

Contract No. _____

Client Non-Client

CFDA No. _____

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STANDARD CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Florida Department of Children and Families, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" and _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Provider". The Department and Provider agree as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Department is engaging the Provider for the purpose of _____, as further described in Attachment I hereto. The Provider shall perform all tasks and provide units of deliverables, including reports, findings, and drafts, as specified in this contract. These deliverables must be received and accepted by the contract manager in writing prior to payment, subject to subsequent audit and review and to the satisfaction of the Department. Unless otherwise provided in the procurement document, if any, or governing law, the Department reserves the right to add services that are incidental or complimentary to the original scope of services.

2. **Effective and Ending Dates.** This contract shall be effective on _____ or the last date executed by a party, whichever is later. The performance period under this contract shall commence on _____ or the effective date of this contract, whichever is later, and shall end at midnight, Select a Time Zone time, on _____ subject to the survival of terms provisions of Section 33.j hereof.

3. **Payment for Services.** The Department shall pay for contracted services performed by the Provider on and after the effective date of this contract according to the terms and conditions of this contract of an amount not to exceed _____ or the rate schedule, subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory performance of all terms by the Provider. The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature. Any costs or services paid for under any other contract or from any other source are not eligible for payment under this contract.

4. **Contract Document.** The Provider shall provide services in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in this contract including its attachments, _____ and any exhibits referenced in said attachments, together with any documents incorporated by reference, which contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. The definitions found in the Standard Contract Definitions, located at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/admin/contracts/docs/GlossaryofContractTerms.pdf> are incorporated into and made a part of this contract. The PUR 1000 Form (10/06 version) is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this contract. Sections 1.d., 2-4, 6, 8-13, 20, 23, 27 and 31 of the PUR 1000 Form are not applicable to this contract. In the event of any conflict between the PUR 1000 Form and any other terms or conditions of this contract, such other terms or conditions shall take precedence over the PUR 1000 Form.

5. **Compliance with Statutes, Rules and Regulations.** In performing its obligations under this contract, the Provider shall without exception be aware of and comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations relating to its performance under this contract as they may be enacted or amended from time-to-time, including but not limited to those described in Section 35 of this contract.

6. Official Payee and Party Representatives

a. The Provider's name, as shown above, and mailing address of the official payee to whom the payment shall be made are:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
ext: _____

b. The name of the contact person and address, telephone, and e-mail address where financial and administrative records are maintained are:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
ext: _____
e-mail: _____

c. The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the contract manager for the Department for this contract is:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
ext: _____
e-mail: _____

d. The name, address, telephone number and e-mail of the representative of the Provider responsible for administration of the program under this contract is:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
ext: _____
e-mail: _____

Upon change of representatives (names, addresses, telephone numbers or e-mail addresses) by either party, notice shall be provided in writing to the other party and the notification attached to the originals of this contract.

7. **Inspections and Corrective Action.** The Provider shall permit all persons who are duly authorized by the Department to inspect and copy any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods and services of the Provider which are relevant to this contract, and to interview any clients, employees and subcontractor employees of the Provider to assure the Department of the satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this contract. Following such review, the Department will deliver to the Provider a written report of its findings, and may direct the development, by the Provider, of a corrective action plan where appropriate. The Provider hereby agrees to timely correct all deficiencies identified in the Department's written report. This provision will not limit the Department's termination rights under Section 30.

8. Independent Contractor, Subcontracting and Assignments.

a. In performing its obligations under this contract, the Provider shall at all times be acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Florida, except where the Provider is a state agency. Neither the Provider nor any of its agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees shall represent to others that it is an agent of or has the authority to bind the Department by virtue of this

contract, unless specifically authorized in writing to do so. This contract does not create any right in any individual to state retirement, leave benefits or any other benefits of state employees as a result of performing the duties or obligations of this contract. The parties agree that no joint employment is intended and that, regardless of any provision directing the manner of provision of services, the provider and its subcontractors shall be responsible for the supervision, control, hiring and firing, rates of pay and terms and conditions of employment of their own employees.

b. The Provider shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that it and each subcontractor of the Provider will be deemed to be an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an officer, employee, or agent of the State of Florida. The Department will not furnish services of support (e.g., office space, office supplies, telephone service, secretarial or clerical support) to the Provider, or its subcontractor or assignee, unless specifically agreed to by the Department in this contract. All deductions for social security, withholding taxes, income taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds and all necessary insurance for the Provider, the Provider's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or assignees shall be the sole responsibility of the Provider.

