

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**VENDOR STANDARD CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT, which includes Attachment I and the accompanying attachments and exhibits, is entered into between the State of Florida, Department of Health, hereinafter referred to as the Department”, and [REDACTED] hereinafter referred to as the “Provider”, each a “party” and jointly referred to as the “parties.”

**THE PARTIES AGREE:**

**I. PROVIDER AGREES:**

**A. To provide services in accordance with the terms specified in Attachment I attached hereto and** ensure any deliverables under the Contract, which may include “commodities” and “contractual services”, as each is defined in section 287.012, F.S. does not include, and no State funding under the Contract is being provided for, promoting, advocating for, or providing training or education on “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” (“DEI”). DEI is any program, activity, or policy that classifies individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, gender identity, or sexual orientation and promotes differential or preferential treatment of individuals on the basis of such classification or promotes the position that a group or an individual’s action is inherently, unconsciously, or implicitly biased on the basis of such classification.

**B. To the Following Governing Law**

1. **State of Florida Law:** This Contract is executed and entered into in the state of Florida, and will be construed, performed, and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the state of Florida (State). Each party will perform its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.
2. **Federal Law:**
  - a. If this Contract contains federal funds, Provider must comply with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. part 200, appendix II as revised, and other applicable regulations as specified in the Contract.
  - b. If this Contract includes federal funds that will be used for construction or repairs, Provider must comply with the provisions of the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. section 874), as supplemented by the U.S. Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The act prohibits providers from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. All suspected violations must be reported to the Department.
  - c. If this Contract includes federal funds that will be used for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work, Provider must comply with 37 C.F.R., part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms under Governmental Grants, Contracts, and Cooperative Agreements.”
  - d. If this Contract contains federal funds and is over \$100,000, Provider must comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. chapter 85) and the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. chapter 26), President’s Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Provider must report any violations of the above to the Department.
  - e. If this Contract contains federal funding exceeding \$100,000, Provider must, prior to Contract execution, complete the Certification Regarding Lobbying form, Attachment [REDACTED]. If a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, Standard Form LLL, is required, it may be obtained from the Contract Manager and must be completed prior to Contract execution. All disclosure forms as required by the Certification Regarding Lobbying form must be completed and returned to the Contract Manager.
  - f. If this Contract contains federal funds, Provider must comply with President’s Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity (30 Fed. Reg. 12935), as amended by President’s Executive Order 11375, (32 Fed. Reg. 14303), and as supplemented by regulations at 41 C.F.R. chapter 60, as revised.
  - g. If this Contract contains federal funds, Provider must comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. sections 6081-6084, which requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of federally funded services including health, daycare, early childhood development, education, or library services on a routine or regular basis, to children up to age 18. Provider’s failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. Provider must include a similar provision in any subcontracts it enters under this Contract.
  - h. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA):** When applicable, Provider must comply with Federal Privacy and Security Regulations developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as specified in 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164 promulgated pursuant to HIPAA, Pub. L. No. 104-191, and

the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII of Division A, Title IV of Division B, Pub. L. No 111-5, as revised, collectively referred to as “HIPAA.”

- i. **Use and Disclosure of Confidential Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Information:** When applicable, Provider must restrict the use and disclosure of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), WIC confidential applicant and participant information as specified in 7 CFR § 246.26(d)(1)(i) in accordance with 7 CFR § 246.26(d)(1)(ii). If Provider is determined to be a sub-recipient of federal funds, Provider must comply with the requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, by obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S) number and registering with the federal System for Award Management (SAM). No payments will be issued until Provider has submitted a valid D-U-N-S number and evidence of registration (i.e., a printed copy of the completed SAM registration) in SAM to the Contract Manager. To request a D-U-N-S number visit <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> and to obtain registration and instructions for SAM, visit <https://sam.gov/>.

### C. Records Retention

1. **Public Records:** Keep and maintain public records, as defined by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes that are required by the Department to perform the services required by the Contract. Upon request from the Department’s custodian of public records, provide the Department with a copy of the requested public records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed that provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. Ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from public record disclosure are not disclosed, except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if Provider does not transfer the public records to the Department. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer to the Department at no cost, all public records in possession of Provider or keep and maintain public records required by the Department to perform the Contract services. If Provider transfers all public records to the Department upon completion of the Contract, Provider will destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt. If Provider keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, Provider will meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Department, upon request of the Department’s custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Department. The Department may unilaterally terminate this Contract if Provider refuses to allow access to all public records made or maintained by Provider in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from section 24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.

