



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
***DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES***

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April 9, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
 and the Honorable Council  
 State House  
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services, to amend existing contracts with the vendors listed below for the provision of complaint investigation services by conducting investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations, of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs, by exercising contract renewal options by increasing the total price limitation by \$470,000 from \$470,000 to \$940,000 and extending the completion dates from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2023 effective July 1, 2021 or upon Governor and Council approval, whichever is later. 100% Other Funds, Program Revenue from the Area Agencies.

The original contracts were approved by Governor and Council on July 31, 2019, item #27.

Vendor Name	Vendor Code	Area Served	Current Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Amount
Jo A. Edwards	222953-B001	Penacook and Statewide	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$240,000
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC	263099-B001	Amherst and Statewide	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$175,000
Michael K. Fitts	230686-B001	Barrington and Statewide	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$280,000
Investigative Resolutions, LLC.	263007-B001	Bedford and Statewide	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$245,000
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>	<b>\$940,000</b>

Funds are available in the following accounts for State Fiscal Year 2021, and are anticipated to be available in State Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

**See attached fiscal details.**

### EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is to continue providing complaint investigation services statewide of area agencies and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs as required by the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202.

Based on historic complaint investigation data, the Department estimates that the complaint investigators will conduct approximately 750 complaint investigations from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Investigation services consist of conducting investigations for alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and client rights violations of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs. The Vendors will continue performing investigations within the timeframes set forth, and in accordance with, State requirements.

Independent investigators fulfill the responsibilities recommended by the Committee established by Senate Bill 138 in the 2007 legislative session associated with complaints to bring greater independence, confidence and integrity to the complaint process. By the State continuing to contract investigation services, area agencies and programs providing developmental or acquired brain disorder services can better concentrate on responding to the findings of the investigations and improve the system to prevent harmful outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The Department will continue monitoring the effectiveness of the contracts through quarterly meetings with the vendors and semi-annual reports provided to the Developmental Services Quality Council, in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rule He-M 202.

As referenced in the Exhibit C-1, Revisions to Standard Contract Language, Section 2., Renewal, paragraph 2.1., of the original contracts, the parties have the option to extend the agreements for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and Governor and Council approval. The Department is exercising its option to renew services for two (2) of the two (2) years available.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Department will not be in compliance with State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202 that stipulates the protection of the rights of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies or developmental service or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the Bureau of Developmental Services.

Area served: Statewide.

In the event that the Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Shibinette  
Commissioner

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SERVICES  
FINANCIAL DETAILS**

**05-95-093-930010-59470000 HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS DIV, DIV OF DEVELOPMENTAL SVCS,  
PROGRAM SUPPORT  
0% Federal Funds, 0% General Funds, 100% Other Funds, Program Revenue from the Area Agencies**

Jo A. Edward

Vendor # 222953-B001

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
2022	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
2023	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$240,000.00</b>

Sheppard Law Office, PLLC

Vendor # 263099-B001

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$43,750.00	\$0.00	\$43,750.00
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$43,750.00	\$0.00	\$43,750.00
2022	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$43,750.00	\$43,750.00
2023	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$43,750.00	\$43,750.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$87,500.00</b>	<b>\$87,500.00</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>

Michael K. Fitts

Vendor # 230686-B001

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
2022	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
2023	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$140,000.00</b>	<b>\$140,000.00</b>	<b>\$280,000.00</b>

Investigative Resolutions, LLC

Vendor # 263007-B001

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Amount	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$61,250.00	\$0.00	\$61,250.00
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$61,250.00	\$0.00	\$61,250.00
2022	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$61,250.00	\$61,250.00
2023	103-502664	Contracts for Program Services	93000006	\$0.00	\$61,250.00	\$61,250.00
		<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>\$122,500.00</b>	<b>\$122,500.00</b>	<b>\$245,000.00</b>

<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$470,000.00</b>	<b>\$470,000.00</b>	<b>\$940,000.00</b>
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**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #1**

This Amendment to the Complaint Investigation Services contract is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services ("State" or "Department") and Jo A. Edwards ("the Contractor").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement (the "Contract") approved by the Governor and Executive Council on July 31, 2019 (Item #27), the Contractor agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Form P-37, General Provisions, Paragraph 18, and Exhibit C-1, Revisions to Standard Contract Language, Section 2., Renewal, paragraph 2.1., the Contracts may be amended upon written agreement of the parties and approval from the Governor and Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to extend the term of the agreement, increase the price limitation, or modify the scope of services to support continued delivery of these services; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the Contract and set forth herein, the parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Form P-37 General Provisions, Block 1.7, Completion Date, to read:  
June 30, 2023.
2. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.8, Price Limitation, to read:  
\$240,000.



All terms and conditions of the Contract not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2021 upon the date of Governor and Executive Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

4/14/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Deborah D. Scheetz*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Deborah D. Scheetz  
Title: Director Division of Long Term Supports and Services

Jo A. Edwards

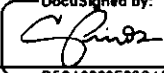
4/13/2021  
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Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Jo A. Edwards*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Jo A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

4/16/2021  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
  
Name: Catherine Pinos  
Title: Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

### Independent Contractor Justification Form

1. Describe the services that the individual will perform for your agency.  
Conduct investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation & rights violations of persons applying or eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, dvlpmtl. servcs. or acquired brain disorder progrms. as required by the State. Jo A. Edwards; Michael K. Fitts

2. Does the agency have State employees that perform the same or similar services?  Yes,  No

3. Will the Agency exercise authority over the means by which the service is rendered by:  
a. Setting work hours.  Yes,  No  
b. Setting the work location or providing work space.  Yes,  No  
c. Training the individual in how the services must be performed.  Yes,  No  
d. Supervising how services are rendered.  Yes,  No  
e. Providing tools, materials or office supplies to perform the services.  Yes,  No  
f. Requiring periodic reports on the individual's services.  Yes,  No  
g. Requiring performance by the contracting individual, rather than allowing subcontractors or assistants.  Yes,  No

4. Will the individual perform the services exclusively for the agency?  Yes,  No

5. Does the individual use their personal social security number rather than employer identification tax number?  Yes,  No

6. Does the individual hold himself or herself out to be in business for himself or herself, including by being registered with the state as a business and having continuing or recurring business liabilities or obligations?  Yes,  No

7. Will the individual be responsible for satisfactory completion of work and can the agency hold the individual contractually responsible for failure to complete the work?  Yes,  No

8. Will the Agency have the right to terminate the relationship at any time?  Yes,  No

9. Can the individual terminate the relationship at any time without liability?  Yes,  No

10. Are the services the individual will provide an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business?  Yes,  No. Please Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Date initial review by DoP: 04/01/2021 Date final review by DoP: 4/15/2021

Initial Approval MJM : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Final Approval \_\_\_\_\_ : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Moranti Digitally signed by Michael Moranti Date: 2021.04.02 09:14:58 -04'00'  
(Division of Personnel signatory)

DocuSigned by:  
Lonnie Rudis  
FBSF8CAAFEE2414  
(Division of Personnel signatory)



## Certificate of Liability Insurance

Date Issued: 03/25/2021

Underwritten by: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company · One Bala Plaza, Suite 100 · Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 · NAIC #: 18058  
Administered by: CPH & Associates · 711 S. Dearborn St. Ste 205 · Chicago, IL 60605 · P 800.875.1911 · F 312.987.0902 · info@cphins.com

DISCLAIMER: This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. The Certificate of Insurance does not constitute a contract between the issuing insurer(s), authorized representative or producer, and the certificate holder, nor does it affirmatively or negatively amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed thereon.

Insured: Jo Edwards  
33 Bluffs Dr  
Concord, NH 03303

Policy Number: AR167185  
Policy Term: 03/25/2021 to 03/25/2022  
Occupation: Counselor

### Covered Locations

Professional Liability: Portable coverage, not location specific

Coverage Type (Occurrence Form)	Per Incident (Per individual claim)	Aggregate (Total amount per year)
Professional Liability	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Supplemental Liability	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Licensing Board Defense	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Commercial General Liability	N/A	N/A
• Fire/Water Legal Liability	N/A	N/A
Business Personal Property	N/A	N/A

Comments/Special Descriptions:

### Certificate Holder

State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Certificate Holder has been added as an additional insured

If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s). Notice of Cancellation will only be provided to the first named insured in accordance with policy provisions, who shall act on behalf of all additional insureds with respect to giving notice of cancellation.

Authorized Representative  
C. Philip Hodson

**Jo A. Edwards**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services**

**Office of Client and Legal Services**

Contracted Complaint Investigator

September 2011 to present

- Conduct complaint investigations pursuant to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Part He-M 202 Rights Protection Procedures for adults receiving services from area agencies or developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services.

**Community Bridges, Concord, New Hampshire**

Director of Individual and Family Support Services

November 1999 to September 2011

- Directed the largest department within the agency responsible for supporting and providing services to individuals and their families aged 3 through the lifespan who experience developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders
- Guided a diverse staff of 40 professionals who supported 950+ individuals to develop and practice an individualized person and family centered approach which promotes choice, control and self-direction
- Fostered a holistic, vision-focused practice of support for individuals and families with a strong emphasis on personal futures planning, network building and coordination of community resources
- Served as a member of the senior management team representing the current and changing need of individuals and their families in the development of the agency's strategic goals and plan
- Responsible for the implementation and achievement of departmental and agency-wide strategic plan goals and objectives
- Managed the delivery of all services provided by the departmental including intake and assessment, family and individual support including respite, in-home supports for children under 21, participant directed and managed services for adults and case management/service coordination
- Developed and managed department budget, overseeing the delivery of over 20 million dollars in service budgets and grants to ensure compliance with agency, state and federal regulations
- Ensured a systemic approach for monitoring, assessing and improving the quality of services was continually practiced
- Developed collaborative partnerships with contracted provider agencies, school districts and other community family serving agencies

- Worked closely with individual and family advocacy groups and acted as lead agency liaison to Family Support Council .
- Routinely provided both verbal and written reports to the agency's board of directors, state officials, grantors and various community groups

#### **A SAMPLING OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Created regional collaborative partnerships with 14 school districts for students pre-school age through high school transition
- Initiated first-in-the-state regional collaborative for persons experiencing autism spectrum disorders that included representatives from schools, collateral and individual and family serving agencies, clinical professionals, family members and individuals
- Initiated first cross-systems regional collaborative for linkage with mental health system and developmental services system
- Chaired agency committees and represented agency on numerous statewide committees and work groups

#### **Hix Island House, Vieques, Puerto Rico**

##### General Manager

December 1992 through December 1998

- Managed all operations including marketing and customer relations
- Developed and operated independent event planning and food catering business

#### **New Hampshire Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Concord, New Hampshire**

Coordinator of Education and Training for Mental Health Services July 1980 – August 1992

- Part of team responsible for New Hampshire's mental health system's #2 ranking in national survey
- Analyzed the adequacy and needs of the state's community mental health system's human resource needs through special studies, needs assessments and quality assurance site reviews
- Planned, coordinated and implemented a comprehensive array of education and training activities to meet identified workforce needs via workshops, conferences and consultations
- Developed, administered and managed The Office of Community Mental Health Administration's training budget to support Division's stated goals and the implementation of training and education activities
- Created academic linkages with the university and technical college systems to develop curriculum and training programs relevant to community mental health and developmental services systems needs
- Prepared Federal Human Resource Development (HRD) grant proposals, coordinated the implementation of the HRD grant and prepared project reports for government funding agencies

- Served as liaison to all state and federal agencies, advisory councils, family and consumer organizations relating to human resource development
- Served as Bureau Liaison for the statewide system of case management for persons with serious mental illness
- Established statewide system of family support for families of persons with serious mental illness
- Designed training and education programs, workshops and conferences for family members and consumers
- Forged relationships by bringing together multiple constituencies including all levels of system staff and divergent groups for the purposes of need identification and planning
- Designed and coordinated annual conferences and workshops on a wide range of topics in support of Division's goals for all system staff, relevant state agencies, educators, families and consumers, legislators and other policy makers
- Coordinated training and education activities with the Division's Office of Community Developmental Services as well as other state agencies and state funded programs to develop coordinated and efficient training approaches in areas of mutual concern

## **EDUCATION**

New Hampshire College

Bachelor of Science, Human Services Administration



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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July 11, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal and Regulatory Services, to enter into retroactive agreements with the vendors listed below, to provide complaint investigation services by conducting investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations, of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs, in an amount not to exceed \$470,000, effective retroactive to July 1, 2019, upon Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2021.  
100% Other Funds.