c. The Provider shall not assign the responsibility for this contract to another party without prior written approval of the Department, upon the Department's sole determination that such assignment will not adversely affect the public interest; however, in no event may the Provider assign or enter into any transaction having the effect of assigning or transferring any right to receive payment under this contract which right is not conditioned on full and faithful performance of the Provider's duties hereunder. Any sublicense, assignment, or transfer otherwise occurring without prior approval of the Department shall be null and void. The Provider shall not subcontract for any of the work contemplated under this contract without prior written approval of the Department, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

d. The State of Florida shall at all times be entitled to assign or transfer, in whole or part, its rights, duties, or obligations under this contract to another governmental agency in the State of Florida or to a provider of the Department's selection, upon giving prior written notice to the Provider. In the event the State of Florida approves transfer of the Provider's obligations, the Provider remains responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with the contract. This contract shall remain binding upon the lawful successors in interest of the Provider and the Department.

e. To the extent permitted by Florida Law, and in compliance with Section 8.c., the Provider is responsible for all work performed and for all commodities produced pursuant to this contract whether actually furnished by the Provider or by its subcontractors. Any subcontracts shall be evidenced by a written document. The Provider further agrees that the Department shall not be liable to the subcontractor in any way or for any reason relating to this contract.

f. The Provider shall include, in all subcontracts (at any tier) the substance of all clauses contained in this Standard Contract that mention or describe subcontract compliance.

g. To the extent that a subcontract provides for payment after Provider's receipt of payment from the Department, the Provider shall make payments to any subcontractor within seven (7) working days after receipt of full or partial payments from the Department in accordance with section 287.0585, Florida Statutes (F.S.), unless otherwise stated in the contract between the Provider and subcontractor. Failure to pay within seven (7) working days will result in a penalty that shall be charged against the Provider and paid by the Provider to the subcontractor in the amount of one-half of one percent (.5%) of the amount due per day from the expiration of the period allowed for payment. Such penalty shall be in addition to actual payments owed and shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the outstanding balance due.

9. **Provider Indemnity.** Section 19 of PUR 1000 Form shall apply per its terms, except that the phrase "arising from or relating to personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property" in the first paragraph is replaced with "arising out of or by reason of the execution of this contract or arising from or relating to any alleged act or omission by the Provider, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors in relation to this agreement," and the following additional terms will also apply:

a. If the Provider removes an infringing product because it is not reasonably able to modify that product or secure the Department the right to continue to use that product, the Provider shall immediately replace that product with a non-infringing product that the Department determines to be of equal or better functionality or be liable for the Department's cost in so doing.

b. Further, the Provider shall indemnify the Department for all costs and attorneys fees arising from or relating to Provider's claim that a record contains trade secret information that is exempt from disclosure or the scope of the Provider's redaction of the record, as provided for under Section 26.c., including litigation initiated by the Department.

The Provider's inability to evaluate liability or its evaluation of liability shall not excuse its duty to defend and indemnify after receipt of notice. Only an adjudication or judgment after the highest appeal is exhausted finding the Department negligent shall excuse the Provider of performance under this provision, in which case the Department shall have no obligation to reimburse the Provider for the cost of its defense. If the Provider is an agency or subdivision of the state, its obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Department shall be to the extent permitted by section 768.28, F.S. or other applicable law, and without waiving the limits of sovereign immunity.

10. **Insurance.** The Provider shall maintain continuous adequate liability insurance coverage during the existence of this contract and any renewal(s) and extension(s) thereof. With the exception of a state agency or subdivision as defined by subsection 768.28(2), F.S., by execution of this contract, the Provider accepts full responsibility for identifying and determining the type(s) and extent of liability insurance necessary to provide reasonable financial protections for the Provider and the clients to be served under this contract. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by the Provider do not limit the Provider's liability and obligations under this contract. Upon the execution of this contract, the Provider shall 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 of Florida. The Department reserves the right to require additional insurance as specified in this contract.

11. **Notice of Legal Actions.** The Provider shall notify the Department of legal actions taken against them or potential actions such as lawsuits, related to services provided through this contract or that may impact the Provider's ability to deliver the contractual services, or adversely impact the Department. The Department's contract manager will be notified within 10 days of Provider becoming aware of such actions or from the day of the legal filing, whichever comes first.

12. **Client Risk Prevention.** If services to clients are to be provided under this contract, the Provider and any subcontractors shall, in accordance with the client risk prevention system, report those reportable situations listed in Department of Children and Families Operating Procedure (CFOP) 215-6 in the manner prescribed in CFOP 215-6. The Provider shall immediately report any knowledge or reasonable suspicion of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child, aged person, or disabled adult to the Florida Abuse Hotline on the statewide toll-free telephone number (1-800-96ABUSE). As required by Chapters 39 and 415, F.S., this provision is binding upon both the Provider and its employees.

13. **Emergency Preparedness Plan.** If the tasks to be performed pursuant to this contract include the physical care or supervision of clients, the Provider shall, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this contract, submit to the contract manager an emergency preparedness plan which shall include

provisions for records protection, alternative accommodations for clients in substitute care, supplies, and a recovery plan that will allow the Provider to continue functioning in compliance with the executed contract in the event of an actual emergency.