**If the Provider has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the Provider’s duty to provide public records relating to this Contract, contact the custodian of public records at (850)245-4005, [PublicRecordsRequest@flhealth.gov](mailto:PublicRecordsRequest@flhealth.gov) or 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A02, Tallahassee, FL 32399.**

2. **Coordination of Contracted Services:** Pursuant to section 287.0575(2), Florida Statutes, if Provider has more than one Contract with one or more of the five Florida health and human services agencies (the Department of Children and Families, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Health, the Department of Elderly Affairs, and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs), a comprehensive list of the Provider’s health and human services Contracts must be submitted to the respective agencies Contract Manager(s). The list must include the following information: a) The name of each Contracting state agency and the applicable office or program issuing the Contract; b) the identifying name and number of each Contract; c) the starting and ending date of each Contract; d) the amount of each Contract; e) a brief description of the purpose of the Contract and the types of services provided under each Contract; f) the name and contact information of the contract manager.
3. **Cooperation with Inspectors General:** To the extent applicable, Provider acknowledges and understands it has a duty to and will cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to section 20.055(5), Florida Statutes.
4. **Cooperation with the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives:** Pursuant to section 287.058(7), Florida Statutes, Provider agrees to disclose any requested information, relevant to the performance of this Contract, to members or staff of the Florida Senate or the Florida House of Representatives, as requested. Provider is strictly prohibited from enforcing any nondisclosure clauses that conflict with this requirement.
5. **Exit Transition Services:** If applicable, Provider must provide to the Department, or its designee, all reasonable services necessary for the transfer of knowledge regarding the services and deliverables provided under the Contract to facilitate the orderly transfer of such services to the Department or its designee. If the Department determines that

Exit Transition Services are necessary, such services may continue for up to six months after termination, expiration, or cancellation of the Contract, at no cost to the Department, or as agreed upon by the Parties in writing.

**D. Monitoring by the Department and Dispute Resolution:**

1. **Monitoring by the Department:** To permit persons duly authorized by the Department to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services of Provider, which are relevant to this Contract and interview any clients or employees of Provider to assure the Department of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this Contract. The Provider must provide the requested records, papers, and documents to the Department within 10 business days after the request is made. Following the Department's monitoring, the Department may provide the Provider with a written report specifying the noncompliance and request a Corrective Action Plan to be carried out by the Provider. At the sole and exclusive discretion of the Department, the Department may take any of the following actions including the assessment of financial consequences pursuant to section 287.058(1)(h), Florida Statutes, termination of this Contract for cause, demand the recoupment of funds from subsequent invoices under this Contract, or demand repayment pursuant to the terms set forth in this Contract.
2. **Dispute Resolution:** Any dispute concerning the performance of this Contract or payment hereunder shall be decided by the Department in writing and submitted to the Provider for review. The decision is final unless Provider submits a written objection to the Department within 10 calendar days from receipt of the decision. Upon receiving an objection, the Department shall provide an opportunity to resolve the dispute by mutual agreement between the parties using a negotiation process to be completed within 7 calendar days from the Department's receipt of the objection. Completion of the negotiation process is a condition precedent to any legal action by Provider or the Department concerning this Contract. Nothing contained in this section is construed to limit the parties' rights of termination specified in this Contract.

**E. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability**

**1. Indemnification:**

- a. This section is not applicable to contracts executed with State agencies or subdivisions, as defined in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- b. Provider is liable for and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Department and all of its officers, agents, and employees from all claims, suits, judgments, or damages, consequential or otherwise and including attorneys' fees and costs, arising out of any act, actions, neglect, or omissions by Provider, its agents, or employees during the performance or operation of this Contract or any subsequent modifications thereof, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or tangible or intangible property.
- c. Provider's inability to evaluate liability or its evaluation of no liability will not excuse Provider's duty to defend and indemnify the Department. Only adjudication or judgment after the highest appeal is exhausted specifically finding Provider not liable will excuse the performance of this provision. Provider will pay all costs and fees related to this obligation and its enforcement by the Department. The Department's failure to notify Provider of a claim will not release Provider of the above duty to indemnify.
- d. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as the Department agreeing to indemnify the Provider.