Vendor	Vendor Number	Location	Contract Amount
Jo A. Edwards	222953-B001	Penacook	\$120,000
Laura Sheppard	236099-B001	Amherst	\$87,500
Michael K. Fitts	230686-B001	Barrington	\$140,000
Investigative Resolutions, LLC	263007-B001	Bedford	\$122,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with authority to adjust amounts within the price limitation and adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

**05-95-93-093-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>

See attached financial detail.



### EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive because the documentation required to process these contracts, was not received until June 13, 2019, which was later than the submission date for items to be placed on the agenda for the final June 19, 2019 Governor and Executive Council meeting. The current contract ends June 30, 2019, and is with the same individuals the Department selected through a competitive bid process for this new contract period. They are presently conducting these investigations and will continue to do so prior to the Governor and Executive Council meeting July 31, 2019.

The purpose of this request is to provide compliant investigation services statewide of area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs as required by the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M202.

Based on historic complaint investigation data, the Department estimates that the complaint investigators will conduct approximately 750 complaint investigations from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The Contractors will perform statewide complaint investigation services that consist of conducting investigations for alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, client rights violations of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs. The Contractors will perform investigations within the timeframes set forth and in accordance with the requirements of the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202.

The Contractors will conduct interviews and submit reports to the Department with a determination on any allegations that would include if any individual suffered any serious harm.

Senate Bill 138, of the 2007 Legislative Session, established a Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the quality assurance and improvement elements, and activities within New Hampshire's community-based developmental services system. The Committee found that, *"The current abuse and neglect investigations system, which essentially requires the area agencies to investigate themselves, has created the appearance of a conflict and undermined the credibility of the area agency reports and responses."*

The Committee recommended that the Bureau of Developmental Services hire independent investigators to fulfill the responsibilities associated with complaints to inject greater independence, confidence and integrity to the complaint process. By contracting these services, the agencies can better concentrate on responding to the findings of the investigations and improve the system to prevent harmful outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The Department published a Request for Applications for Complaint Investigation Services on the Department of Health and Human Services website from April 10, 2019 through May 2, 2019. The Department received four (4) applications. These applications were reviewed and scored by a team of individuals with program specific knowledge. The Summary Scoring Sheet is attached.

The Department will monitor the effectiveness of the Contractors through quarterly meetings and semi-annual reports to the Developmental Services Quality Council, in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rule He-M 202.

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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As referenced in the Exhibit C-1 of these agreements, the parties have the option to extend contract services for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Department would not be in compliance with State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202 that stipulates the protection of the rights of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies or developmental service or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the Bureau of Developmental Services.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of funds: 100% Other Funds (Program Revenue from the Area Agencies).

In the event that the Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Complaint Investigation Services**  
**FINANCIAL DETAIL**

**05-95-93-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Jo A. Edward**

**Vendor # 222953-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
			Sub-total	\$ 120,000

**Laura Sheppard**

**Vendor # 236099-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
			Sub-total	\$ 87,500

**Michael K. Fitts**

**Vendor # 230686-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
			Sub-total	\$ 140,000

**Paul F. Woodmansee**

**Vendor # 263007-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
			Sub-total	\$ 122,500
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 470,000</b>



**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Business Operations  
Contracts & Procurement Unit  
Summary Scoring Sheet**

**Complaint Investigation Services**

**RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL**

RFA Name

RFA Number

Reviewer Names

**Bidder Name**

1. Jo A. Edwards
2. Michael K. Fitts
3. Laura Sheppard, Esq.
4. Investigative Resolutions LLC
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail	Maximum Points	Actual Points
	100	100
	100	99
	100	93
	100	100

1. Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director,  
Client & Legal Services  
Jan Skoby, Administrator of
2. Education & Training  
Developmental Services
3. Stacey Dubia, Internal Auditor,  
DBH

Subject: REA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL-01 Complaint Investigation Services

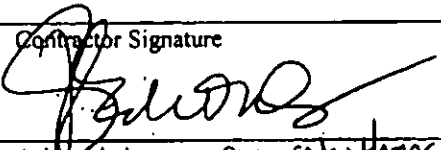
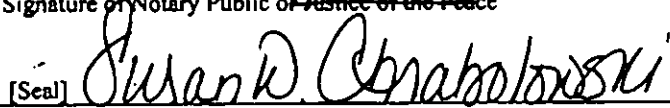
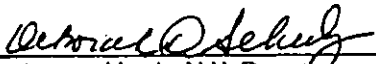

**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

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

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Jo A. Edwards		1.4 Contractor Address 33 Bluffs Drive Penacook, NH 03303	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 305-1461	1.6 Account Number 05-095-093-930010-59470000-103-502664	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2021	1.8 Price Limitation \$120,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Nathan D. White, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Jo A. Edwards Complaint Investigator	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>New Hampshire</u> County of <u>Merrimack</u> On <u>June 6, 2019</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">                       [Seal] <u>Susan W. Chrabolowski</u> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">                         SUSAN W. CHRABOLOWSKI, Notary Public                          My Commission Expires October 5, 2021                     </div> </div>			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace <u>Susan W. Chrabolowski - Notary</u>			
1.14 State Agency Signature  Date: <u>7-2-2019</u>		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory <u>Deborah D. Scheetz, Director</u>	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: <u>Laurie A. Ruzick</u> Director, On: <u>7/15/2019</u>			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  On: <u>7/31/2019</u>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: _____			

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

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

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

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

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

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

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

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

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

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.


**7. PERSONNEL.**

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

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this

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Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

#### 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

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

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

#### 9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

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

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

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. **TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

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

12. **ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. INSURANCE.

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


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

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

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

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14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

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

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

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

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

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

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

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

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

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

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.

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## Scope of Services

### 1. Provisions Applicable to All Services

- 1.1. The Contractor shall submit a detailed description of the language assistance services they will provide to persons with limited English proficiency to ensure meaningful access to their programs and/or services within ten (10) days of the contract effective date.
- 1.2. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future legislative action by the New Hampshire General Court or federal or state court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State Agency has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Department has identified the Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.300.

### 2. Scope of Services


- 2.1. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services as follows:
  - 2.1.1. Complete complaint investigation services within the time frames set forth in the State of New Hampshire (NH) Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.2. Provide complaint investigation services statewide based on the assigned cases from the Office of Client and Legal Services by investigating complaints involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other rights violations for persons with a developmental disability or acquired brain disorder, in accordance with NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.3. Perform investigations including, but not limited to collateral and clinical interviews with the complainants, the individual, the guardian, the respondent, and any witnesses, and gathering of data relating to allegations.
  - 2.1.4. Determine if there is serious harm to the individual.
  - 2.1.5. Analyze and interpret complex data, policies, regulations and laws, human rights, and service provider procedures to assess each for possible safeguards and to resolve investigated situations.
  - 2.1.6. Assess and recommend independent investigation findings and follow-up plans for problem resolution in each investigation with supervisory and/or peer review as needed.
  - 2.1.7. Prepare reports that summarize the issues present, make investigatory findings of fact, make determinations regarding the allegations, and submit to the Department in accordance with He-M 202.
  - 2.1.8. Collaborate with provider agencies, legal authorities, and other entities

  
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before, during and post investigation.

- 2.1.9. Participate in training programs, case reviews, case conferences, peer review meetings and quality assurance program activities specified in NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
- 2.1.10. Possess a valid driver's license and/or have access to transportation for statewide travel.
- 2.2. The Contractor shall obtain prior approval of the State through the Office of Client and Legal Services before providing complaint investigation services.
- 2.3. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services to all cases/persons assigned by the Office of Client and Legal Services.
- 2.4. The Contractor shall obtain prior written consent of the Department when the Contractor has a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the assigned case/individual.
- 2.5. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and maintaining appropriate confidentiality for any data collected about clients or their families during the complaint investigations, whether written, drawn, recorded or electronically stored.
- 2.6. The Contractor shall have responsibilities as an independent decision-maker acting in a complaint investigation capacity in accordance with the NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
- 2.7. The Contractor shall keep records of their activities, per case assigned by the Department, which will include, but is not limited to, hours worked.
- 2.8. The Contractor shall deliver the complete records of complaint investigations to the Department, upon completion of each investigation.
  - 2.8.1. All data received by the Contractor shall be the property of the Department.
  - 2.8.2. The Contractor shall not disclose any information or data to any individual or organization without prior written approval of the Office of Client and Legal Services and/or the client/guardian, as appropriate, or upon court order. The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 rules and regulations, and/or New Hampshire confidentiality or privacy rules and regulations.

  
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**Exhibit B**

**Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment**

1. The State shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed the Form P-37, Block 1.8, Price Limitation for the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Scope of Services.
  - 1.1. This Agreement is funded with 100% Other Funds from Area Agencies.
  - 1.2. The Contractor agrees to provide the services in Exhibit A, Scope of Service in compliance with funding requirements. Failure to meet the scope of services may jeopardize the funded Contractor's current and/or future funding.
2. Payment for said services shall be made monthly as follows:
  - 2.1. Payment shall be on an hourly reimbursement rate of \$40 per hour, including travel, for actual hours worked.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall be available to work up to thirty (30) hours per week, up to fifty (50) weeks per State Fiscal Year. There shall be no minimum number of guaranteed hours per week. The hours worked per week shall be dependent on the number of cases assigned by the Department.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall not exceed fifteen (15) hours of work per case, excluding travel time.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall seek prior approval from the Department to work over the hours per case as identified in sub-section 2.3.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall submit an invoice on a form satisfactory to the Department, for each assigned investigation.
    - 2.5.1. The invoice must be completed, signed, dated and returned to the Department in order to initiate payment.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall submit their first invoice when they have provided the investigation report to the Department for review.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall submit subsequent invoices bi-weekly for any additional services on an assigned investigation.
  - 2.8. The State shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available. The Contractor will keep detailed records of their activities related to DHHS-funded programs and services.
  - 2.9. The final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract Form P-37, Block 1.7 Completion Date.

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2.10. Invoices may be emailed to Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ or hard copy can be mailed to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director  
Office of Client and Legal Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

2.11. Payments may be withheld pending receipt of required reports or documentation as identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services and in this Exhibit B.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 18 of the General Provisions P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts between budget line items, related items, amendments of related budget exhibits within the price limitation, and to adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years, may be made by written agreement of both parties and may be made without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

  
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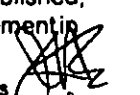
**Contractors Obligations:** The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
2. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made on forms provided by the Department for that purpose and shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
3. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.
4. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
5. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Contract to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Contract. The State may terminate this Contract and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
6. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract and no payments shall be made for expenses incurred by the Contractor for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
7. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractors costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders for such service. If at any time during the term of this Contract or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such costs, or has received payment in excess of such costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders, the Department may elect to:
  - 7.1. Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
  - 7.2. Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of costs;

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- 7.3. Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by the Department to the Contractor for services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

**RECORDS: MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AUDIT, DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:**

8. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Contractor covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Contract Period:
- 8.1. **Fiscal Records:** books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor during the Contract Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
  - 8.2. **Statistical Records:** Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services during the Contract Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
  - 8.3. **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
9. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within 60 days after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits.
- 9.1. **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
  - 9.2. **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
10. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials requiring such information in connection with their official duties and for purposes directly connected to the administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

11. **Reports: Fiscal and Statistical:** The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department.
  - 11.1. **Interim Financial Reports:** Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.
  - 11.2. **Final Report:** A final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.
  