- a. For the purpose of disaster planning, the term supervision includes a child who is under the jurisdiction of a dependency court. Children may remain in their homes, be placed in a non-licensed relative/non-relative home, or be placed in a licensed foster care setting.
- b. No later than twelve months following the Department's original acceptance of a plan and every twelve (12) months thereafter, the Provider shall submit a written certification that it has reviewed its plan, along with any modifications to the plan, or a statement that no modifications were found necessary.
- c. The Department agrees to respond in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the original or updated plan, accepting, rejecting, or requesting modifications. In the event of an emergency, the Department may exercise oversight authority over such Provider in order to assure implementation of agreed emergency relief provisions.

14. Intellectual Property. It is agreed that all intellectual property, inventions, written or electronically created materials, including manuals, presentations, films, or other copyrightable materials, arising in relation to Provider's performance under this contract, and the performance of all of its officers, agents and subcontractors in relation to this contract, are works for hire for the benefit of the Department, fully compensated for by the contract amount, and that neither the Provider nor any of its officers, agents nor subcontractors may claim any interest in any intellectual property rights accruing under or in connection with the performance of this contract. It is specifically agreed that the Department shall have exclusive rights to all data processing software falling within the terms of section 119.084, F.S., which arises or is developed in the course of or as a result of work or services performed under this contract, or in any way connected herewith. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if the Provider is a university and a member of the State University System of Florida, then section 1004.23, F.S., shall apply.

- a. If the Provider uses or delivers to the Department for its use or the use of its employees, agents or contractors, any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent, or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood that, except as to those items specifically listed in the Special Provisions of Attachment I as having specific limitations, the compensation paid pursuant to this contract includes all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work contemplated by this contract. For purposes of this provision, the term "use" shall include use by the Provider during the term of this contract and use by the Department its employees, agents or contractors during the term of this contract and perpetually thereafter.
- b. All applicable subcontracts shall include a provision that the Federal awarding agency reserves all patent rights with respect to any discovery or invention that arises or is developed in the course of or under the subcontract. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, if the Provider or one of its subcontractors is a university and a member of the State University System of Florida, then section 1004.23, F.S., shall apply, but the Department shall retain a perpetual, fully-paid, nonexclusive license for its use and the use of its contractors of any resulting patented, copyrighted or trademarked work products.

15. Real Property. Any state funds provided for the purchase of or improvements to real property are contingent upon the 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 (5) years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements or as further required by law. As a condition of receipt of state funding for this purpose, the Provider agrees that, if it disposes of the property before the Department's interest is vacated, the Provider will refund the proportionate share of the state's initial investment, as adjusted by depreciation.

16. Publicity. Without limitation, the Provider and its employees, agents, and representatives will not, without prior Departmental written consent in each instance, use in advertising, publicity or any other promotional endeavor any State mark, the name of the State's mark, the name of the State or any state agency or affiliate or any officer or employee of the State, or any state program or service, or represent, directly or indirectly, that any product or service provided by the Provider has been approved or endorsed by the State, or refer to the existence of this contract in press releases, advertising or materials distributed to the Provider's prospective customers.

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

18. Employee Gifts. The Provider agrees that it will not offer to give or give any gift to any Department employee. As part of the consideration for this contract, the parties intend that this provision will survive the contract for a period of two years. In addition to any other remedies available to the Department, any violation of this provision will result in referral of the Provider's name and description of the violation of this term to the Department of Management Services for the potential inclusion of the Provider's name on the suspended vendors list for an appropriate period. The Provider will ensure that its subcontractors, if any, comply with these provisions.

19. Invoices. The Provider shall submit bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses in sufficient detail for proper pre-audit and post-audit. Where itemized payment for travel expenses is permitted in this contract, the Provider shall submit bills for any travel expenses in accordance with section 112.061, F.S., or at such lower rates as may be provided in this contract.

20. Final Invoice. The final invoice for payment shall be submitted to the Department no more than ____ days after the contract ends or is terminated. If the Provider fails to do so, all rights to payment are 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 reports due from the Provider and necessary adjustments thereto, have been approved by the Department.

21. Financial Consequences. If the Provider fails to meet the minimum level of service or performance identified in this contract, or that is customary for the industry, the Department will apply financial consequences commensurate with the deficiency. Financial consequences may include but are not limited to refusing payment, withholding payments until deficiency is cured, tendering only partial payments, applying liquidated damages to the extent that this contract so provides, imposition of penalties per Section 29, termination of contract per Section 30 and requisition of services from an alternate source. Any payment made in reliance on the Provider's evidence of performance, which evidence is subsequently determined to be erroneous, will be immediately due as an overpayment in accordance with Section 22, to the extent of such error.