2. **Limitation of Liability:** For all claims against the Provider under the Contract, and regardless of the basis on which the claim is made, the Provider's liability under the Contract for direct damages will be limited to the greater of \$500,000.00, the dollar amount of the Contract, or two times the charges rendered by the Provider under the Contract. This limitation will not apply to claims arising under the Indemnification paragraph contained in section E.1. above. Unless otherwise specifically enumerated in the Contract, or where such limitation is unconscionable under law, no party will be liable to another for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contract requires the Provider to back-up data or records), even if the party has been advised that such damages are possible. No party will be liable for lost profits, lost revenue, or lost institutional operating savings. The Department and the State may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Provider, retain such monies from amounts due Provider as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like asserted by or against them. The Department and the State may set off any liability or other obligation of the Provider or its affiliates to the Department or the State against any payments due to the Provider under the Contract. Nothing contained herein negates the sovereign immunity protections provided to State agencies or subdivisions, as defined in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

- F. Insurance:** To maintain insurance sufficient to adequately protect the Department from all liability and property damage and hazards that may result from Provider's performance under this contract. Provider must always hold such insurance during the existence of this Contract and any renewal(s) and extension(s) of it. Upon execution of this Contract, unless it is a state agency or subdivision as defined in section 768.28, Florida Statutes, Provider accepts full responsibility for

identifying and determining the type(s) and extent of liability, workers compensation, and property damage insurance necessary to provide reasonable financial protections for Provider and the clients to be served under this Contract. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by Provider do not limit Provider's liability and obligations under this Contract. Upon the execution of this Contract, Provider must furnish the Department written verification supporting both the determination and existence of such insurance coverage. Such coverage may be provided by a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the State. The Department reserves the right to require additional insurance as specified in Attachment I.

**G. Safeguarding Information:** Provider will not use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this Contract for any purpose not in conformity with State and federal law except upon written consent of the recipient or the responsible parent or guardian when authorized by law.

#### **H. Assignments and Subcontracts**

1. **Assignment:** Provider will not assign the responsibility of this Contract to another party without the prior written approval of the Department. Any assignment or transfer otherwise occurring without the Department's approval will be null and void and the Provider will not be paid for such assigned services. This Contract will bind the successors, assigns, and legal representatives of Provider and any legal entity that succeeds to perform the Provider's obligations. The Department will be entitled to assign or transfer, in whole or part, its rights, duties, or obligations under this Contract to another governmental entity or as required under Florida law upon prior written notice to Provider.

#### **2. Subcontracts:**

- a. **Subcontracting is not allowed under this contract without prior written approval from the Department.** Provider will not subcontract any work contemplated under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Department.
- b. If the Department permits Provider to subcontract under this Contract, **Provider will be responsible for all work performed.** The Department will not be liable to the subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and Provider will be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract.
- c. If the Department permits the Provider to subcontract, such permission will be indicated in Attachment I. If Provider subcontracts any of the services performed under the Contract without obtaining the Department's prior written approval, such action will be null, and void and Provider will not be paid for such subcontracted services.
- d. Unless otherwise stated in the Provider's Contract with the subcontractor, payments must be made within seven working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the Department in accordance with section 287.0585, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay within seven working days will result in a penalty charged against the Provider to be paid by the Provider to the subcontractor in the amount of one-half of one percent of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed herein for payment. The penalty will be in addition to actual payments owed and will not exceed 15 percent of the outstanding balance due.

**I. Return of Funds:** Return to the Department any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed and any interest attributable to such funds pursuant to the terms of this Contract that were paid to Provider by the Department. If Provider or its independent auditor discovers that an overpayment has been made, Provider will repay the overpayment within 40 calendar days without prior notification from the Department. If the Department first discovers an overpayment has been made, the Department will notify Provider in writing of such a finding. Should repayment not be made in the time specified by the Department, Provider will pay interest of one percent per month compounded on the outstanding balance after 40 calendar days after the date of notification or discovery. The Department reserves the right, in its sole and exclusive discretion, to recoup Provider's unearned funds from any invoice submitted under this Contract or through collection proceedings.

**J. Transportation Disadvantaged:** If clients are to be transported under this Contract, Provider must comply with the provisions of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 41-2 and submit reports as directed by the Department.

#### **K. Purchasing**

1. **Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc. (PRIDE):** Pursuant to section 946.515(2), Florida Statutes, it is expressly understood and agreed that any articles which are the subject of, or required to carry out, this Contract shall be purchased from the corporation identified under Chapter 946, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and under the same procedures set forth in section 946.515(2) and (4), Florida Statutes; and for purposes of this Contract the person, firm, or other business entity carrying out the provisions of this contract shall be deemed to be substituted for the Department insofar as dealings with such corporation are concerned. An

abbreviated list of products and services available from PRIDE may be obtained by contacting PRIDE at 1-800-643-8459 or visiting <http://www.pride-enterprises.org>.