12. **Completion of Services: Disallowance of Costs:** Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of units provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of this Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.
  
13. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement:
  - 13.1. The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
  
14. **Prior Approval and Copyright Ownership:** All materials (written, video, audio) produced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DHHS before printing, production, distribution or use. The DHHS will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports. Contractor shall not reproduce any materials produced under the contract without prior written approval from DHHS.
  
15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.
  
16. **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO):** The Contractor will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs (OCR), if it has received a single award of \$500,000 or more. If the recipient receives \$25,000 or more and has 50 or

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more employees, it will maintain a current EEO on file and submit an EEO Certification Form to the OCR, certifying that its EEO is on file. For recipients receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantees with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, the recipient will provide an EEO Certification Form to the OCR certifying it is not required to submit or maintain an EEO. Non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from the EEO requirement, but are required to submit a certification form to the OCR to claim the exemption. EEO Certification Forms are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

17. **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Contractors must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs.
18. **Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** The following shall apply to all contracts that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold as defined in 48 CFR 2.101 (currently, \$150,000)

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF  
WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.

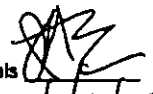
(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

19. **Subcontractors:** DHHS recognizes that the Contractor may choose to use subcontractors with greater expertise to perform certain health care services or functions for efficiency or convenience, but the Contractor shall retain the responsibility and accountability for the function(s). Prior to subcontracting, the Contractor shall evaluate the subcontractor's ability to perform the delegated function(s). This is accomplished through a written agreement that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities of the subcontractor and provides for revoking the delegation or imposing sanctions if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions.

When the Contractor delegates a function to a subcontractor, the Contractor shall do the following:

- 19.1. Evaluate the prospective subcontractor's ability to perform the activities, before delegating the function
- 19.2. Have a written agreement with the subcontractor that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities and how sanctions/revocation will be managed if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate
- 19.3. Monitor the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis

  
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- 19.4. Provide to DHHS an annual schedule identifying all subcontractors, delegated functions and responsibilities, and when the subcontractor's performance will be reviewed
- 19.5. DHHS shall, at its discretion, review and approve all subcontracts.

If the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas for improvement are identified, the Contractor shall take corrective action.

**20. Contract Definitions:**

- 20.1. **COSTS:** Shall mean those direct and indirect items of expense determined by the Department to be allowable and reimbursable in accordance with cost and accounting principles established in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, rules and orders.
- 20.2. **DEPARTMENT:** NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- 20.3. **PROPOSAL:** If applicable, shall mean the document submitted by the Contractor on a form or forms required by the Department and containing a description of the services and/or goods to be provided by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and setting forth the total cost and sources of revenue for each service to be provided under the Contract.
- 20.4. **UNIT:** For each service that the Contractor is to provide to eligible individuals hereunder, shall mean that period of time or that specified activity determined by the Department and specified in Exhibit B of the Contract.
- 20.5. **FEDERAL/STATE LAW:** Wherever federal or state laws, regulations, rules, orders, and policies, etc. are referred to in the Contract, the said reference shall be deemed to mean all such laws, regulations, etc. as they may be amended or revised from time to time.
- 20.6. **SUPPLANTING OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS:** Funds provided to the Contractor under this Contract will not supplant any existing federal funds available for these services.

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REVISIONS TO STANDARD CONTRACT LANGUAGE

1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions

1.1. Section 4, Conditional Nature of Agreement, is replaced as follows:

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

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

1.2. Section 7, PERSONNEL, is replaced as follows:

7. PERSONNEL

7.1 The performance of the services shall be carried out by the contractor.

1.3. Section 10, Termination, is amended by adding the following language:

10.1 The State may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of the State, 30 days after giving the Contractor written notice that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

10.2 In the event of early termination, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement, including but not limited to, identifying the present and future needs of clients receiving services under the Agreement and establishes a process to meet those needs.

10.3 The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the State and shall promptly provide detailed information to support the Transition Plan including, but not limited to, any information or data requested by the State related to the termination of the Agreement and Transition Plan and shall provide ongoing communication and revisions of the Transition Plan to the State as requested.

10.4 In the event that services under the Agreement, including but not limited to clients receiving services under the Agreement are transitioned to having services delivered by another entity including contracted providers or the State, the Contractor shall provide a process for uninterrupted delivery of services in the Transition Plan.

10.5 The Contractor shall establish a method of notifying clients and other affected individuals about the transition. The Contractor shall include the proposed communications in its Transition Plan submitted to the State as described above.

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1.4. Section 12, ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS, is deleted and replaced with:

12. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement. None of the services shall be delegated or subcontracted by the Contractor.

1.5. Section 14, INSURANCE, Subsection 14.1, and Paragraph 14.1.1, are deleted and replaced with:

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

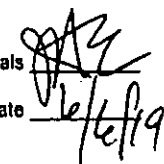
14.1.1 comprehensive professional liability against wrongful acts, all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 per occurrence; and

**2. Renewal**

2.1. The Department reserves the right to extend this agreement for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, written agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

**3. Adult Protective Services Central Registry Checks and Criminal Back Ground Checks**

The Department shall notify the Contractor that the contract is immediately terminated should the results of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry Check required by RSA 161-F: 49 Registry, VII, and the Criminal Back Ground Check, so warrant.

  
Date 10/6/19



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

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

**ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

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

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

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

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

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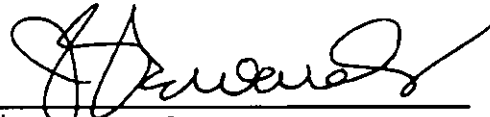
- has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
- 1.6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2, with respect to any employee who is so convicted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


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

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

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Vendor Name:

  
Name: J. A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

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

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

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

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

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

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

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

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Vendor Name:

*[Signature]*

Name:  
Title:

Jo A. Edwards  
Complaint Investigator

Exhibit E - Certification Regarding Lobbying

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and

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information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

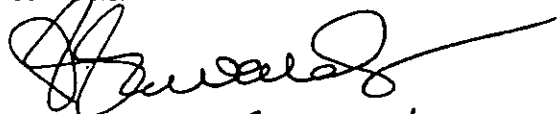
11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - 11.1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
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

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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

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Vendor Name:

  
Name: J. A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO  
FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND  
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

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

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

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

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

Exhibit G

Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections

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

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

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Vendor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

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Vendor Name:

J Edwards  
Name: Jo A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE**

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

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Date

[Signature]  
Name: JB A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

Vendor Initials [Signature]  
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**HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACT**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Vendor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Vendor and subcontractors and agents of the Vendor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

(1) **Definitions.**

- a. **"Breach"** shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. **"Business Associate"** has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. **"Covered Entity"** has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. **"Designated Record Set"** shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. **"Data Aggregation"** shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. **"Health Care Operations"** shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. **"HITECH Act"** means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. **"HIPAA"** means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 and amendments thereto.
- i. **"Individual"** shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. **"Privacy Rule"** shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- k. **"Protected Health Information"** shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.



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- i. **"Required by Law"** shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- m. **"Secretary"** shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. **"Security Rule"** shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. **"Unsecured Protected Health Information"** means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. **Other Definitions** - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

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

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
  - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - II. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
  - III. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business

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Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.

- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

(3) **Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.**

- a. The Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware of any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement including breaches of unsecured protected health information and/or any security incident that may have an impact on the protected health information of the Covered Entity.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately perform a risk assessment when it becomes aware of any of the above situations. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
  - o The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
  - o The unauthorized person used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - o Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed
  - o The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.

The Business Associate shall complete the risk assessment within 48 hours of the breach and immediately report the findings of the risk assessment in writing to the Covered Entity.

- c. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- e. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section 3 (I). The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI

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pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard Paragraph #13 of the standard contract provisions (P-37) of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.

- f. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- h. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
- i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- k. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- l. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business

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Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) **Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) **Termination for Cause**

In addition to Paragraph 10 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37) of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(6) **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Definitions and Regulatory References.** All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. **Amendment.** Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. **Data Ownership.** The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. **Interpretation.** The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule.

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- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section (3) l, the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) e and Paragraph 13 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37), shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

Department of Health and Human Services  
The State

• Deborah D. Schertz  
Signature of Authorized Representative

• Deborah D. Schertz  
Name of Authorized Representative

• Director  
Title of Authorized Representative

• 7-2-2019  
Date

Jo A. Edwards  
Name of the Vendor

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Jo A. Edwards  
Name of Authorized Representative

Complaint Investigator  
Title of Authorized Representative

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Vendor Initials [Signature]  
Date 6/6/19



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$25,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$25,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$25,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$25,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

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

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique identifier of the entity (DUNS #)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.

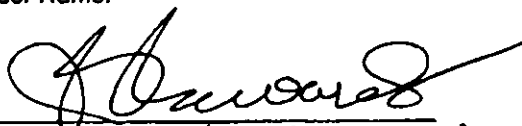
Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

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

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

Vendor Name:

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Date

  
Name: J. A. Edwards  
Title: Complaint Investigator

Vendor Initials JAE  
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**FORM A**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: _____	Amount: _____
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Name: _____	Amount: _____

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Date: 6/6/19

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A. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

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

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

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

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

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request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.

3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

## II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

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

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wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.

9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

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

A. Retention

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

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whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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

B. Disposition

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

IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

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

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
6/6/19

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

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DHHS Information Security Requirements



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

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

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

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

**V. LOSS REPORTING**

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

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

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;
4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and

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5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

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

**VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT**

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov

B. DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

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**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #1**

This Amendment to the Complaint Investigation Services contract is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services ("State" or "Department") and Sheppard Law Office, PLLC. ("the Contractor").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement (the "Contract") approved by the Governor and Executive Council on July 31, 2019 (Item #27), the Contractor agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Form P-37, General Provisions, Paragraph 18, and Exhibit C-1, Revisions to Standard Contract Language, Section 2., Renewal, paragraph 2.1., the Contracts may be amended upon written agreement of the parties and approval from the Governor and Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to extend the term of the agreement, increase the price limitation, or modify the scope of services to support continued delivery of these services; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the Contract and set forth herein, the parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.3, Contractor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
2. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.7, Completion Date, to read:  
June 30, 2023.
3. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.8, Price Limitation, to read:  
\$175,000.
4. Exhibit D, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, Page 2 of 2, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
5. Exhibit E, Certification Regarding Lobbying, Page 1 of 1, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
6. Exhibit F, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension And Other Responsibility Matters, Page 2 of 2, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
7. Exhibit G, Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower Protections, Page 2 of 2, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
8. Exhibit H, Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke, Page 1 of 1, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
9. Exhibit I, Health Insurance Portability Act Business Associate Agreement, Page 6 of 6, Name of the Vendor, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC
10. Exhibit J, Certification Regarding the Federal Funding Accountability And Transparency Act (FFATA) Compliance, Page 1 of 2, Vendor Name, to read:  
Sheppard Law Office, PLLC

All terms and conditions of the Contract not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2021 upon the date of Governor and Executive Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

4/14/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Deborah D. Scheetz*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Deborah D. Scheetz  
Title: Director Division of Long Term Supports and Services

Sheppard Law Office, PLLC

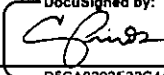
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*Laura Sheppard*  
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Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Attorney

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

4/16/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Name: Catherine Pinos  
Title: Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

### Independent Contractor Justification Form

1. Describe the services that the individual will perform for your agency.  
Conduct investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation & rights violations of persons applying or eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, dvlpmtl. servcs. or acquired brain disorder progrms. as required by the State. Sheppard Law Office, PLLC