22. Overpayments. The Provider shall return to the Department any overpayments due to unearned funds or funds disallowed that were disbursed to the Provider by the Department and any interest attributable to such funds pursuant to the terms and conditions of this contract. In the event that the Provider or its independent auditor discovers that an overpayment has been made, the Provider shall repay said overpayment immediately without prior notification from the Department. In the event that the Department first discovers an overpayment has been made, the contract manager, on behalf of the

Department, will notify the Provider by letter of such findings. Should repayment not be made forthwith, the Provider will be charged interest at the lawful rate of interest on the outstanding balance after Department notification or Provider discovery. Payments made for services subsequently determined by the Department to not be in full compliance with contract requirements shall be deemed overpayments. The Department shall have the right to offset or deduct from any amount due under this contract at any time any amount due to the Department from the Provider under this or any other contract or agreement and payment otherwise due under this contract will be deemed received regardless of such offset.

23. Payment on Invoices. Pursuant to section 215.422, F.S., the Department has five (5) working days to inspect and approve goods and services, unless the bid specifications, purchase order, or this contract specify otherwise. With the exception of payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, if payment is not available within forty (40) days, measured from the latter of the date a properly completed invoice is received by the Department or the goods or services are received, inspected, and approved, a separate interest penalty set by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to section 55.03, F.S., will be due and payable in addition to the invoice amount. Payments to health care providers for hospital, medical, or other health care services, shall be made not more than thirty-five (35) days from the date eligibility for payment is determined. Financial penalties will be calculated at the daily interest rate of .03333%. Invoices returned to a Provider due to preparation errors will result in a non-interest bearing payment delay. Interest penalties less than one (1) dollar will not be paid unless the Provider requests payment. Payment shall be made only upon written acceptance by the Department and shall remain subject to subsequent audit or review to confirm contract compliance.

24. Vendor Ombudsman. A Vendor Ombudsman has been established within the Department of Financial Services. The duties of this office are found in section 215.422, F.S., which include disseminating information relative to prompt payment and assisting vendors in receiving their payments in a timely manner from a state agency. The Vendor Ombudsman may be contacted at (850) 413-5516.

25. Records, Retention, Audits, Inspections and Investigations.

a. The Provider shall establish and maintain books, records and documents (including electronic storage media) sufficient to reflect all income and expenditures of funds provided by the Department under this contract.

b. Retention of all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this contract shall be maintained by the Provider during the term of this contract and retained for a period of six (6) years after completion of the contract or longer when required by law. In the event an audit is required under this contract, records shall be retained for a minimum period of six (6) years after the audit report is issued or until resolution of any audit findings or litigation based on the terms of this contract, at no additional cost to the Department.

c. Upon demand, at no additional cost to the Department, the Provider will facilitate the duplication and transfer of any records or documents during the term of this contract and the required retention period in Section 25.b.

d. These records shall be made available at all reasonable times for inspection, review, copying, or audit by Federal, State, or other personnel duly authorized by the Department.

e. At all reasonable times for as long as records are maintained, persons duly authorized by the Department and Federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, section 92.36(i)(10), shall be allowed full access to and the right to examine any of the Provider's contracts and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept.

f. A financial and compliance audit shall be provided to the Department as specified in this contract and in Attachment _____.

g. The Provider shall comply and cooperate immediately with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by The Office of the Inspector General (section 20.055, F.S.).

h. No record may be withheld nor may the Provider attempt to limit the scope of any of the foregoing inspections, reviews, copying, transfers or audits based on any claim that any record is exempt from public inspection or is confidential, proprietary or trade secret in nature; provided, however, that this provision does not limit any exemption to public inspection or copying to any such record.

26. Public Records. The Provider shall allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other public records as defined in subsection 119.011(12), F.S. as prescribed by subsection 119.07(1) F.S., made or received by the Provider in conjunction with this contract except that public records which are made confidential by law must be protected from disclosure. It is expressly understood that the Provider's failure to comply with this provision shall constitute an immediate breach of contract for which the Department may unilaterally terminate the contract.

a. Unless exempted by law, all public records are subject to public inspection and copying under Florida's Public Records Law, Chapter 119, F.S. Any claim by Provider of trade secret (proprietary) confidentiality for any information contained in Provider's documents (reports, deliverables or workpapers, etc., in paper or electronic form) submitted in connection with this contract will be waived, unless the claimed confidential information is submitted in accordance with Section 26.b.

b. The Provider must clearly label any portion of the documents, data, or records submitted that it considers exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law as trade secret. The labeling will include a justification citing specific statutes and facts that authorize exemption of the information from public disclosure. If different exemptions are claimed to be applicable to different portions of the protected information, the Provider shall include information correlating the nature of the claims to the particular protected information.