2. **Procurement of Materials with Recycled Content:** Any products or materials which are the subject of or are required to carry out this Contract will be procured in accordance with the provisions of section 403.7065, Florida Statutes.
3. **MyFloridaMarketPlace Vendor Registration:** Each Provider doing business with the State for the sale of commodities or contractual services as defined in section 287.012, Florida Statutes, must register in the MyFloridaMarketPlace system, unless exempted under Florida Administrative Code, Rule 60A-1.033.
4. **MyFloridaMarketPlace Transaction Fee:**
  - a. The state of Florida, through its Department of Management Services (DMS), has instituted MyFloridaMarketPlace, a statewide procurement system. Pursuant to section 287.057(24), Florida Statutes, all payments will be assessed a Transaction Fee of one percent, which Provider will pay to the State.
  - b. For payments within the State accounting system (FLAIR or its successor), the Transaction Fee will, when possible, be automatically deducted from payments to the Provider. If automatic deduction is not possible, Provider will pay the Transaction Fee pursuant to Florida Administrative Code, Rule 60A-1.031(2).
  - c. Provider will receive a credit for any Transaction Fee paid by the Provider for the purchase of any item, if such item is returned to Provider through no fault, act, or omission of Provider. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Transaction Fee is non-refundable when an item is rejected or returned, or declined, due to the Provider's failure to perform or comply with the specifications or requirements of this Contract. Failure to comply with these requirements will constitute grounds for declaring the Provider in default and recovering procurement costs from the Provider in addition to all outstanding fees. A Provider delinquent in paying transaction fees may be excluded from conducting future business with the State.
5. **Alternative Contract Source:** This Contract may be used as an alternative contract source, subject to approval from DMS, pursuant to section 287.042(16), Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code, Rule 60A-1.045.
6. **Registered to do Business with the State:** All limited liability companies, corporations, corporations not for profit, and partnerships seeking to do business with the State must be registered with the Florida Department of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 605, 607, 617, and 620, Florida Statutes, respectively prior to Contract execution.
7. **Taxes:** The Department is generally exempt from all federal, state, and local taxes and no such taxes must be included in the price of the Contract. The Department will have no responsibility for the payment of taxes that become payable by Provider or its subcontractors in the performance of the Contract.

**L. Background Screening Requirements and Drug Screening Requirements:**

1. **Background Screening Requirements:** In the Department's sole and exclusive discretion, it may determine that background screening of some or all the Provider's officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees is necessary (collectively individuals). In the event background screenings are required under this contract, the Provider agrees to the following:
  - a. Conduct background screenings in accordance with Chapter 435, Florida Statutes, using level 2 screening standards.
  - b. Provide the Department with a written attestation confirming that the individual has completed and cleared the level 2 background screening.
  - c. Not allow the individual to begin work under this contract until that individual has been cleared by the Department.
  - d. Be responsible for any costs incurred in meeting this screening requirement.
2. **Drug Screening Requirements:**
  - a. If the Provider's officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees (collectively "individuals") are assigned to work in a Department designated Safety-Sensitive Class and/or Position, under this Contract, then a drug test must be performed prior to the individual being allowed to start work under this Contract. If an individual has already been screened by the Provider, then a written attestation confirming that the individual has completed and cleared the drug screening must be submitted to the Department prior to contract execution. If an individual has not been drug screened, notify the Department immediately. No individual can begin work under this Contract until they have been cleared by the Department.
  - b. If at any time while performing services under this Contract reasonable suspicion exists to believe that the Provider's staff, which includes, but is not limited to, Provider's officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees, are under the influence of or impaired by drugs, the Department reserves the right to require the individual to undergo drug testing. The Department may require the individual to cease performing services pending drug test results. In the event of a positive drug test, the Provider must notify the Department in writing

and at which time the Department may request a replacement of equal or superior skills and qualifications of the prior individual.

- c. The Provider is responsible for any costs associated with meeting this screening requirement.

**M. Civil Rights Requirements:**

1. Provider, including its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees must review the following policies and procedures as directed by the Department: Policy for Access to Programs and Activities; Procedure for Access to Programs and Activities; Language and Disability Access Plan; and the Civil Rights Training for Access to Programs and Activities.
2. Upon contract execution and each subsequent year thereafter, the Provider must complete the Department's Civil Rights Compliance Checklist and submit it as directed by the Department.

**N. Independent Capacity of the Provider**

1. Provider is an independent contractor and is solely liable for the performance of all tasks and deliverables contemplated by this Contract.
2. Except where Provider is a state agency, Provider, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractor, or assignees, in performance of this Contract, will act in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the State. Provider will not represent to others that it has the authority to bind the Department unless specifically authorized to do so.
3. Provider, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractor, or assignees are not entitled to state retirement or state leave benefits, or to any other compensation of state employment as a result of performing the duties and obligations of this Contract.
4. Provider agrees to take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that each subcontractor of Provider understand they are independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an agent, servant, joint venturer, or partner of the state of Florida.
5. Unless justified by Provider and agreed to by the Department in the Attachment I, the Department will not furnish services of support (e.g., office space, office supplies, telephone service, secretarial, or clerical support) to Provider or its subcontractor or assignee.
6. All deductions for social security, withholding taxes, income taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds, and all necessary insurance for Provider, Provider's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or assignees will be the responsibility of Provider.