2. Does the agency have State employees that perform the same or similar services?  Yes,  No

3. Will the Agency exercise authority over the means by which the service is rendered by:
- a. Setting work hours.  Yes,  No
  - b. Setting the work location or providing work space.  Yes,  No
  - c. Training the individual in how the services must be performed.  Yes,  No
  - d. Supervising how services are rendered.  Yes,  No
  - e. Providing tools, materials or office supplies to perform the services.  Yes,  No
  - f. Requiring periodic reports on the individual's services.  Yes,  No
  - g. Requiring performance by the contracting individual, rather than allowing subcontractors or assistants.  Yes,  No

4. Will the individual perform the services exclusively for the agency?  Yes,  No

5. Does the individual use their personal social security number rather than employer identification tax number?  Yes,  No

6. Does the individual hold himself or herself out to be in business for himself or herself, including by being registered with the state as a business and having continuing or recurring business liabilities or obligations?  Yes,  No

7. Will the individual be responsible for satisfactory completion of work and can the agency hold the individual contractually responsible for failure to complete the work?  Yes,  No

8. Will the Agency have the right to terminate the relationship at any time?  Yes,  No

9. Can the individual terminate the relationship at any time without liability?  Yes,  No

10. Are the services the individual will provide an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business?  Yes,  No. Please Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Date initial review by DoP: 04/02/2021 Date final review by DoP: 4/15/2021

Initial Approval MJM : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Final Approval \_\_\_\_\_ : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Moranti Digitally signed by Michael Moranti Date: 2021.04.02 09:12:07 -04'00'  
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Lorrie Rudis  
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(Division of Personnel signatory)



# State of New Hampshire

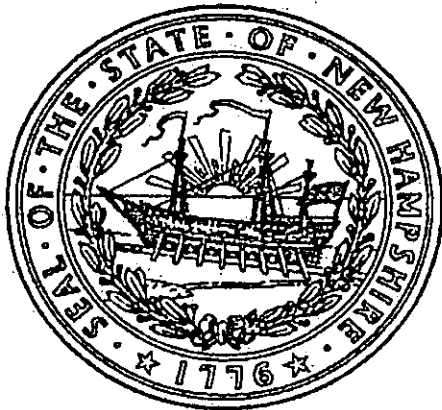
## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that SHEPPARD LAW OFFICE, PLLC is a New Hampshire Professional Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on June 14, 2007. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 579626

Certificate Number: 0005347724



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,  
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 13th day of April A.D. 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Laura Sheppard, hereby certify that:

1. I am the sole shareholder and director of Sheppard Law Office, PLLC.  
(Corporation)
2. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that I have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on my authority to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.
3. This authority **remains valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Certificate of Authority.

Dated: 4/13/2021

DocuSigned by:  
Laura Sheppard  
(Name of Sole Shareholder and Director)  
Laura Sheppard



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

04/13/2021

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.**

**IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).**

<b>PRODUCER</b> Amity Insurance a Division of Brown & Brown of MA, Brown & Brown of MA, LLC 500 Victory Road North Quincy MA 02171		<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Suzanne Morand <b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b> (617) 471-1220 <b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> (617) 479-5147 <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> smorand@amityins.com																						
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

**CANCELLATION**

State of New Hampshire Department of Health & Human & 129 Pleasant Street  Concord NH 03301	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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## **Laura Sheppard, Esq.**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **SHEPPARD LAW OFFICE, PLLC**

*Amherst, NH*

**Owner** – July 2014 to present

Solo practitioner handling plaintiff personal injury cases including automobile, slip and falls, workers' compensation, and other personal injury claims. Handle all aspects of claims from initial client intakes through resolution including corresponding with insurance companies, requesting and reviewing all pertinent medical information, employment information, police and accident reports, perform investigations, interview witnesses, draft demand letters, conduct settlement negotiations, litigation, and participate in alternative dispute resolution.

#### **Committee for Public Counsel Services - Mental Health Litigation Unit**

*Boston, MA* – October 2014 to present

**Attorney** - Represent indigent clients in mental health commitment hearings, guardianship proceedings, Rogers' hearings (extraordinary medical treatment & substituted judgment) in Essex and Middlesex Counties. Responsible for all aspects of case from initial client interview, medical records review, interfacing with treating physicians, medical staff, expert witnesses, family members, and guardians. Prepare for and litigate matters to conclusion.

#### **NH Bureau of Developmental Services – Concord, NH** – October 2014 to present

**Complaint Investigator** - Investigate complaints of abuse, neglect and exploitation of individuals who receive services in the developmental services system. Interview all relevant parties, prepare report of findings to Office of Client & Legal Services.

#### **INJURY LAW CENTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, PLLC**

*Nashua, New Hampshire*

#### **LAW OFFICES OF EDWARD F. WALLACE, P.C**

*Westford, Massachusetts*

**Associate Attorney** - January 2005 to June 2014

Work alongside managing partner to further develop personal injury practice serving New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Collaborated to create the Injury Law Center including locating our office, hiring additional personnel, training and managing paralegal staff and associate attorney, designing firm logos, stationery and website. Co-manage the day to day functions of running the firm including dealing with the financial issues with cash flow, expenditures and future budget needs. Collaborate with staff to further develop marketing strategies to increase client volume and profitability.

Work independently and with team members handling a heavy caseload of personal injury cases including automobile crashes, slip and falls, work accidents, dog bites, and other accident claims. Responsible for handling all phases of a case from initial client contact through case development and eventual resolution. Routinely research medical literature to effectively understand clients' injuries and symptoms to zealously advocate for our clients. Interface regularly with clients, insurance adjusters, medical personnel, attorneys, expert witnesses, courts and administrative agencies.

**BOROFSKY, AMODEO-VICKERY & BANDAIZIAN, P.A.**

*Manchester, New Hampshire*

**Litigation Associate** - April 2003 to December 2004

Worked independently and with partners handling a variety of personal injury cases including automobile accidents, workers' compensation claims, slip and fall accidents, wrongful death claims, Social Security Disability claims and other general liability matters in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Independently handled all case-related matters from initial client intakes through trial. Drafted all pleadings and discovery, motions, memoranda, prepared for and conducted depositions, prepared expert witnesses and other lay witnesses for trial. Drafted extensive demand letters to insurance companies and engaged in extensive settlement negotiations with adjusters. Attended all court hearings in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts State Courts and routinely litigated matters before the Department of Labor, Department of Industrial Accidents and Social Security Administration. Also participated and lectured at firm seminars throughout the Southern New Hampshire region on personal injury matters to educate the public and for marketing purposes.

**HAMBLETT & KERRIGAN, P.A.**

*Nashua, New Hampshire*

**Litigation Associate** - July 2000 to April 2003

Assumed responsibility to establish and further develop the Personal Injury Practice Group for increased volume and profitability. Directly engaged in meaningful marketing efforts to gain new clientele. Member of the firm's marketing committee which met monthly to collaborate with senior partners and other staff members to discuss and implement new marketing and business strategies for the firm.

Worked independently and with senior partner handling personal injury caseload including automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, medical malpractice cases, workers' compensation claims and other general liability cases in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Independently managed all cases from initial client intake through resolution. Responsible for obtaining and reviewing all pertinent documentation including medical records and bills, employment records, police reports and other relevant documents. Responsible for drafting demand letters for all cases, including complex medical malpractice and wrongful death claims. Conducted extensive settlement negotiations with insurance adjusters and defense counsel to resolve claims. Process Medical Payments/PIP benefits. Identified and resolved insurance coverage issues and subrogation liens. Responsible for drafting all suit papers, discovery documents, position statements for ADR sessions, legal research, and attending all court hearings, motion hearings and court conferences. Located expert witnesses for medical malpractice cases.

**LAW OFFICES OF JOEL H. SCHWARTZ, P.C.**

*Boston, Massachusetts*

**Litigation Associate** - November 1996 to June 2000

Worked independently and directly with senior litigation partner handling high volume plaintiff personal injury caseload including automobile, slip and fall, construction site, workers' compensation, sexual harassment and other general liability cases. Duties included complete case management including client intakes, obtaining and reviewing pertinent medical and employment documentation, police reports, drafting all pleadings, discovery requests and responses, motions, memoranda of law and demand letters. Conduct depositions, including

expert witnesses, participate in mediation sessions, arbitration hearings and motion sessions.

**STERN, SHAPIRO, WEISSBERG & GARIN**

*Boston, Massachusetts*

**Paralegal**- March 1994 to November 1996

Worked independently under four supervising attorneys for heavy civil litigation caseload including lead poisoning, automobile accident, premises liability, slip and fall, products liability, and other general liability cases. Duties included file maintenance, client intakes, drafting all pleadings, motions, memoranda, discovery requests and responses and correspondence. Requested and reviewed all medical records and bills, employment records and other pertinent documentation. Maintained extensive client contact, and significant contact with expert witnesses throughout duration of cases. Prepared medical and other evidence for trials and performed legal research. Assisted attorneys with preparation for depositions including identifying and assembling deposition exhibits, drafting subpoenas, preparing witnesses, and attended all depositions for assigned cases. Responsible for drafting demand letters and independently negotiated and resolved automobile accident claims with insurance adjusters.

**LAW OFFICE OF SHERWIN L. KANTROVITZ, P.C.**

*Boston, Massachusetts*

**Law Clerk**- July 1991 to March 1994

Worked under managing attorney for heavy plaintiff personal injury litigation caseload including lead poisoning, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, automobile and other general liability cases. Duties included file review and organization, drafting all pleadings, motions, memoranda, discovery requests and responses, and correspondence. Requested and reviewed all medical records, medical bills, employment records, police reports, and other relevant documentation. Procure medical affidavits for trial, contact with expert witnesses, assisted in trial preparation, performed legal research and client intakes.

**PRESSMAN, HILLER & KRUSKAL**

*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

**Paralegal** - September 1989 to June 1991

Worked independently under three supervising attorneys performing case management for more than fifty ongoing lead poisoning litigation cases. Responsibilities included extensive client contact, drafting pleadings, discovery requests and responses, correspondence, and case summaries. Significant contact with expert witnesses including attending medical and other expert appointments with clients, and attended Independent Medical Examinations with clients. Requested, reviewed and summarized all medical records, medical bills, school records, lead inspection reports and other pertinent documentation. Assist senior attorneys with trial preparation including obtaining certified medical records and other documentary evidence.

**KAMBERG, BERMAN & GOLD, P.C.**

*Springfield, Massachusetts*

**Litigation Paralegal**- May 1988 to August 1989

Responsible under two supervising attorneys for heavy commercial litigation caseload in Trial Practice Department. Duties included drafting all pleadings and discovery, motions and memoranda of law, briefs and correspondence, legal research, client interviews, initial case strategy, investigative work and trial preparation.

**LAW OFFICE OF MARK MASON, ESQ.**

*Holyoke, Massachusetts*

**Paralegal**-September 1987 to May 1988 (half-time position)

Responsible under busy trial practitioner for civil, criminal, probate, domestic and Chapter 7 bankruptcy caseload. Responsibilities included drafting all pleadings, discovery, motions, briefs and correspondence, legal research and client interviews. Responsible for office administration.