c. The Department, when required to comply with a public records request including documents submitted by the Provider, may require the Provider to expeditiously submit redacted copies of documents marked as trade secret in accordance with Section 26.b. Accompanying the submission shall be an updated version of the justification under Section 26.b, correlated specifically to redacted information, either confirming that the statutory and factual basis originally asserted remain unchanged or indicating any changes affecting the basis for the asserted exemption from public inspection or disclosure. The redacted copy must exclude or obliterate only those exact portions that are claimed to be trade secret. If the Provider fails to promptly submit a redacted copy, the Department is authorized to produce the records sought without any redaction of proprietary or trade secret information.

d. The Provider shall be responsible for defending its claim that each and every portion of the redactions of trade secret information are exempt from inspection and copying under Florida's Public Records Law.

27. Client Information. The Provider shall not use or disclose any information concerning a recipient of services under this contract for any purpose prohibited by state and federal laws, rules and regulations except with the written consent of a person legally authorized to give that consent or when authorized by law.

28. **Data Security.** The Provider shall comply with the following data security requirements:

- a. An appropriately skilled individual shall be identified by the Provider to function as its Data Security Officer. The Data Security Officer shall act as the liaison to the Department's security staff and will maintain an appropriate level of data security for the information the Provider is collecting or using in the performance of this contract. An appropriate level of security includes approving and tracking all Provider employees that request or have access to any Departmental data system or information. The Data Security Officer will ensure that user access to the data system or information has been removed from all terminated Provider employees.
- b. The Provider shall provide the latest Departmental security awareness training to its staff and subcontractors who have access to departmental information.
- c. All Provider employees who have access to departmental information shall comply with, and be provided a copy of CFOP 50-2, and shall sign the DCF Security Agreement Form CF 0114 annually. A copy of Form CF 0114 may be obtained from the contract manager.
- d. The Provider shall make every effort to protect and avoid unauthorized release of any personal or confidential information by ensuring both data and storage devices are encrypted as prescribed in CFOP 50-2. If encryption of these devices is not possible, then the Provider shall assure that unencrypted personal and confidential departmental data will not be stored on unencrypted storage devices. The Provider shall require the same of all subcontractors.
- e. The Provider agrees to notify the contract manager as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) working days following the determination of any breach or potential breach of personal and confidential departmental data. The Provider shall require the same notification requirements of all subcontractors.
- f. The Provider shall at its own cost provide notice to affected parties no later than forty-five (45) days following the determination of any potential breach of personal or confidential departmental data as provided in section 817.5681, F.S. The Provider shall require the same notification requirements of all subcontractors. The Provider shall also at its own cost implement measures deemed appropriate by the Department to avoid or mitigate potential injury to any person due to a breach or potential breach of personal and confidential departmental data.

29. **Financial Penalties for Failure to Take Corrective Action.**

- a. In accordance with the provisions of subsection 402.73(1), F.S., and Rule 65-29.001, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance under this contract. Penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans.
- b. The increments of penalty imposition that shall apply, unless the Department determines that extenuating circumstances exist, shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan. The penalty, if imposed, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total contract payments during the period in which the corrective action plan has not been implemented or in which acceptable progress toward implementation has not been made. Noncompliance that is determined to have a direct effect on client health and safety shall result in the imposition of a ten percent (10%) penalty of the total contract payments during the period in which the corrective action plan has not been implemented or in which acceptable progress toward implementation has not been made.
- c. Noncompliance involving the provision of service not having a direct effect on client health and safety shall result in the imposition of a five percent (5%) penalty. Noncompliance as a result of unacceptable performance of administrative tasks shall result in the imposition of a two percent (2%) penalty.
- d. The deadline for payment shall be as stated in the Order imposing the financial penalties. In the event of nonpayment the Department may deduct the amount of the penalty from invoices submitted by the Provider.

30. **The Following Termination Provisions Apply to this Contract:**

- a. In accordance with Section 22 of PUR 1000 Form, this contract may be terminated by the Department without cause upon no less than thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing to the Provider unless a sooner time is mutually agreed upon in writing.
- b. In the event funds for payment pursuant to this contract becomes unavailable, the Department may terminate this contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice in writing to the Provider. The Department shall be the final authority as to the availability and adequacy of funds.
- c. In the event the Provider fails to fully comply with the terms and conditions of this contract, the Department may terminate the contract upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays) notice in writing to the Provider after Provider's failure to fully cure such noncompliance within the time specified in a written notice of noncompliance issued by the Department specifying the nature of the noncompliance and the actions required to cure such noncompliance. In addition, the Department may employ the default provisions in Rule 60A-1.006(3), F.A.C., but is not required to do so in order to terminate the contract. The Department's failure to demand performance of any provision of this contract shall not be deemed a waiver of such performance. The Department's waiver of any one breach of any provision of this contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach and neither event shall be construed to be a modification of the terms and conditions of this contract. The provisions herein do not limit the Department's right to remedies at law or in equity.
- d. Failure to have performed any contractual obligations under any other contract with the Department in a manner satisfactory to the Department will be a sufficient cause for termination. To be terminated as a Provider under this provision, the Provider must have: (1) previously failed to satisfactorily perform in a contract with the Department, been notified by the Department of the unsatisfactory performance, and failed to correct the unsatisfactory performance to the satisfaction of the Department; or (2) had a contract terminated by the Department for cause. Termination shall be upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice in writing to the Provider.

