to transmit Confidential Data, the secure socket layers (SSL) must be used and the web site must be secure. SSL encrypts data transmitted via a Web site.
5. File Hosting Services, also known as File Sharing Sites. End User may not use file hosting services, such as Dropbox or Google Cloud Storage, to transmit Confidential Data.
6. Ground Mail Service. End User may only transmit Confidential Data via *certified* ground mail within the continental U.S. and when sent to a named individual.
7. Laptops and PDA. If End User is employing portable devices to transmit Confidential Data said devices must be encrypted and password-protected.

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8. Open Wireless Networks. End User may not transmit Confidential Data via an open wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.
9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

### III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

The Contractor will only retain the data and any derivative of the data for the duration of this Contract. After such time, the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data and any derivative in whatever form it may exist, unless, otherwise required by law or permitted under this Contract. To this end, the parties must:

#### A. Retention

1. The Contractor agrees it will not store, transfer or process data collected in connection with the services rendered under this Contract outside of the United States. This physical location requirement shall also apply in the implementation of cloud computing, cloud service or cloud storage capabilities, and includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.
2. The Contractor agrees to ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
4. The Contractor agrees to retain all electronic and hard copies of Confidential Data in a secure location and identified in section IV. A.2
5. The Contractor agrees Confidential Data stored in a Cloud must be in a FedRAMP/HITECH compliant solution and comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security. All servers and devices must have currently-supported and hardened operating systems, the latest anti-viral, antihacker, anti-spam, anti-spyware, and anti-malware utilities. The environment, as a whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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6. The Contractor agrees to and ensures its complete cooperation with the State's Chief Information Officer in the detection of any security vulnerability of the hosting infrastructure.

#### B. Disposition

1. If the Contractor will maintain any Confidential Information on its systems (or its sub-contractor systems), the Contractor will maintain a documented process for securely disposing of such data upon request or contract termination; and will obtain written certification for any State of New Hampshire data destroyed by the Contractor or any subcontractors as a part of ongoing, emergency, and or disaster recovery operations. When no longer in use, electronic media containing State of New Hampshire data shall be rendered unrecoverable via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion and media sanitization, or otherwise physically destroying the media (for example, degaussing) as described in NIST Special Publication 800-88, Rev 1, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce. The Contractor will document and certify in writing at time of the data destruction, and will provide written certification to the Department upon request. The written certification will include all details necessary to demonstrate data has been properly destroyed and validated. Where applicable, regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements will be jointly evaluated by the State and Contractor prior to destruction.
2. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to destroy all hard copies of Confidential Data using a secure method such as shredding.
3. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to completely destroy all electronic Confidential Data by means of data erasure, also known as secure data wiping.

#### IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:
  1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
  2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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3. The Contractor will maintain appropriate authentication and access controls to contractor systems that collect, transmit, or store Department confidential information where applicable.
4. The Contractor will ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
5. The Contractor will provide regular security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
6. If the Contractor will be sub-contracting any core functions of the engagement supporting the services for State of New Hampshire, the Contractor will maintain a program of an internal process or processes that defines specific security expectations, and monitoring compliance to security requirements that at a minimum match those for the Contractor, including breach notification requirements.
7. The Contractor will work with the Department to sign and comply with all applicable State of New Hampshire and Department system access and authorization policies and procedures, systems access forms, and computer use agreements as part of obtaining and maintaining access to any Department system(s). Agreements will be completed and signed by the Contractor and any applicable sub-contractors prior to system access being authorized.
8. If the Department determines the Contractor is a Business Associate pursuant to 45 CFR 160.103, the Contractor will execute a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Department and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the agreement.
9. The Contractor will work with the Department at its request to complete a System Management Survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable the Department and Contractor to monitor for any changes in risks, threats, and vulnerabilities that may occur over the life of the Contractor engagement. The survey will be completed annually, or an alternate time frame at the Departments discretion with agreement by the Contractor, or the Department may request the survey be completed when the scope of the engagement between the Department and the Contractor changes.
10. The Contractor will not store, knowingly or unknowingly, any State of New Hampshire or Department data offshore or outside the boundaries of the United States unless prior express written consent is obtained from the Information Security Office leadership member within the Department.
11. Data Security Breach Liability. In the event of any security breach Contractor shall make efforts to investigate the causes of the breach, promptly take measures to prevent

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future breach and minimize any damage or loss resulting from the breach. The State shall recover from the Contractor all costs of response and recovery from

the breach, including but not limited to: credit monitoring services, mailing costs and costs associated with website and telephone call center services necessary due to the breach.