**LAW OFFICE OF GERI LAVENTIS, ESQ.**

*Holyoke, Massachusetts*

**Paralegal**- July 1987 to May 1988 (half-time position)

Responsible under solo practitioner for criminal defense, civil and domestic caseload. Responsibilities included client interviews and investigations, legal research, drafting and typing all criminal pre-trial motions, jury instructions and memoranda of law. Responsible for office administration and all clerical duties.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**NH BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

*Concord, New Hampshire*

**Public Member:** December 2006 - April 2014

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Massachusetts School of Law**

*Andover, Massachusetts*

Juris Doctor - May 1996

**University of Massachusetts**

*Amherst, Massachusetts*

Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies - February 1987

**Nashua Community College**

*Nashua, New Hampshire*

Spanish I and II classes - 2012-2013

**Certified Mediator having completed 40 hour training in MA**

**Leadership Greater Nashua, Chamber of Commerce - 2001**

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Massachusetts - Admitted December 1996

New Hampshire - Admitted May 1998

U.S. District Court (D. Massachusetts) - Admitted June 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals (151 Circuit) - Admitted July 1997

U.S. District Court (D. New Hampshire) - Admitted October 2004



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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July 11, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal and Regulatory Services, to enter into retroactive agreements with the vendors listed below, to provide complaint investigation services by conducting investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations, of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs, in an amount not to exceed \$470,000, effective retroactive to July 1, 2019, upon Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2021.  
100% Other Funds.

Vendor	Vendor Number	Location	Contract Amount
Jo A. Edwards	222953-B001	Penacook	\$120,000
Laura Sheppard	236099-B001	Amherst	\$87,500
Michael K. Fitts	230686-B001	Barrington	\$140,000
Investigative Resolutions, LLC	263007-B001	Bedford	\$122,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with authority to adjust amounts within the price limitation and adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-93-093-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>

See attached financial detail.



### EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive because the documentation required to process these contracts, was not received until June 13, 2019, which was later than the submission date for items to be placed on the agenda for the final June 19, 2019 Governor and Executive Council meeting. The current contract ends June 30, 2019, and is with the same individuals the Department selected through a competitive bid process for this new contract period. They are presently conducting these investigations and will continue to do so prior to the Governor and Executive Council meeting July 31, 2019.

The purpose of this request is to provide compliant investigation services statewide of area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs as required by the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M202.

Based on historic complaint investigation data, the Department estimates that the complaint investigators will conduct approximately 750 complaint investigations from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The Contractors will perform statewide complaint investigation services that consist of conducting investigations for alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, client rights violations of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs. The Contractors will perform investigations within the timeframes set forth and in accordance with the requirements of the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202.

The Contractors will conduct interviews and submit reports to the Department with a determination on any allegations that would include if any individual suffered any serious harm.

Senate Bill 138, of the 2007 Legislative Session, established a Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the quality assurance and improvement elements, and activities within New Hampshire's community-based developmental services system. The Committee found that, *"The current abuse and neglect investigations system, which essentially requires the area agencies to investigate themselves, has created the appearance of a conflict and undermined the credibility of the area agency reports and responses."*

The Committee recommended that the Bureau of Developmental Services hire independent investigators to fulfill the responsibilities associated with complaints to inject greater independence, confidence and integrity to the complaint process. By contracting these services, the agencies can better concentrate on responding to the findings of the investigations and improve the system to prevent harmful outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The Department published a Request for Applications for Complaint Investigation Services on the Department of Health and Human Services website from April 10, 2019 through May 2, 2019. The Department received four (4) applications. These applications were reviewed and scored by a team of individuals with program specific knowledge. The Summary Scoring Sheet is attached.

The Department will monitor the effectiveness of the Contractors through quarterly meetings and semi-annual reports to the Developmental Services Quality Council, in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rule He-M 202.

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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As referenced in the Exhibit C-1 of these agreements, the parties have the option to extend contract services for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

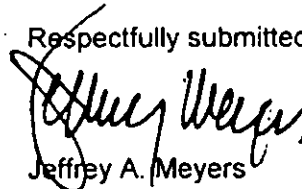
Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Department would not be in compliance with State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202 that stipulates the protection of the rights of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies or developmental service or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the Bureau of Developmental Services.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of funds: 100% Other Funds (Program Revenue from the Area Agencies).

In the event that the Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers  
Commissioner

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Complaint Investigation Services**  
**FINANCIAL DETAIL**

**05-95-93-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Jo A. Edward** **Vendor # 222953-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
			Sub-total	\$ 120,000

**Laura Sheppard** **Vendor # 236099-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
			Sub-total	\$ 87,500

**Michael K. Fitts** **Vendor # 230686-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
			Sub-total	\$ 140,000

**Paul F. Woodmansee** **Vendor # 263007-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
			Sub-total	\$ 122,500
			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ <b>470,000</b>



**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Business Operations  
Contracts & Procurement Unit  
Summary Scoring Sheet**

**Complaint Investigation Services**

**RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL**

RFA Name

RFA Number

Reviewer Names

**Bidder Name**

1. Jo A. Edwards
2. Michael K. Fitts
3. Laura Sheppard, Esq.
4. Investigative Resolutions LLC
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail	Maximum Points	Actual Points
	100	100
	100	99
	100	93
	100	100

1. Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director,  
Client & Legal Services  
Jan Skoby, Administrator of
2. Education & Training  
Developmental Services
3. Stacey Dubia, Internal Auditor,  
DBH

Subject: RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL-02 Complaint Investigation Services


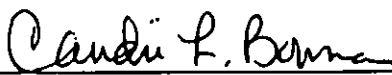

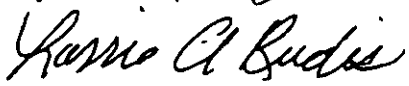
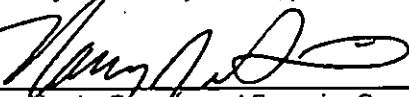
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

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

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION:**

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Laura Sheppard, Esq.		1.4 Contractor Address 76 Route 101A, Suite 9 Amherst NH 03031	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 213-6194	1.6 Account Number 05-095-093-930010-59470000-103-502664	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2021	1.8 Price Limitation \$87,500
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Nathan D. White, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Laura Sheppard, Complaint Investigator	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <u>NH</u> , County of <u>Hillsborough</u> On <u>6/10/2019</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace (Seal) 		Candie Bowman Notary Public, State of New Hampshire My Commission Expires Feb. 6, 2024	
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace Candie L. Bowman Notary Public			
1.14 State Agency Signature  Date: <u>7-2-2019</u>		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Deborah D. Scheetz, Director	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By:  Director, On: <u>7/15/2019</u>			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  On: <u>7/2/2019</u>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: _____			

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

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

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

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

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

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

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

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

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

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

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

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this

Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

#### 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

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

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

#### 9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION:

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

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

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. **TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

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

12. **ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. INSURANCE.

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

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

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

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

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

**15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.**

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

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

**16. WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

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

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

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

**19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.**

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

**20. THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

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

**22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

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

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.





## Scope of Services

### **1. Provisions Applicable to All Services**

- 1.1. The Contractor shall submit a detailed description of the language assistance services they will provide to persons with limited English proficiency to ensure meaningful access to their programs and/or services within ten (10) days of the contract effective date.
- 1.2. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future legislative action by the New Hampshire General Court or federal or state court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State Agency has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Department has identified the Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.300.

### **2. Scope of Services**

- 2.1. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services as follows:
  - 2.1.1. Complete complaint investigation services within the time frames set forth in the State of New Hampshire (NH) Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.2. Provide complaint investigation services statewide based on the assigned cases from the Office of Client and Legal Services by investigating complaints involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other rights violations for persons with a developmental disability or acquired brain disorder, in accordance with NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.3. Perform investigations including, but not limited to collateral and clinical interviews with the complainants, the individual, the guardian, the respondent, and any witnesses, and gathering of data relating to allegations.
  - 2.1.4. Determine if there is serious harm to the individual.
  - 2.1.5. Analyze and interpret complex data, policies, regulations and laws, human rights, and service provider procedures to assess each for possible safeguards and to resolve investigated situations.
  - 2.1.6. Assess and recommend independent investigation findings and follow-up plans for problem resolution in each investigation with supervisory and/or peer review as needed.
  - 2.1.7. Prepare reports that summarize the issues present, make investigatory findings of fact, make determinations regarding the allegations, and submit to the Department in accordance with He-M 202.
  - 2.1.8. Collaborate with provider agencies, legal authorities, and other entities

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- before, during and post investigation.
- 2.1.9. Participate in training programs, case reviews, case conferences, peer review meetings and quality assurance program activities specified in NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.10. Possess a valid driver's license and/or have access to transportation for statewide travel.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall obtain prior approval of the State through the Office of Client and Legal Services before providing complaint investigation services.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services to all cases/persons assigned by the Office of Client and Legal Services.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall obtain prior written consent of the Department when the Contractor has a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the assigned case/individual.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and maintaining appropriate confidentiality for any data collected about clients or their families during the complaint investigations, whether written, drawn, recorded or electronically stored.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall have responsibilities as an independent decision-maker acting in a complaint investigation capacity in accordance with the NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall keep records of their activities, per case assigned by the Department, which will include, but is not limited to, hours worked.
  - 2.8. The Contractor shall deliver the complete records of complaint investigations to the Department, upon completion of each investigation.
    - 2.8.1. All data received by the Contractor shall be the property of the Department.
    - 2.8.2. The Contractor shall not disclose any information or data to any individual or organization without prior written approval of the Office of Client and Legal Services and/or the client/guardian, as appropriate, or upon court order. The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 rules and regulations, and/or New Hampshire confidentiality or privacy rules and regulations.

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**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
Complaint Investigation Services**

**Exhibit B**

**Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment**

1. The State shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed the Form P-37, Block 1.8, Price Limitation for the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Scope of Services.
  - 1.1. This Agreement is funded with 100% Other Funds from Area Agencies.
  - 1.2. The Contractor agrees to provide the services in Exhibit A, Scope of Service in compliance with funding requirements. Failure to meet the scope of services may jeopardize the funded Contractor's current and/or future funding.
2. Payment for said services shall be made monthly as follows:
  - 2.1. Payment shall be on an hourly reimbursement rate of \$35 per hour, including travel, for actual hours worked.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall be available to work up to twenty-five (25) hours per week, up to fifty (50) weeks per State Fiscal Year. There shall be no minimum number of guaranteed hours per week. The hours worked per week shall be dependent on the number of cases assigned by the Department.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall not exceed fifteen (15) hours of work per case, excluding travel time.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall seek prior approval from the Department to work over the hours per case as identified in sub-section 2.3.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall submit an invoice on a form satisfactory to the Department, for each assigned investigation.
    - 2.5.1. The invoice must be completed, signed, dated and returned to the Department in order to initiate payment.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall submit their first invoice when they have provided the investigation report to the Department for review.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall submit subsequent invoices bi-weekly for any additional services on an assigned investigation.
  - 2.8. The State shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available. The Contractor will keep detailed records of their activities related to DHHS-funded programs and services.
  - 2.9. The final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract Form P-37, Block 1.7 Completion Date.

Laura Sheppard, Esq.

Exhibit B

Contractor Initials

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**Exhibit B**

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- 2.10. Invoices may be emailed to [Melissa.nemeth@dhhs.h.gov](mailto:Melissa.nemeth@dhhs.h.gov) or hard copy can be mailed to:
- Department of Health and Human Services  
Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director  
Office of Client and Legal Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301
- 2.11. Payments may be withheld pending receipt of required reports or documentation as identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services and in this Exhibit B.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 18 of the General Provisions P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts between budget line items, related items, amendments of related budget exhibits within the price limitation, and to adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years, may be made by written agreement of both parties and may be made without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**Contractors Obligations:** The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
2. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made on forms provided by the Department for that purpose and shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
3. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.
4. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
5. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Contract to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Contract. The State may terminate this Contract and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
6. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract and no payments shall be made for expenses incurred by the Contractor for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
7. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractors costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders for such service. If at any time during the term of this Contract or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such costs, or has received payment in excess of such costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders, the Department may elect to:
  - 7.1. Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
  - 7.2. Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of costs;

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- 7.3. Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by the Department to the Contractor for services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

**RECORDS: MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AUDIT, DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:**

8. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Contractor covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Contract Period:
- 8.1. **Fiscal Records:** books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor during the Contract Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
  - 8.2. **Statistical Records:** Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services during the Contract Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
  - 8.3. **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
9. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within 60 days after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits.
- 9.1. **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
  - 9.2. **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
10. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials requiring such information in connection with their official duties and for purposes directly connected to the administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian.



Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

11. **Reports: Fiscal and Statistical:** The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department.
  - 11.1. **Interim Financial Reports:** Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.
  - 11.2. **Final Report:** A final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.
12. **Completion of Services: Disallowance of Costs:** Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of units provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of this Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.
13. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement:
  - 13.1. The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
14. **Prior Approval and Copyright Ownership:** All materials (written, video, audio) produced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DHHS before printing, production, distribution or use. The DHHS will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports. Contractor shall not reproduce any materials produced under the contract without prior written approval from DHHS.
15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.
16. **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO):** The Contractor will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs (OCR), if it has received a single award of \$500,000 or more. If the recipient receives \$25,000 or more and has 50 or

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more employees, it will maintain a current EEOP on file and submit an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR, certifying that its EEOP is on file. For recipients receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantees with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, the recipient will provide an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR certifying it is not required to submit or maintain an EEOP. Non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from the EEOP requirement, but are required to submit a certification form to the OCR to claim the exemption. EEOP Certification Forms are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

17. **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Contractors must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs.
18. **Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** The following shall apply to all contracts that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold as defined in 48 CFR 2.101 (currently, \$150,000)

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.

(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

19. **Subcontractors:** DHHS recognizes that the Contractor may choose to use subcontractors with greater expertise to perform certain health care services or functions for efficiency or convenience, but the Contractor shall retain the responsibility and accountability for the function(s). Prior to subcontracting, the Contractor shall evaluate the subcontractor's ability to perform the delegated function(s). This is accomplished through a written agreement that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities of the subcontractor and provides for revoking the delegation or imposing sanctions if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions.

When the Contractor delegates a function to a subcontractor, the Contractor shall do the following:

- 19.1. Evaluate the prospective subcontractor's ability to perform the activities, before delegating the function
- 19.2. Have a written agreement with the subcontractor that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities and how sanctions/revocation will be managed if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate
- 19.3. Monitor the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis

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- 19.4. Provide to DHHS an annual schedule identifying all subcontractors, delegated functions and responsibilities, and when the subcontractor's performance will be reviewed
- 19.5. DHHS shall, at its discretion, review and approve all subcontracts.

If the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas for improvement are identified, the Contractor shall take corrective action.

**20. Contract Definitions:**

- 20.1. **COSTS:** Shall mean those direct and indirect items of expense determined by the Department to be allowable and reimbursable in accordance with cost and accounting principles established in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, rules and orders.
- 20.2. **DEPARTMENT:** NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- 20.3. **PROPOSAL:** If applicable, shall mean the document submitted by the Contractor on a form or forms required by the Department and containing a description of the services and/or goods to be provided by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and setting forth the total cost and sources of revenue for each service to be provided under the Contract.
- 20.4. **UNIT:** For each service that the Contractor is to provide to eligible individuals hereunder, shall mean that period of time or that specified activity determined by the Department and specified in Exhibit B of the Contract.
- 20.5. **FEDERAL/STATE LAW:** Wherever federal or state laws, regulations, rules, orders, and policies, etc. are referred to in the Contract, the said reference shall be deemed to mean all such laws, regulations, etc. as they may be amended or revised from time to time.
- 20.6. **SUPPLANTING OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS:** Funds provided to the Contractor under this Contract will not supplant any existing federal funds available for these services.

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**REVISIONS TO STANDARD CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions

1.1. Section 4, Conditional Nature of Agreement, is replaced as follows:

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

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

1.2. Section 7, PERSONNEL, is replaced as follows:

7. PERSONNEL

7.1 The performance of the services shall be carried out by the contractor.

1.3. Section 10, Termination, is amended by adding the following language:

10.1 The State may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of the State, 30 days after giving the Contractor written notice that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

10.2 In the event of early termination, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement, including but not limited to, identifying the present and future needs of clients receiving services under the Agreement and establishes a process to meet those needs.

10.3 The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the State and shall promptly provide detailed information to support the Transition Plan including, but not limited to, any information or data requested by the State related to the termination of the Agreement and Transition Plan and shall provide ongoing communication and revisions of the Transition Plan to the State as requested.

10.4 In the event that services under the Agreement, including but not limited to clients receiving services under the Agreement are transitioned to having services delivered by another entity including contracted providers or the State, the Contractor shall provide a process for uninterrupted delivery of services in the Transition Plan.

10.5 The Contractor shall establish a method of notifying clients and other affected individuals about the transition. The Contractor shall include the proposed communications in its Transition Plan submitted to the State as described above.

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1.4. Section 12, ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS, is deleted and replaced with:

12. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement. None of the services shall be delegated or subcontracted by the Contractor.

1.5. Section 14, INSURANCE, Subsection 14.1, and Paragraph 14.1.1, are deleted and replaced with:

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive professional liability against wrongful acts, all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 per occurrence; and

**2. Renewal**

2.1. The Department reserves the right to extend this agreement for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, written agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

**3. Adult Protective Services Central Registry Checks and Criminal Back Ground Checks**

The Department shall notify the Contractor that the contract is immediately terminated should the results of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry Check required by RSA 161-F: 49 Registry, VII, and the Criminal Back Ground Check, so warrant.

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

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

**ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

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Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Complaint Investigator



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

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

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

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):  
\*Temporary Assistance to Needy Families under Title IV-A  
\*Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D  
\*Social Services Block Grant Program under Title XX  
\*Medicaid Program under Title XIX  
\*Community Services Block Grant under Title VI  
\*Child Care Development Block Grant under Title IV

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

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

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

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Laura Sheppard  
Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Complaint Investigator



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and

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information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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

Vendor Name:

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Date

Laura Sheppard  
Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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Date 6/10/19





**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO  
FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND  
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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Vendor Initials

*LS*

Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections

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

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

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Vendor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

Vendor Name:

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Date

Laura Sheppard  
Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

6/10/19  
Date

Laura Sheppard  
Name: Laura Sheppard  
Title: Complaint Investigator

Vendor Initials LS  
Date 6/10/19



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**HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACT**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Vendor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Vendor and subcontractors and agents of the Vendor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

(1) **Definitions.**

- a. **"Breach"** shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. **"Business Associate"** has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. **"Covered Entity"** has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. **"Designated Record Set"** shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. **"Data Aggregation"** shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. **"Health Care Operations"** shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. **"HITECH Act"** means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. **"HIPAA"** means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 and amendments thereto.
- i. **"Individual"** shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. **"Privacy Rule"** shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- k. **"Protected Health Information"** shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

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*[Handwritten Date: 6/10/19]*



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- l. **"Required by Law"** shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- m. **"Secretary"** shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. **"Security Rule"** shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. **"Unsecured Protected Health Information"** means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. **Other Definitions** - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

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

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
  - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - II. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
  - III. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business



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Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.

- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

**(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.**

- a. The Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware of any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement including breaches of unsecured protected health information and/or any security incident that may have an impact on the protected health information of the Covered Entity.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately perform a risk assessment when it becomes aware of any of the above situations. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
  - o The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
  - o The unauthorized person used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - o Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed
  - o The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.

The Business Associate shall complete the risk assessment within 48 hours of the breach and immediately report the findings of the risk assessment in writing to the Covered Entity.

- c. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- e. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section 3 (l). The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI



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- pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard Paragraph #13 of the standard contract provisions (P-37) of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.
- f. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
  - g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
  - h. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
  - i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - k. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
  - l. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business



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Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

**(4) Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

**(5) Termination for Cause**

In addition to Paragraph 10 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37) of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

**(6) Miscellaneous**

- a. Definitions and Regulatory References. All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. Amendment. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. Data Ownership. The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule.





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- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section (3) I, the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) e and Paragraph 13 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37), shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

Department of Health and Human Services  
The State

Deborah D. Scheetz  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Deborah D. Scheetz  
Name of Authorized Representative

Director  
Title of Authorized Representative

7-2-2019  
Date

Laura Sheppard  
Name of the Vendor

Laura Sheppard  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Laura Sheppard  
Name of Authorized Representative

Complaint Investigator  
Title of Authorized Representative

6/10/19  
Date



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$25,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$25,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$25,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$25,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

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

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique identifier of the entity (DUNS #)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.

Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

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

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

Vendor Name:

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Date

Laura Shepard  
Name  
Laura Shepard  
Title:  
Complaint Investigator



**FORM A**

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

1. The DUNS number for your entity is: N/A

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

NO  YES

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

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

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

NO  YES

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

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

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

Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____

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A. Definitions

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

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

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

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



mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

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

## I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

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

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

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request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.

3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

## II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

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

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wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.

9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

### III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

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

#### A. Retention

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

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whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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

**B. Disposition**

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

**IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY**

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:

1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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

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

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

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

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

**V. LOSS REPORTING**

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

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

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;
4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and

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5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

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

**VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT**

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov

B. DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

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**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #1**

This Amendment to the Complaint Investigation Services contract is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services ("State" or "Department") and Michael K. Fitts ("the Contractor").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement (the "Contract") approved by the Governor and Executive Council on July 31, 2019 (Item #27), the Contractor agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Form P-37, General Provisions, Paragraph 18, and Exhibit C-1, Revisions to Standard Contract Language, Section 2., Renewal, paragraph 2.1., the Contracts may be amended upon written agreement of the parties and approval from the Governor and Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to extend the term of the agreement, increase the price limitation, or modify the scope of services to support continued delivery of these services; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the Contract and set forth herein, the parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Form P-37 General Provisions, Block 1.7, Completion Date, to read:  
June 30, 2023.
2. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.8, Price Limitation, to read:  
\$280,000.

Michael K. Fitts

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Contractor Initials

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Date 4/12/2021

All terms and conditions of the Contract not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2021 upon the date of Governor and Executive Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

4/14/2021  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Deborah D. Scheetz*  
Name: Deborah D. Scheetz  
Title: Director Division of Long Term Supports and Services

Michael K. Fitts

4/12/2021  
Date

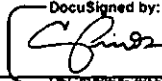
DocuSigned by:  
*Michael K. Fitts*  
Name: Michael K. Fitts  
Title: complaint investigator

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

4/16/2021

Date

DocuSigned by:  


Name: Catherine Pinos

Title: Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Date

Name:

Title:

### Independent Contractor Justification Form

1. Describe the services that the individual will perform for your agency.  
Conduct investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation & rights violations of persons applying or eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, dvlpmtl. servcs. or acquired brain disorder progrms. as required by the State. Jo A. Edwards; Michael K. Fitts

2. Does the agency have State employees that perform the same or similar services?  Yes,  No

3. Will the Agency exercise authority over the means by which the service is rendered by:
- a. Setting work hours.  Yes,  No
  - b. Setting the work location or providing work space.  Yes,  No
  - c. Training the individual in how the services must be performed.  Yes,  No
  - d. Supervising how services are rendered.  Yes,  No
  - e. Providing tools, materials or office supplies to perform the services.  Yes,  No
  - f. Requiring periodic reports on the individual's services.  Yes,  No
  - g. Requiring performance by the contracting individual, rather than allowing subcontractors or assistants.  Yes,  No

4. Will the individual perform the services exclusively for the agency?  Yes,  No

5. Does the individual use their personal social security number rather than employer identification tax number?  Yes,  No

6. Does the individual hold himself or herself out to be in business for himself or herself, including by being registered with the state as a business and having continuing or recurring business liabilities or obligations?  Yes,  No

7. Will the individual be responsible for satisfactory completion of work and can the agency hold the individual contractually responsible for failure to complete the work?  Yes,  No

8. Will the Agency have the right to terminate the relationship at any time?  Yes,  No

9. Can the individual terminate the relationship at any time without liability?  Yes,  No

10. Are the services the individual will provide an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business?  Yes,  No. Please Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Date initial review by DoP: 04/01/2021 Date final review by DoP: 4/15/2021

Initial Approval MJM : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Final Approval <sup>LAR</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

**Michael Moranti**  
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**Lorrie Rudis**  
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(Division of Personnel signatory)





## Certificate of Liability Insurance

Date Issued: 12/03/2020

Underwritten by: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company · One Bala Plaza, Suite 100 · Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 · NAIC #: 18058  
 Administered by: CPH & Associates · 711 S. Dearborn St. Ste 205 · Chicago, IL 60605 · P 800.875.1911 · F 312.987.0902 · info@cphins.com

DISCLAIMER: This certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. The Certificate of Insurance does not constitute a contract between the Issuing Insurer(s), authorized representative or producer, and the certificate holder, nor does it affirmatively or negatively amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed thereon.