All notices of termination provided under this Section shall be in writing and sent by U.S. Postal Service or any other delivery service that provides verification of delivery or by hand delivery. In the event of termination under paragraphs a. or b., the Provider will be compensated for any work satisfactorily completed.

31. **Transition Activities.** Continuity of service is critical when service under this contract ends and service commences under a new contract. Accordingly, when service will continue through another provider upon the expiration or earlier termination of this contract, the Provider shall complete all actions necessary to smoothly transition service to the new provider. The Provider shall be required to support an orderly transition to the next provider no later than the expiration or earlier termination of this contract and shall support the requirements for transition as specified in a Department-approved

Transition Plan. Such activities will be without additional compensation and will include consultation on the resources needed to support transition, identifying a transition manager, the characteristics of transactions, data and file transfer.

32. **Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute concerning performance of the contract or payment hereunder shall be decided by the Department's contract manager, who shall reduce the decision to writing and provide a copy to the Provider. The decision shall be final and conclusive unless within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of receipt of the contract manager's decision, the Provider delivers to the contract manager a petition for alternative dispute resolution. After receipt of a petition for alternative dispute resolution the Department and the Provider shall attempt to amicably resolve the dispute through negotiations. Timely delivery of a petition for alternative dispute resolution and completion of the negotiation process shall be a condition precedent to any legal action by the Provider concerning this contract. After timely delivery of a petition for alternative dispute resolution, the parties may employ any dispute resolution procedures described in the Attachment I or other attachment, or mutually agree to an alternative binding or nonbinding dispute resolution process, the terms of which shall be reduced to writing and executed by both parties. Completion of such agreed process shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for completion of the negotiation process. This provision shall not limit the parties' rights of termination under Section 30.

33. Other Terms

- a. Except where otherwise provided in this contract, communications between the parties regarding this contract may be by any commercially reasonable means. Where this contract calls for communication, in writing, except for notices of termination per Section 30, such communication includes email, and attachments are deemed received when the email is received.
- b. This contract is executed and entered into in the State of Florida, and shall be construed, performed and enforced in all respects in accordance with Florida law, without regard to Florida provisions for conflict of laws. Courts of competent jurisdiction in Florida shall have exclusive jurisdiction in any action regarding this contract and venue shall be in Leon County, Florida. Unless otherwise provided in Attachment I or in any amendment hereto, any amendment, extension or renewal (when authorized) may be executed in counterparts as provided in Section 46 of the PUR 1000 Form.
- c. Articles which are the subject of or are required to carry out this contract shall be purchased from Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., (PRIDE) identified under Chapter 946, F.S., in the same manner and under the procedures set forth in subsections 946.515(2) and (4), F.S. For purposes of this contract, the Provider shall be deemed to be substituted for the Department insofar as dealings with PRIDE. This clause is not applicable to subcontractors unless otherwise required by law. An abbreviated list of products/services available from PRIDE may be obtained by contacting PRIDE at (800) 643-8459.
- d. The Provider shall procure any recycled products or materials, which are the subject of or are required to carry out this contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 403.7065, F.S.
- e. The Department is committed to ensuring provision of the highest quality services to the persons we serve. Accordingly, the Department has expectations that where accreditation is generally accepted nationwide as a clear indicator of quality service, the majority of the Department's providers will either be accredited, have a plan to meet national accreditation standards, or will initiate a plan within a reasonable period of time.
- f. The Department of Economic Opportunity and Workforce Florida: The Provider understands that the Department, the Department of Economic Opportunity, and Workforce Florida, Inc., have jointly implemented an initiative to empower recipients in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program to enter and remain in gainful employment. The Department encourages Provider participation with the Department of Economic Opportunity and Workforce Florida.
- g. Transitioning Young Adults: The Provider understands the Department's interest in assisting young adults aging out of the dependency system. The Department encourages Provider participation with the local Community-Based Care Lead Agency Independent Living Program to offer gainful employment to youth in foster care and young adults transitioning from the foster care system.
- h. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein, and this contract shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties.
- i. If any term or provision of this contract is legally determined unlawful or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect and such term or provision shall be stricken.
- j. **Survival of terms.** The parties agree that, unless a provision of this Standard Contract, its attachments or incorporated documents expressly states otherwise as to itself or a named provision, all provisions of this contract concerning obligations of the Provider and remedies available to the Department are intended to survive the "ending date" or an earlier termination of this contract. The Provider's performance pursuant to such surviving provisions shall be without further payment, as the contract payments received during the term of this contract are consideration for such performance.
- k. **Most Favored Party Status:** The Provider represents and warrants that the prices and terms for its services under this contract are no less favorable to the Department than those for similar services under any existing contract with any other party. The Provider further agrees that, within ninety (90) days of Provider entering into a contract, contract amendment or offering to any other party services similar to those under this contract under prices or terms more favorable than those provided in this contract, the Provider will report such prices and terms to the Department, which prices or terms shall be effective as an amendment to this contract upon the Department's written acceptance thereof. Should the Department discover such other prices or terms, the same shall be effective as an amendment to this contract retroactively to the earlier of the effective date of this contract (for other contracts in effect as of that date) or the date they were first contracted or offered to the other party (for subsequent contracts, amendments or offers) and any payment in excess of such pricing shall be deemed overpayments. Provider shall submit an affidavit no later than July 31st of each year during the term of this contract attesting that the Provider is in compliance with this provision, as required by section 216.0113, FS.
- l. The Provider will not offer, enter into nor enforce any formal or informal agreement with any person, firm or entity under which the parties agree to refrain from competing for any future service contract or limit in any manner the ability of either party to obtain employment by or provide services to the Department or a provider of services to the Department.
- m. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the documents, the documents shall be interpreted in the following order of precedence:
 - i. Attachment I and other attachments, if any;
 - ii. Any documents incorporated into any attachment by reference;