12. Contractor must, comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security of Confidential Information, and must in all other respects maintain the privacy and security of PI and PHI at a level and scope that is not less than the level and scope of requirements applicable to federal agencies, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), DHHS Privacy Act Regulations (45 C.F.R. §5b), HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) that govern protections for individually identifiable health information and as applicable under State law.
13. Contractor agrees to establish and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards must provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security requirements established by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology. Refer to Vendor Resources/Procurement at <https://www.nh.gov/doiit/vendor/index.htm> for the Department of Information Technology policies, guidelines, standards, and procurement information relating to vendors.
14. Contractor agrees to maintain a documented breach notification and incident response process. The Contractor will notify the State's Privacy Officer and the State's Security Officer of any security breach immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI. This includes a confidential information breach, computer security incident, or suspected breach which affects or includes any State of New Hampshire systems that connect to the State of New Hampshire network.
15. Contractor must restrict access to the Confidential Data obtained under this Contract to only those authorized End Users who need such DHHS Data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this Contract.
16. The Contractor must ensure that all End Users:
  - a. comply with such safeguards as referenced in Section IV A. above, implemented to protect Confidential Information that is furnished by DHHS under this Contract from loss, theft or inadvertent disclosure.
  - b. safeguard this information at all times.
  - c. ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PHI, PI, or PFI are encrypted and password-protected.

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- d. send emails containing Confidential Information only if encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
- e. limit disclosure of the Confidential Information to the extent permitted by law.
- f. Confidential Information received under this Contract and individually identifiable data derived from DHHS Data, must be stored in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.).
- g. only authorized End Users may transmit the Confidential Data, including any derivative files containing personally identifiable information, and in all cases, such data must be encrypted at all times when in transit, at rest, or when stored on portable media as required in section IV above.
- h. in all other instances Confidential Data must be maintained, used and disclosed using appropriate safeguards, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.
- i. understand that their user credentials (user name and password) must not be shared with anyone. End Users will keep their credential information secure. This applies to credentials used to access the site directly or indirectly through a third party application.

Contractor is responsible for oversight and compliance of their End Users. DHHS reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections to monitor compliance with this Contract, including the privacy and security requirements provided in herein, HIPAA, and other applicable laws and Federal regulations until such time the Confidential Data is disposed of in accordance with this Contract.

#### V. LOSS REPORTING

The Contractor must notify the State's Privacy Officer and Security Officer of any Security Incidents and Breaches immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI.

The Contractor must further handle and report Incidents and Breaches involving PHI in accordance with the agency's documented Incident Handling and Breach Notification procedures and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §§ 431.300 - 306. In addition to, and notwithstanding, Contractor's compliance with all applicable obligations and procedures, Contractor's procedures must also address how the Contractor will:

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;

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4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and
5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

Incidents and/or Breaches that implicate PI must be addressed and reported, as applicable, in accordance with NH RSA 359-C:20.

#### VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov B.

DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

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**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement (Form P-37) (“Agreement”), and any of its agents who receive use or have access to protected health information (PHI), as defined herein, shall be referred to as the “Business Associate.” The State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, “Department” shall be referred to as the “Covered Entity,” The Contractor and the Department are collectively referred to as “the parties.”

The parties agree, to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191, the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164 (HIPAA), provisions of the HITECH Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Parts 1&2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 42 USC 17934, et sec., applicable to business associates, and as applicable, to be bound by the provisions of the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records, 42 USC s. 290 dd-2, 42 CFR Part 2, (Part 2), as any of these laws and regulations may be amended from time to time.