**O. Sponsorship:** As required by section 286.25, Florida Statutes, if Provider is a non-governmental organization that sponsors a program financed wholly or in part by state funds, including any funds obtained through this Contract, it will, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program, state: "*Sponsored by (Provider's name) and the State of Florida, Department of Health.*" If the sponsorship reference is in written material, the words "*State of Florida, Department of Health*" will appear in at least the same size letters or type as Provider's name.

**P. Final Invoice:** To submit the final invoice for payment to the Department as specified in Attachment I or is terminated. If Provider fails to do so, all right to payment is forfeited and the Department will not honor any requests submitted after the aforesaid time period. Any payment due under the terms of this Contract may be withheld until all deliverables and any necessary adjustments have been approved by the Department.

**Q. Use of Funds for Lobbying Prohibited:** Comply with the provisions of sections 11.062 and 216.347, Florida Statutes, which prohibit the expenditure of Contract funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, judicial branch, or a state agency.

**R. Public Entity Crime, Discriminatory Vendor, Antitrust Violator Vendor List, and Scrutinized Companies**

1. **Public Entity Crime:** Pursuant to section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the following restrictions are placed on the ability of persons convicted of public entity crimes to transact business with the Department: When a person or affiliate has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, he or she may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Provider, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
2. **Discriminatory Vendor:** Pursuant to section 287.134, Florida Statutes, the following restrictions are placed on the ability of persons convicted of discrimination to transact business with the Department: When a person or affiliate has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list following a conviction for discrimination, he or she may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity

for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a Provider, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the discriminatory vendor list.

3. **Scrutinized Companies:**

- a. The following paragraph applies regardless of the dollar value of the good or services provided: In accordance with the requirements of section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the Provider certifies that it is not participating in a boycott of Israel. At the Department's option, the Contract may be terminated if the Contractor is placed on the Quarterly List of Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel (referred to in statute as the "Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List") or becomes engaged in a boycott of Israel.
- b. The following paragraph applies only when goods or services to be provided are \$1 million or more: In accordance with the requirements of section 287.135, Florida Statutes, the Provider certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies (referred to in statute as the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List") and, to the extent not preempted by Federal law, that it has not been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. At the Department's option, the Contract may be terminated if such certification (or the certification regarding a boycott of Israel) is false, if the Contractor is placed on the Scrutinized List of Prohibited Companies, or, to the extent not preempted by Federal law, if the Contractor engages in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

4. **Antitrust Violator Vendor List:** Pursuant to section 287.137(2)(a), "[a] person or affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity."

5. **Department Notification Requirements:** Provider must notify the Department in writing if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list, the discriminatory vendor list, or the antitrust violator vendor list during the term of the Contract.

S. **Patents, Copyrights, Royalties, and Ownership of Property**

1. Provider shall not assert any rights to a) intellectual property created or otherwise developed specifically for the Department under this Contract or any prior agreement between the parties (which includes any deliverables); b) intellectual property furnished by the Department; and c) any data collected or created for the Department. Provider shall transfer all such intellectual property or data to the Department upon completion, termination, or cancellation of the Contract and prior to payment of the final invoice. If the Department or State has the authority to assert a right in any of the intellectual property or data, Provider shall assist, if necessary, in the assertion of such right. Provider must inform the Department of any inventions or discoveries developed in connection with this Contract and will be referred to the Department of State for a determination on whether patent protection will be sought for the invention or discovery. The state of Florida will be the sole owner of all patents resulting from any invention or discovery made in connection with this Contract.
2. Provider must notify the Department of State of any books, manuals, films, or other copyrightable works developed in connection with this Contract. All copyrights accruing under or in connection with the performance of the Contract are the sole property of the state of Florida.
3. Provider, without exception, will indemnify and save harmless the state of Florida and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured by Provider. Provider has no liability when such claim is solely and exclusively due to the Department of State's alteration of the article. The state of Florida will provide prompt written notification of claim of copyright or patent infringement. Further, if such claim is made or is pending, Provider may, at its option and expense, procure for the Department of State, the right to continue use of, replace, or modify the article to render it non-infringing. If Provider uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices will include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.
4. Proceeds derived from the sale, licensing, marketing, or other authorization related to any such Department-controlled intellectual property rights shall belong to the Department, unless otherwise specified by applicable State law.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and unless otherwise specified in the Attachment I, Provider's intellectual property rights that preexist this Contract will remain with Provider unless such preexisting software or work was developed under a previous Contract with the Department.
6. The following is only applicable to contracts executed with State universities, as defined in section 1001.705, Florida Statutes:
  - a. Provider will retain ownership of all intellectual property developed as part of this contract in accordance with section 1004.23, Florida Statutes. Intellectual property includes all copyrights, trademarks, and patentable developments.
  - b. Provider must notify the Florida Department of State of any intellectual property developed as part of this contract in accordance with section 1004.23, Florida Statutes. Provider grants the state of Florida an irrevocable, nonexclusive, and royalty-free license to use all intellectual property developed under this contract for the complete lifetime of the intellectual property rights.
  - c. If this contract is paid for with federal funds, Provider will grant the awarding federal agency an irrevocable, nonexclusive, and royalty-free license to use all intellectual property developed under this contract for the complete lifetime of the intellectual property rights.