- iii. This Standard Contract;
- iv. Any documents incorporated into this Standard Contract by reference.

34. **Modifications.** Modifications of provisions of this contract shall be valid only when they have been reduced to writing and duly signed by both parties. The rate of payment and the total dollar amount may be adjusted retroactively to reflect price level increases and changes in the rate of payment when these have been established through the appropriations process and subsequently identified in the Department's operating budget.

35. **Additional Requirements of Law, Regulation and Funding Source.** As provided in Section 5 of this contract, the Provider is required to comply with the following requirements, as applicable to its performance under this contract. Provider acknowledges that it is independently responsible for investigating and complying with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations relating to its performance under this contract and that the below is only a sample of the state and federal laws, rules and regulations that may govern its performance under this contract.

a. **Federal Law**

- i. If this contract contains federal funds, the Provider shall comply with the provisions of federal law and regulations including, but not limited to, 45 CFR, Part 74, 45 CFR, Part 92, and other applicable regulations.
- ii. If this contract contains \$10,000 or more of federal funds, the Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375 and others, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR, Part 60 and 45 CFR, Part 92, if applicable.
- iii. If this contract contains over \$100,000 of federal funds, the Provider shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 7401 et seq.), section 508 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), Executive Order 11738, as amended and where applicable, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR, Part 30). The Provider shall report any violations of the above to the Department.
- iv. No federal funds received in connection with this contract may be used by the Provider, or agent acting for the Provider, or subcontractor to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress or any State legislature. If this contract contains federal funding in excess of \$100,000, the Provider must, prior to contract execution, complete the Certification Regarding Lobbying form, Attachment _____, If a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, Standard Form LLL, is required, it may be obtained from the contract manager. All disclosure forms as required by the Certification Regarding Lobbying form must be completed and returned to the contract manager, prior to payment under this contract.
- v. If this contract contains federal funds and provides services to children up to age 18, the Provider shall comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6081). 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 or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity, or both.
- vi. Unauthorized aliens shall not be employed. The Department shall consider the employment of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324 a) and section 101 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this contract by the Department. The Provider and its subcontractors will enroll in and use the e-Verify system established by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to verify the employment eligibility of its employees and its subcontractors' employees performing under this contract.

b. **Civil Rights Requirements.** In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as applicable the Provider shall not discriminate against any employee (or applicant for employment) in the performance of this contract because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or marital status. Further, the Provider agrees not to discriminate against any applicant, client, or employee in service delivery or benefits in connection with any of its programs and activities in accordance with 45 CFR Parts 80, 83, 84, 90, and 91, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, or the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as applicable and CFOP 60-16. These requirements shall apply to all contractors, subcontractors, subgrantees or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to clients or employees in connection with its programs and activities. The Provider shall complete the Civil Rights Compliance Checklist, CF Form 946 in accordance with 45 CFR Part 80 and CFOP 60-16. This is required of all Providers that have fifteen (15) or more employees.

c. **Use of Funds for Lobbying Prohibited.** The Provider shall comply with the provisions of sections 11.062 and 216.347, F.S., which prohibit the expenditure of contract funds for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, judicial branch, or a state agency.