(1) Definitions.

- a. The following terms shall have the same meaning as defined in HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and Part 2, as they may be amended from time to time:
  - “Breach,” “Designated Record Set,” “Data Aggregation,” Designated Record Set,” “Health Care Operations,” “HITECH Act,” “Individual,” “Privacy Rule,” “Required by law,” “Security Rule,” and “Secretary.”
- b. Business Associate Agreement, (BAA) means the Business Associate Agreement that includes privacy and confidentiality requirements of the Business Associate working with PHI and as applicable, Part 2 record(s) on behalf of the Covered Entity under the Agreement.
- c. “Constructively Identifiable,” means there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used, alone or in combination with other reasonably available information, by an anticipated recipient to identify an individual who is a subject of the information.
- d. “Protected Health Information” (“PHI”) as used in the Agreement and the BAA, means protected health information defined in HIPAA 45 CFR 160.103, limited to the information created, received, or used by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes any Part 2 records, if applicable, as defined below.
- e. “Part 2 record” means any patient “Record,” relating to a “Patient,” and “Patient Identifying Information,” as defined in 42 CFR Part 2.11.
- f. “Unsecured Protected Health Information” means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

(2) Business Associate Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors,

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officers, employees, and agents, shall protect any PHI as required by HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2, and not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA or 42 CFR Part 2.

- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, as applicable:
  - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - II. As required by law, according to the terms set forth in paragraph c. and d. below;
  - III. According to the HIPAA minimum necessary standard;
  - IV. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of the Covered Entity; and
  - V. Data that is de-identified or aggregated and remains constructively identifiable may not be used for any purpose outside the performance of the Agreement.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the BAA or the Agreement to disclose PHI to any third party or subcontractor prior to making any disclosure, the Business Associate must obtain, a business associate agreement with the third party or subcontractor, that complies with HIPAA and ensures that all requirements and restrictions placed on the Business Associate as part of this BAA with the Covered Entity, are included in those business associate agreements with the third party or subcontractor.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, disclose any PHI in response to a request or demand for disclosure, such as by a subpoena or court order, on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity can determine how to best protect the PHI. If Covered Entity objects to the disclosure, the Business Associate agrees to refrain from disclosing the PHI and shall cooperate with the Covered Entity in any effort the Covered Entity undertakes to contest the request for disclosure, subpoena, or other legal process. If applicable relating to Part 2 records, the Business Associate shall resist any efforts to access part 2 records in any judicial proceeding.

(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.

- a. Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of all PHI in accordance with HIPAA Privacy Rule and Security Rule with regard to electronic PHI, and Part 2, as applicable.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer at the following email address, [DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov) after the Business Associate has determined that any use or disclosure not provided for by its contract, including any known or suspected privacy or security incident or breach has occurred potentially exposing or compromising the PHI. This includes inadvertent or accidental uses or disclosures or breaches of unsecured protected health information.
- c. In the event of a breach, the Business Associate shall comply with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement, all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and any additional requirements of the Agreement.
- d. The Business Associate shall perform a risk assessment, based on the information available at the time it becomes aware of any known or suspected privacy or security breach as described above and communicate the risk assessment to the Covered Entity. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
  - I. The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;

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- II. The unauthorized person who accessed, used, disclosed, or received the protected health information;
  - III. Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed; and
  - IV. How the risk of loss of confidentiality to the protected health information has been mitigated.
- e. The Business Associate shall complete a risk assessment report at the conclusion of its incident or breach investigation and provide the findings in a written report to the Covered Entity as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Business Associate's investigation.
  - f. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining the Business Associate's and the Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, and Part 2, if applicable.
  - g. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the BAA to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein and an agreement that the Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of all the Business Associate's business associate agreements.
  - h. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the BAA and the Agreement.
  - i. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
  - j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
  - k. Business Associate shall document any disclosures of PHI and information related to any disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - l. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - m. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within five (5)

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business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.