**T. Construction or Renovation of Facilities Using State Funds:** Any state funds provided for the purchase of or improvements to real property are contingent upon Provider granting to the state a security interest in the property at least to the amount of the state funds provided for at least five years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements or as further required by law. As a condition of a receipt of state funding for this purpose, Provider agrees that, if it disposes of the property before the state's interest is vacated, Provider will refund the proportionate share of the state's initial investment, as adjusted by depreciation or appreciation.

**U. Electronic Fund Transfer:** Provider agrees to enroll in Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) provided by DFS. Questions should be directed to DFS's EFT Section at (850) 410-9466. The previous sentence is for notice purposes only. Copies of the authorization form and sample bank letter are available from DFS.

**V. Information Security and Confidentiality of Data, Files, and Records:**

1. **Information Security:** The State requires that all data generated, used, or stored by Provider pursuant to this Contract reside and remain in the United States and not be transferred outside of the United States. The State also requires that all services provided under the Contract, including call center or other help services, will be performed by persons located in the United States.
2. **Confidentiality of Data, Files, and Records:** Provider must maintain confidentiality of all data, files, and records, including client records, related to the services or commodities provided pursuant to this Contract in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations and any Department program-specific supplemental protocols, which are incorporated herein by reference and the receipt of which is acknowledged by Provider upon execution of this Contract, including any amendments. The Department will provide any Department program-specific supplemental protocols to Provider and reserves the right to update such protocols throughout the term of the Contract. The Provider agrees that it will continue to comply with all protocols, as updated and supplemented, throughout the duration of this Contract. Provider agrees to restrict the use and disclosure of confidential United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), WIC applicant, and participant information as specified in 7 CFR § 246.26(d)(1)(i) in accordance with 7 CFR § 246.26(d)(1)(ii), as applicable. Provider is required to have written policies and procedures ensuring the protection and confidentiality of Protected Health Information as defined in 45 CFR § 160.103. Provider must comply with any applicable professional standards of practice with respect to the confidentiality of information.
3. **Business Associate Agreement:** If applicable, Provider must execute Attachment [REDACTED], Business Associates Agreement prior to receiving any Protected Health Information, as defined in 45 CFR § 160.103, from the Department.
4. **Data Security and Confidentiality:** If applicable, and Provider requires access to the Department's network under the Contract, Provider must execute Attachment [REDACTED], Data Security and Confidentiality Attachment prior to accessing the network.

**W. Venue and Remedies for Default:**

1. **Venue:** Venue for any legal actions arising from this Contract must be in Leon County, Florida, to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction unless the Contract is entered into by one of the Department's County Health Departments, in which case, venue for any legal actions will be in the county in which the county health department is located. Each party hereby consents to the jurisdiction of such court and irrevocably waives, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any

objection or defense of lack of jurisdiction or inconvenient forum. In the event of a dispute, each party is responsible for their own attorney fees and costs unless otherwise prohibited by law.

2. **Remedies for Default:** Provider's failure to adhere to the Contract terms and conditions will subject Provider to the remedies set forth in Section III., paragraph B. 3., below.