**Insured:** Michael K Fitts  
 158 Brewster Rd.  
 Barrington, NH 03825

**Policy Number:** E132436  
**Policy Term:** 01/24/2021 to 01/24/2022  
**Occupation:** Social Worker

### Covered Locations

**Professional Liability:** Portable coverage, not location specific

Coverage Type (Occurrence Form)	Per Incident (Per individual claim)	Aggregate (Total amount per year)
Professional Liability	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Supplemental Liability	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Licensing Board Defense	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Commercial General Liability	N/A	N/A
• Fire/Water Legal Liability	N/A	N/A
Business Personal Property	N/A	N/A

Comments/Special Descriptions:

### Certificate Holder

DHHS, State of NH  
 129 Pleasant St  
 Concord, NH 03301

Certificate Holder has been added as an additional insured

If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s). Notice of Cancellation will only be provided to the first named insured in accordance with policy provisions, who shall act on behalf of all additional insureds with respect to giving notice of cancellation.

Authorized Representative  
 C. Philip Hodson

## Michael Fitts

### Education

**New Hampshire College** Manchester, NH  
Masters - Human Services, 1980

**University of New Hampshire** Durham, NH  
BA - Economics, 1974  
cum laude

### Human Service Experience

**Bureau of Developmental Services** February 2013  
Contract Complaint Investigator current

Investigate potential client rights violations under He-M regulations  
Determine findings and make recommendations

### **Community Partners**

Quality Improvement Coordinator June of 2009 -  
Internal complaint investigator 2013

### **State of New Hampshire**

*Department of Health and Human Services* Concord, NH  
*Supervisor* 1988 - 2009

-Served as Supervisor/ Investigator – Central Investigation Unit, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services.  
Worked extensively with agencies and facilities involving issues with elderly, developmentally disabled, traumatic brain injury, and chronically mentally ill adults.

-Supervised two Investigators as well as staff involved in Central Intake Unit.

*Supervisor* Laconia & Concord NH  
1984 – 1988

-Supervised 7 social workers providing in home and protective services to adults in need in Merrimack and Belknap counties.

### Skills and Abilities

- Investigative Skills
- Assessment Skills
- Ability to work well with individuals with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, chronic mental illness and the elderly.

- work well with agencies and facilities in solving problems and resolving situations.
- Basic computer skills.
- Advanced communication and writing skills.
- Management and Supervisory skills



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

Jeffrey A. Meyers  
Commissioner

Deborah D. Scheetz  
Director

105 PLEASANT STREET, CONCORD, NH 03301  
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www.dhhs.nh.gov

July 11, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal and Regulatory Services, to enter into retroactive agreements with the vendors listed below, to provide complaint investigation services by conducting investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations, of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs, in an amount not to exceed \$470,000, effective retroactive to July 1, 2019, upon Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2021.  
100% Other Funds.

Vendor	Vendor Number	Location	Contract Amount
Jo A. Edwards	222953-B001	Penacook	\$120,000
Laura Sheppard	236099-B001	Amherst	\$87,500
Michael K. Fitts	230686-B001	Barrington	\$140,000
Investigative Resolutions, LLC	263007-B001	Bedford	\$122,500
		Total	\$470,000

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with authority to adjust amounts within the price limitation and adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-93-093-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
			Total	\$470,000

See attached financial detail.

### EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive because the documentation required to process these contracts, was not received until June 13, 2019, which was later than the submission date for items to be placed on the agenda for the final June 19, 2019 Governor and Executive Council meeting. The current contract ends June 30, 2019, and is with the same individuals the Department selected through a competitive bid process for this new contract period. They are presently conducting these investigations and will continue to do so prior to the Governor and Executive Council meeting July 31, 2019.

The purpose of this request is to provide compliant investigation services statewide of area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs as required by the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M202.

Based on historic complaint investigation data, the Department estimates that the complaint investigators will conduct approximately 750 complaint investigations from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The Contractors will perform statewide complaint investigation services that consist of conducting investigations for alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, client rights violations of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs. The Contractors will perform investigations within the timeframes set forth and in accordance with the requirements of the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202.

The Contractors will conduct interviews and submit reports to the Department with a determination on any allegations that would include if any individual suffered any serious harm.

Senate Bill 138, of the 2007 Legislative Session, established a Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the quality assurance and improvement elements, and activities within New Hampshire's community-based developmental services system. The Committee found that, *"The current abuse and neglect investigations system, which essentially requires the area agencies to investigate themselves, has created the appearance of a conflict and undermined the credibility of the area agency reports and responses."*

The Committee recommended that the Bureau of Developmental Services hire independent investigators to fulfill the responsibilities associated with complaints to inject greater independence, confidence and integrity to the complaint process. By contracting these services, the agencies can better concentrate on responding to the findings of the investigations and improve the system to prevent harmful outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The Department published a Request for Applications for Complaint Investigation Services on the Department of Health and Human Services website from April 10, 2019 through May 2, 2019. The Department received four (4) applications. These applications were reviewed and scored by a team of individuals with program specific knowledge. The Summary Scoring Sheet is attached.

The Department will monitor the effectiveness of the Contractors through quarterly meetings and semi-annual reports to the Developmental Services Quality Council, in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rule He-M 202.

As referenced in the Exhibit C-1 of these agreements, the parties have the option to extend contract services for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Department would not be in compliance with State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202 that stipulates the protection of the rights of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies or developmental service or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the Bureau of Developmental Services.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of funds: 100% Other Funds (Program Revenue from the Area Agencies).

In the event that the Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers  
Commissioner

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Complaint Investigation Services**  
**FINANCIAL DETAIL**

**05-95-93-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Jo A. Edward** **Vendor # 222953-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
			Sub-total	\$ 120,000

**Laura Sheppard** **Vendor # 236099-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
			Sub-total	\$ 87,500

**Michael K. Fitts** **Vendor # 230686-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
			Sub-total	\$ 140,000

**Paul F. Woodmansee** **Vendor # 263007-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
			Sub-total	\$ 122,500
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 470,000</b>



**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Business Operations  
Contracts & Procurement Unit  
Summary Scoring Sheet**

**Complaint Investigation Services**

RFA Name

**RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL**

RFA Number

**Reviewer Names**

**Bidder Name**

1. Jo A. Edwards
2. Michael K. Fitts
3. Laura Sheppard, Esq.
4. Investigative Resolutions LLC
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail	Maximum Points	Actual Points
	100	100
	100	99
	100	93
	100	100

1. Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director,  
Client & Legal Services
2. Jan Skoby, Administrator of  
Education & Training  
Developmental Services
3. Stacey Dubia, Internal Auditor,  
DBH

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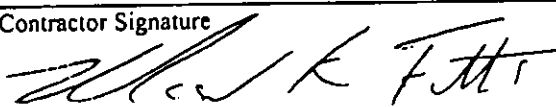
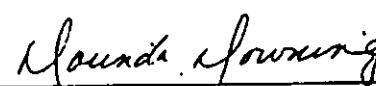
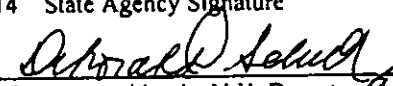

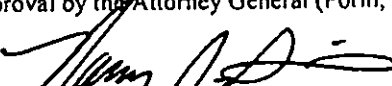
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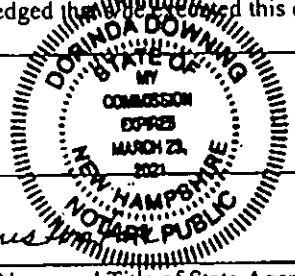
**AGREEMENT**

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

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**I. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Michael K. Fitts		1.4 Contractor Address 158 Brewster Rd. Barrington NH 03825	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 285-3841	1.6 Account Number 05-095-093-930010-59470000-103-502664	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2021	1.8 Price Limitation \$140,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Nathan D. White, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Michael K Fitts Complaint Investigator	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <i>New Hampshire</i> , County of <i>Merrimack</i> On <i>6/7/19</i> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that he/she/it executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal] 			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace <i>DORINDA DOWNING, Bus. Adminis</i>			
1.14 State Agency Signature  Date: <i>7-2-2019</i>		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory <i>Deborah D. Scheetz, Director</i>	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By:  Director, On: <i>7/15/2019</i>			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  On: <i>7/3/2019</i>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: _____			





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

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

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

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

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

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

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

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

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

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

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

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this

Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

## 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

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

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

## 9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

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

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

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. **TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

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

12. **ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## 14. INSURANCE.

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

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

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

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

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

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

16. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

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

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

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

#### 19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

20. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

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

22. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

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

24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.



## Scope of Services

### 1. Provisions Applicable to All Services

- 1.1. The Contractor shall submit a detailed description of the language assistance services they will provide to persons with limited English proficiency to ensure meaningful access to their programs and/or services within ten (10) days of the contract effective date.
- 1.2. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future legislative action by the New Hampshire General Court or federal or state court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State Agency has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Department has identified the Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.300.

### 2. Scope of Services

- 2.1. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services as follows:
  - 2.1.1. Complete complaint investigation services within the time frames set forth in the State of New Hampshire (NH) Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.2. Provide complaint investigation services statewide based on the assigned cases from the Office of Client and Legal Services by investigating complaints involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other rights violations for persons with a developmental disability or acquired brain disorder, in accordance with NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.3. Perform investigations including, but not limited to collateral and clinical interviews with the complainants, the individual, the guardian, the respondent, and any witnesses, and gathering of data relating to allegations.
  - 2.1.4. Determine if there is serious harm to the individual.
  - 2.1.5. Analyze and interpret complex data, policies, regulations and laws, human rights, and service provider procedures to assess each for possible safeguards and to resolve investigated situations.
  - 2.1.6. Assess and recommend independent investigation findings and follow-up plans for problem resolution in each investigation with supervisory and/or peer review as needed.
  - 2.1.7. Prepare reports that summarize the issues present, make investigatory findings of fact, make determinations regarding the allegations, and submit to the Department in accordance with He-M 202.
  - 2.1.8. Collaborate with provider agencies, legal authorities, and other entities



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- before, during and post investigation.
- 2.1.9. Participate in training programs, case reviews, case conferences, peer review meetings and quality assurance program activities specified in NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.10. Possess a valid driver's license and/or have access to transportation for statewide travel.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall obtain prior approval of the State through the Office of Client and Legal Services before providing complaint investigation services.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services to all cases/persons assigned by the Office of Client and Legal Services.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall obtain prior written consent of the Department when the Contractor has a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the assigned case/individual.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and maintaining appropriate confidentiality for any data collected about clients or their families during the complaint investigations, whether written, drawn, recorded or electronically stored.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall have responsibilities as an independent decision-maker acting in a complaint investigation capacity in accordance with the NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall keep records of their activities, per case assigned by the Department, which will include, but is not limited to, hours worked.
  - 2.8. The Contractor shall deliver the complete records of complaint investigations to the Department, upon completion of each investigation.
    - 2.8.1. All data received by the Contractor shall be the property of the Department.
    - 2.8.2. The Contractor shall not disclose any information or data to any individual or organization without prior written approval of the Office of Client and Legal Services and/or the client/guardian, as appropriate, or upon court order. The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 rules and regulations, and/or New Hampshire confidentiality or privacy rules and regulations.