d. **Public Entity Crime and Discriminatory Contractors** Pursuant to sections 287.133 and 287.134, F.S., the following restrictions are placed on the ability of persons placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory vendor list. When a person or affiliate has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, or an entity or affiliate has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list, such person, entity or affiliate may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or the repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity; provided, however, that the prohibition on persons or affiliates placed on the convicted vendor shall be limited to business in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, F.S., for CATEGORY TWO for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

e. **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.** The Provider shall, where applicable, comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U. S. C. 1320d.) as well as all regulations promulgated thereunder (45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164).

f. **Whistle-blower's Act Requirements.** In accordance with subsection 112.3187(2), F.S., the Provider and its subcontractors shall not retaliate against an employee for reporting violations of law, rule, or regulation that creates substantial and specific danger to the public's health, safety, or welfare to an appropriate agency. Furthermore, agencies or independent contractors shall not retaliate against any person who discloses information to an appropriate agency alleging improper use of governmental office, gross waste of funds, or any other abuse or gross neglect of duty on the part of an agency, public officer, or employee. The Provider and any subcontractor shall inform its employees that they and other persons may file a complaint with the Office of Chief Inspector General, Agency Inspector General, the Florida Commission on Human Relations or the Whistle-blower's Hotline number at 1-800-543-5353.

g. Support to the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing

- i. The Provider and its subcontractors, where direct services are provided, shall comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794, as implemented by 45 C.F.R. Part 84 (hereinafter referred to as Section 504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12131, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (hereinafter referred to as ADA), and CFOP 60-10, Chapter 4, entitled "Auxiliary Aids and Services for Customers or Companions who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing."
- ii. If the Provider or any of its subcontractors employs fifteen (15) or more employees, the Provider shall designate a Single Point of Contact (one per firm) to ensure effective communication with customers or companions who are deaf or hard of hearing, in accordance with Section 504 of the ADA, and CFOP 60-10, Chapter 4. The Provider's Single Point of Contact and that of its Subcontractors will process the compliance data into the Department's HHS Compliance reporting Database at https://fs16.formsite.com/DCFuser/form3/secure_index.html, by the 5th working day of the month, covering the previous month's reporting, and forward confirmation of submission to the contract manager. The name and contact information for the Provider's Single Point of Contact shall be furnished to the Department's grant or contract manager within fourteen (14) calendar days of the effective date of this requirement.
- iii. The Provider shall contractually require that its subcontractors comply with Section 504, the ADA, and CFOP 60-10, Chapter 4. A Single Point of Contact shall be required for each subcontractor that employs fifteen (15) or more employees. This Single Point of Contact will ensure effective communication with customers or companions who are deaf or hard of hearing in accordance with Section 504 and the ADA and coordinate activities and reports with the Provider's Single Point of Contact.
- iv. The Single Point of Contact shall ensure that employees are aware of the requirements, roles and responsibilities, and contact points associated with compliance with Section 504, the ADA, and CFOP 60-10, Chapter 4. Further, employees of providers and its subcontractors with fifteen (15) or more employees shall attest in writing that they are familiar with the requirements of Section 504, the ADA, and CFOP 60-10, Chapter 4. This attestation shall be maintained in the employee's personnel file.
- v. The Provider's Single Point of Contact will ensure that conspicuous Notices which provide information about the availability of appropriate auxiliary aids and services at no-cost to the customers or companions who are deaf or hard of hearing are posted near where people enter or are admitted within the agent locations. Such Notices must be posted immediately by providers and subcontractors. The approved Notices can be downloaded through the Internet at: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/admin/ig/civilrights.shtml>
- vi. The Provider and its subcontractors shall document the customer's or companion's preferred method of communication and any requested auxiliary aids/services provided in the customer's record. Documentation, with supporting justification, must also be made if any request was not honored or was denied. The Provider shall distribute the Customer Feedback form to customer or companion for completion and submission to the Department of Children and Families Office of Civil Rights.
- vii. If the customer or companion is referred to other agencies, the Provider must ensure that the receiving agency is notified of the customer's or companion's preferred method of communication and any auxiliary aids/service needs.

The Department requires each contract/subcontract provider agency's direct service employees to complete [the online training: Serving our Customers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#), (as requested of all Department employees) and sign the Attestation of Understanding. Direct service employees will also print their certificate of completion, attach it to their Attestation of Understanding, and maintain them in their personnel file.

By signing this contract, the parties agree that they have read and agree to the entire contract, as described in Section 4.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this _____ page contract to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

PROVIDER:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Signature: _____
Print/Type Name: _____

Signature: _____
Print/Type Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

STATE AGENCY 29 DIGIT FLAIR CODE: _____
Federal Tax ID # (or SSN): _____ Provider Fiscal Year Ending Date: ____/____.