- n. Within thirty (30) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-ups of such PHI in any form or platform.
  - l. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, or if retention is governed by state or federal law, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for as long as the Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) Obligations of Covered Entity

Covered Entity shall post a current version of the Notice of the Privacy Practices on the Covered Entity's website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/hipaa/publications.htm> in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520.

- a. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this BAA, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- b. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) Termination of Agreement for Cause

In addition to the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity.

(6) Miscellaneous

- a. Definitions, Laws, and Regulatory References. All laws and regulations used, herein, shall refer to those laws and regulations as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in HIPAA or 42 Part 2, means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. Change in law. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary from time to time for the Covered Entity and/or Business Associate to

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comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2 other applicable federal and state law.

- c. Data Ownership. The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the BAA and the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity and the Business Associate to comply with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2.
- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this BAA or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this BAA are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this BAA regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the BAA in section (3) n.l., the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) g. and Paragraph 13 of the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, shall survive the termination of the BAA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Business Associate Agreement.

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The State

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Date

Name of the Contractor

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

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**Appendix B – Transmittal Letter and Vendor Information**

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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>	
<b>Solicitation ID Number</b>	
<b>Vendor Name</b>	
<b>Vendor Address</b>	
<b>State of NH Vendor Code Number (required)</b>	
<b>Date of Submission</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applying as a psychiatrist.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I Check if applying as an advance practice registered nurse (ARPN).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applying as an organization.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check to confirm you have attached a copy of the required license(s).	

To whom it may concern:

We hereby submit this response to the Solicitation referenced above, in complete accordance with all conditions and specifications set forth in the Solicitation.

We attest to the fact that:

1. The Vendor has read and fully understands this Solicitation and agrees to be bound by its terms, conditions, and requirements.
2. The Vendor has read and fully understands Appendix A - Form P-37 General Provisions and Standard Exhibits.
3. The Vendor's Solicitation Response is effective for a period of 180 days from the Vendor Solicitation Response Due Date or until the Effective Date of any resulting Contract, whichever is later.
4. The prices, terms and conditions, and services in the Vendor's Solicitation Response have been established without collusion with other vendors.
5. This document is signed by a person who is authorized to legally obligate the responding Vendor.

Further, in accordance with RSA 21-I:11-c, the undersigned Vendor certifies that neither the Vendor nor any of its subsidiaries, affiliates or principal officers is currently debarred from performing work on any project of the federal government or the government of any state.

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<b>Authorized Signature</b>	
<b>Authorized Signature (printed)</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

1. Vendor Contact Information		
<b>Primary Point of Contact</b> <i>Individual who will serve as the Vendor's primary contact for all other matters relating to the Solicitation.</i>	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Title</b>	
	<b>Email</b>	
	<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Fiscal Contact</b> <i>Individual who will serve as the Vendor's primary contact for fiscal matters.</i>	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Title</b>	
	<b>Email</b>	
	<b>Telephone</b>	

2. Affiliations – Conflict of Interest	
Does your organization have any affiliations that might result in a conflict of interest in relation to this Solicitation?	Choose an item.
a. If <b>YES</b> , explain the relationship(s) and how the affiliation(s) would not represent a conflict of interest.	



## Appendix C – Technical Response to Mandatory Questions

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**Instructions:** Provide detailed responses in the text boxes to the questions below. If additional attachments are required as specified below, submit the attachments in the order they are requested below. Please limit response to each question to a maximum of three pages.

<b>Vendor Name</b>	
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1. Describe your ability to perform the entire scope of work in this solicitation, including any relevant certifications or specialized trainings. Please limit your response to Q1 to a maximum of two (2) pages

<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p>
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2. Describe your experience providing psychiatric services to patients in a community residence or group setting. Please limit your response to Q2 to a maximum of three (3) pages.

**Response:**





3. How many hours per week are you available to provide services? Please provide a range of availability per week, in hours, and any information pertinent to your availability to provide the services. Please limit your response to Q3 to a maximum of two (2) pages.

**Response:**