**X. Force Majeure:** Provider may be excused from liability for the failure or delay in performance of any obligation under this Contract for any event beyond Provider's reasonable control, including but not limited to, Acts of God, fire, flood, explosion, earthquake, or other natural forces, war, civil unrest, any strike, or labor disturbance. Such excuse from liability is effective only to the extent and duration of the event(s) causing the failure or delay in performance and provided that Provider or its employees, including any subcontracted providers, have not caused such event(s) to occur. If Provider believes an excusable delay has occurred, Provider must notify the Department in writing of the delay or potential delay within five business days after its occurrence for review and approval (which will not be unreasonably withheld) and include at a minimum, a description of the delay, date the force majeure event occurred including the duration, and the tasks and deliverables affected by the delay. Provider will not be entitled to an increase in the Contract price or payment of any kind from the Department for direct, indirect, consequential, impact or other costs, expenses or damages, including but not limited to costs of acceleration or inefficiency, arising because of delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance from any cause whatsoever. All delivery dates under this Contract that have been affected by the force majeure event is tolled for the duration of such force majeure event. If the Contract is tolled for any reason, Provider is not entitled to payment for the days services were not rendered and no financial consequences will be assessed by the Department for that affected task(s) or deliverable.

**Y. Employment Eligibility Verification:** Provider is required to use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, located at <https://www.e-verify.gov> to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees used by Provider under this Contract. Provider must also include in related subcontractors, if authorized under this Contract, a requirement that subcontractors performing work under this Contract use the E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. Failure to comply with the requirements of section 448.095, Florida Statutes, will result in the Contract being terminated.

**Z. USDA WIC Services:** Provider agrees to abide by the following requirements if the Contract is related to services or commodities being provided to WIC applicants or participants: Assurance of Civil Rights Compliance: Provider hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) and as implemented by Department of Justice regulations at 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36; Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency" (August 11, 2000); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (7 CFR Part 15 et seq.); and FNS directives and guidelines to the effect that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the agency receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

By providing this assurance, the Provider agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit records and reports as required to permit effective enforcement of the nondiscrimination laws, and to permit Department personnel during normal working hours to review and copy such records, books, and accounts, access such facilities, and interview such personnel as needed to ascertain compliance with the non-discrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the USDA shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal financial assistance, grants, and loans of Federal funds, reimbursable expenditures, grant or donation of Federal property and interest in property, the detail of Federal personnel, the sale and lease of, and the permission to use Federal property or interest in such property or the furnishing of services without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration that is reduced for the purpose of assisting the recipient, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale, lease, or furnishing of services to the recipient, or any improvements made with Federal financial assistance extended to the Program applicant by USDA. This includes any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other Contract that has as one of its purposes the provision of cash assistance for the purchase of food, and cash assistance for purchase or rental of food service equipment or any other financial assistance extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance.

This assurance is binding on the Provider, its successors, transferees, and assignees if it receives or retains possession of any assistance from the Department. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to agree to abide by these assurances on behalf of the Provider.

- AA. Replacement of Provider staff:** The Department may request the removal or replacement of Provider staff, which includes, but is not limited to, Provider's officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees, from performing services under this Contract. The Provider's offered replacement must have equal or superior skills and qualifications of the prior individual.
- BB. Purchase of Motor Vehicles:** Pursuant to section 287.14(3), Florida Statutes, funds received under this Contract cannot be used to purchase or allow for the continuous lease of any motor vehicle unless funds were appropriated by the Legislature. This requirement does not apply to motor vehicles needed to meet unforeseen or emergency situations if approved by the Executive Office of the Governor after consultation with the legislative appropriations committees.
- CC. Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services:** Pursuant to Fla. Exec. Order No. 22-164, if this Contract is for the provision of Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services (PBM), Provider's PBM is prohibited from the use of spread pricing and financial claw backs. Provider agrees to have data reporting measures, including, but not limited to, data regarding rebates and payments from drug manufacturers, insurers, and pharmacies, if applicable, available to the Department for review. Any information provided by the Provider may only be collected, shared, or disclosed in accordance with federal and state law, including any relevant privacy laws related to proprietary or confidential information.
- DD. Notice Requirements:** Any notices provided under this Contract must be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, in person with proof of delivery, or by email to the email address of the respective party identified in Section III.D., below.

## II. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- A. Contract Amount:** The Department agrees to pay the Provider for the completion of the deliverables as specified in Attachment I, in an amount not to exceed [REDACTED], subject to the availability of funds. The state of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. The costs of services paid under any other contract or from any other source are not eligible for reimbursement under this Contract.
- B. Contract Payment:**
1. Provider must submit bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof.
  2. Where reimbursement of travel expenses is allowable as specified in Attachment I, bills for any travel expenses must be submitted in accordance with section 112.061, Florida Statutes. The Department may, if specified in Attachment I, establish rates lower than the maximum provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
  3. Pursuant to section 215.422, Florida Statutes, the Department has five working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless this Contract specifies otherwise. Except for payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, if payment is not available within 40 days, measured from the latter of the date the invoice is received or the goods or services are received, inspected, and approved, a separate interest penalty set by the State's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 55.03, Florida Statutes, will be due and payable in addition to the invoice amount. To obtain the applicable interest rate, contact the Department's fiscal office or Contract administrator. Payments to health care providers for hospitals, medical, or other health care services, will be made not more than 35 days from the date eligibility for payment is determined, at the daily interest rate of 0.03333 percent. Invoices returned to the Provider due to preparation errors will result in a payment delay. Interest penalties of less than one dollar will not be enforced unless the Provider requests payment. Invoice payment requirements do not start until a properly completed invoice is provided to the Department.
  4. **Bonuses:** Pursuant to section 215.425, Florida statutes, any bonus scheme implemented by Provider must: 1) base the award of a bonus on work performance; 2) describe the performance standards and evaluation process by which a bonus will be awarded; 3) notify all employees of the policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution before the beginning of the evaluation period on which a bonus will be based; and 4) consider all employees for the bonus. A copy of the Provider's policy, ordinance, rule, or resolution must be submitted to the Contract Manager for review prior to Contract funds being allocated for such payment. The Department reserves the right to refuse Provider's request to allocate any Contract funds for the payment of bonuses.
  5. **Florida Substitute Form W-9:** Provider is required to submit a substitute W-9 form to the Department of Financial Services (DFS) electronically prior to doing business with the state of Florida via the Vendor Website at <https://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com>. Any subsequent changes to Provider's W-9 must be made on this website; however, if the Provider needs to change its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEID), it must contact the DFS Vendor Ombudsman Section at (850) 413-5516.

- C. **Vendor Ombudsman:** A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within DFS whose duties include acting as an advocate for providers who may be experiencing problems in obtaining timely payment from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516 or by calling the DFS Consumer Hotline at 1-(800)-342-2762.
- D. **Counterparts; Electronic Signatures:** This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. For purposes of this Contract, use of a facsimile, e-mail, or another electronic medium shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

**III. PROVIDER CONTRACT TERM**

A. **Effective and Ending Dates:** This Contract will begin on [redacted] or on the date on which the Contract has been signed by both parties, whichever is later. It will end on [redacted].

**B. Termination**

1. **Termination at Will:** This Contract may be terminated by either party upon no less than 30 calendar days' written notice to the other party, without cause, unless a lesser time is mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties. Provider will be compensated for any work completed prior to the effective date of the termination.
2. **Termination Because of Lack of Funds:** In the event funds to finance this Contract become unavailable, the Department may terminate the Contract upon no less than 24 hours' written notice to Provider. The Department will be the final authority as to the availability and adequacy of funds. Provider will be compensated for any work completed prior to the effective date of the termination.
3. **Termination for Breach:** This Contract may be terminated for material breach upon no less than 24 hours' written notice to Provider. Waiver of breach of any provisions of this Contract will not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and will not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Contract. In the event of default, in addition to the Department's right to terminate the Contract, the Department may pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, including but not limited to, any losses or expenditures of the Department in obtaining replacement services or commodities, investigating, monitoring, or auditing, including legal fees, professional fees, consulting fees, and witness fees. These remedies shall include offsetting any sums due to Provider under the Contract, and any other remedies at law or in equity.

C. **Modification:** Any modifications to this Contract must be in writing and executed by the parties.

**D. Contract Representatives Contact Information:**

1. The name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of Provider's official payee to whom the payment will be made is:

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3. The name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the Department's Contract Manager is:

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2. The name of the contact person and street address where Provider's financial and administrative records are maintained is:

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4. The name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of Provider's representative responsible for administration of the program under this Contract is:

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5. Provide written notice to the other party of any changes in the above Contract representative's contact information. Any such changes will not require a formal amendment to this Contract.

E. **All Terms and Conditions Included:** This Contract and its attachments and exhibits as referenced, [redacted] contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein, and this Contract will supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties. If any term or provision of this Contract is found to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract will remain in full force and effect and such term or provision will be stricken.

**END OF TEXT**



IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this [redacted] page Contract to be executed by their undersigned, duly authorized, officials, and attest to have read the above Contract and agree to the terms contained within it.

PROVIDER: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT/TYPE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, THE ABOVE  
ATTESTS THERE IS EVIDENCE IN THE CONTRACT  
FILE DEMONSTRATING THIS CONTRACT WAS  
REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF  
THE GENERAL COUNSEL.**

FEID# (PLUS 3-DIGIT SEQ.) (OR SSN): \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDER FISCAL YEAR ENDING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