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Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment

1. The State shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed the Form P-37, Block 1.8, Price Limitation for the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Scope of Services.
  - 1.1. This Agreement is funded with 100% Other Funds from Area Agencies.
  - 1.2. The Contractor agrees to provide the services in Exhibit A, Scope of Service in compliance with funding requirements. Failure to meet the scope of services may jeopardize the funded Contractor's current and/or future funding.
2. Payment for said services shall be made monthly as follows:
  - 2.1. Payment shall be on an hourly reimbursement rate of \$40 per hour, including travel, for actual hours worked.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall be available to work up to thirty-five (35) hours per week, up to fifty (50) weeks per State Fiscal Year. There shall be no minimum number of guaranteed hours per week. The hours worked per week shall be dependent on the number of cases assigned by the Department.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall not exceed fifteen (15) hours of work per case, excluding travel time.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall seek prior approval from the Department to work over the hours per case as identified in sub-section 2.3.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall submit an invoice on a form satisfactory to the Department, for each assigned investigation.
    - 2.5.1. The invoice must be completed, signed, dated and returned to the Department in order to initiate payment.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall submit their first invoice when they have provided the investigation report to the Department for review.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall submit subsequent invoices bi-weekly for any additional services on an assigned investigation.
  - 2.8. The State shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available. The Contractor will keep detailed records of their activities related to DHHS-funded programs and services.
  - 2.9. The final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract Form P-37, Block 1.7 Completion Date.



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2.10. Invoices may be emailed to Melissa.nemeth@dhhs.h.gov or hard copy can be mailed to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director  
Office of Client and Legal Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

2.11. Payments may be withheld pending receipt of required reports or documentation as identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services and in this Exhibit B.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 18 of the General Provisions P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts between budget line items, related items, amendments of related budget exhibits within the price limitation, and to adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years, may be made by written agreement of both parties and may be made without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council.



**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

Contractors Obligations: The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
2. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made on forms provided by the Department for that purpose and shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
3. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.
4. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
5. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Contract to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Contract. The State may terminate this Contract and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
6. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract and no payments shall be made for expenses incurred by the Contractor for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
7. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractors costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders for such service. If at any time during the term of this Contract or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such costs, or has received payment in excess of such costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders, the Department may elect to:
  - 7.1. Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
  - 7.2. Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of costs;





- 7.3. Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by the Department to the Contractor for services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

**RECORDS: MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AUDIT, DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:**

8. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Contractor covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Contract Period:
- 8.1. **Fiscal Records:** books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor during the Contract Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
  - 8.2. **Statistical Records:** Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services during the Contract Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
  - 8.3. **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
9. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within 60 days after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits.
- 9.1. **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
  - 9.2. **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
10. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials requiring such information in connection with their official duties and for purposes directly connected to the administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

11. **Reports: Fiscal and Statistical:** The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department.
  - 11.1. **Interim Financial Reports:** Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.
  - 11.2. **Final Report:** A final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.
  
12. **Completion of Services: Disallowance of Costs:** Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of units provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of this Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.
  
13. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement:
  - 13.1. The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
  
14. **Prior Approval and Copyright Ownership:** All materials (written, video, audio) produced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DHHS before printing, production, distribution or use. The DHHS will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports. Contractor shall not reproduce any materials produced under the contract without prior written approval from DHHS.
  
15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.
  
16. **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO):** The Contractor will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs (OCR), if it has received a single award of \$500,000 or more. If the recipient receives \$25,000 or more and has 50 or



more employees, it will maintain a current EEOP on file and submit an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR, certifying that its EEOP is on file. For recipients receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantees with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, the recipient will provide an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR certifying it is not required to submit or maintain an EEOP. Non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from the EEOP requirement, but are required to submit a certification form to the OCR to claim the exemption. EEOP Certification Forms are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

17. **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Contractors must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs.

18. **Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** The following shall apply to all contracts that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold as defined in 48 CFR 2.101 (currently, \$150,000)

**CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)**

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.

(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

19. **Subcontractors:** DHHS recognizes that the Contractor may choose to use subcontractors with greater expertise to perform certain health care services or functions for efficiency or convenience, but the Contractor shall retain the responsibility and accountability for the function(s). Prior to subcontracting, the Contractor shall evaluate the subcontractor's ability to perform the delegated function(s). This is accomplished through a written agreement that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities of the subcontractor and provides for revoking the delegation or imposing sanctions if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions.

When the Contractor delegates a function to a subcontractor, the Contractor shall do the following:

- 19.1. Evaluate the prospective subcontractor's ability to perform the activities, before delegating the function
- 19.2. Have a written agreement with the subcontractor that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities and how sanctions/revocation will be managed if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate
- 19.3. Monitor the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis



- 19.4. Provide to DHHS an annual schedule identifying all subcontractors, delegated functions and responsibilities, and when the subcontractor's performance will be reviewed
- 19.5. DHHS shall, at its discretion, review and approve all subcontracts.

If the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas for improvement are identified, the Contractor shall take corrective action.

**20. Contract Definitions:**

- 20.1. **COSTS:** Shall mean those direct and indirect items of expense determined by the Department to be allowable and reimbursable in accordance with cost and accounting principles established in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, rules and orders.
- 20.2. **DEPARTMENT:** NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- 20.3. **PROPOSAL:** If applicable, shall mean the document submitted by the Contractor on a form or forms required by the Department and containing a description of the services and/or goods to be provided by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and setting forth the total cost and sources of revenue for each service to be provided under the Contract.
- 20.4. **UNIT:** For each service that the Contractor is to provide to eligible individuals hereunder, shall mean that period of time or that specified activity determined by the Department and specified in Exhibit B of the Contract.
- 20.5. **FEDERAL/STATE LAW:** Wherever federal or state laws, regulations, rules, orders, and policies, etc. are referred to in the Contract, the said reference shall be deemed to mean all such laws, regulations, etc. as they may be amended or revised from time to time.
- 20.6. **SUPPLANTING OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS:** Funds provided to the Contractor under this Contract will not supplant any existing federal funds available for these services.



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**REVISIONS TO STANDARD CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

**1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions**

1.1. Section 4, Conditional Nature of Agreement, is replaced as follows:

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

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

1.2. Section 7, PERSONNEL, is replaced as follows:

**7. PERSONNEL**

7.1 The performance of the services shall be carried out by the contractor.

1.3. Section 10, Termination, is amended by adding the following language:

10.1 The State may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of the State, 30 days after giving the Contractor written notice that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

10.2 In the event of early termination, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement, including but not limited to, identifying the present and future needs of clients receiving services under the Agreement and establishes a process to meet those needs.

10.3 The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the State and shall promptly provide detailed information to support the Transition Plan including, but not limited to, any information or data requested by the State related to the termination of the Agreement and Transition Plan and shall provide ongoing communication and revisions of the Transition Plan to the State as requested.

10.4 In the event that services under the Agreement, including but not limited to clients receiving services under the Agreement are transitioned to having services delivered by another entity including contracted providers or the State, the Contractor shall provide a process for uninterrupted delivery of services in the Transition Plan.

10.5 The Contractor shall establish a method of notifying clients and other affected individuals about the transition. The Contractor shall include the proposed communications in its Transition Plan submitted to the State as described above.

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1.4. Section 12, ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS, is deleted and replaced with:

12. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement. None of the services shall be delegated or subcontracted by the Contractor.

1.5. Section 14, INSURANCE, Subsection 14.1, and Paragraph 14.1.1, are deleted and replaced with:

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 comprehensive professional liability against wrongful acts, all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 per occurrence; and

**2. Renewal**

2.1. The Department reserves the right to extend this agreement for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, written agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

**3. Adult Protective Services Central Registry Checks and Criminal Back Ground Checks**

The Department shall notify the Contractor that the contract is immediately terminated should the results of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry Check required by RSA 161-F: 49 Registry, VII, and the Criminal Back Ground Check, so warrant.

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

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

**ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Vendor Name: Michael K Fitts

6.7.19  
Date

Michael K Fitts  
Name:  
Title: Complaint Investigator





**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

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

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

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

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

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

*Michael K. Fitts*

6.7.19  
Date

Michael K Fitts  
Name: *Michael K Fitts*  
Title: *Complaint Investigator*



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and



information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- 11.1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - 11.2. have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (contract) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - 11.3. are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
  - 11.4. have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
12. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

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

Vendor Name: Michael K Fitts

6.7.19  
Date

Michael K Fitts  
Name:  
Title: Complaint Investigator



**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO  
FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND  
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections

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

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

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Vendor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

Vendor Name: Michael K Fitts

6.7.19  
Date

Michael K Fitts  
Name:  
Title: Complaint Investigator

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**CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE**

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

*Michael K Fitts*

Michael K Fitts

Name:

Title: *Complaint Investigator*

6-7-19

Date



Exhibit I

**HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACT**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Vendor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Vendor and subcontractors and agents of the Vendor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

(1 **Definitions.**

- a. "**Breach**" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. "**Business Associate**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. "**Covered Entity**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "**Designated Record Set**" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. "**Data Aggregation**" shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. "**Health Care Operations**" shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. "**HITECH Act**" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. "**HIPAA**" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 and amendments thereto.
- i. "**Individual**" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. "**Privacy Rule**" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- k. "**Protected Health Information**" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.



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- i. "Required by Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- m. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. Other Definitions - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

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

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
  - i. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - ii. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
  - iii. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business





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Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.

- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

**(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.**

- a. The Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware of any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement including breaches of unsecured protected health information and/or any security incident that may have an impact on the protected health information of the Covered Entity.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately perform a risk assessment when it becomes aware of any of the above situations. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
  - o The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
  - o The unauthorized person used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - o Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed
  - o The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.

The Business Associate shall complete the risk assessment within 48 hours of the breach and immediately report the findings of the risk assessment in writing to the Covered Entity.

- c. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- e. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section 3 (l). The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI



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pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard Paragraph #13 of the standard contract provisions (P-37) of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.

- f. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- h. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
- i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- k. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- l. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business



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Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) **Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) **Termination for Cause**

In addition to Paragraph 10 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37) of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(6) **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Definitions and Regulatory References.** All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. **Amendment.** Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. **Data Ownership.** The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. **Interpretation.** The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule.



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- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section (3) l, the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) e and Paragraph 13 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37), shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

Department of Health and Human Services  
The State

Michael K Fitts  
Name of the Vendor

• Deborah D. Schretz  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Michael K Fitts  
Signature of Authorized Representative

▶ Deborah D. Schretz  
Name of Authorized Representative

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• Director  
Title of Authorized Representative

Complaint Investigator  
Title of Authorized Representative

▶ 7-2-2019  
Date

6.7.19  
Date



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY  
ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$25,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$25,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$25,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$25,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

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

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique Identifier of the entity (DUNS #)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.

Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

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

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

Vendor Name:

*Michael K Fitts*

6.7.19

Date

Michael K Fitts

Name:

Title: *Complaint Investigator*



FORM A

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

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

NO  YES

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

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

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

NO  YES

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

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

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

Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____



A. Definitions

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

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

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

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



mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

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

## I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

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

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





request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.

3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

## II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

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



wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.

9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

### III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

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

#### A. Retention

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



whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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

**B. Disposition**

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

**IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY**

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:

1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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



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

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



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

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

#### V. LOSS REPORTING

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

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

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;
4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and



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5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

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

**VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT**

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov

B. DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #1**

This Amendment to the Complaint Investigation Services contract is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services ("State" or "Department") and Investigative Resolutions, LLC. ("the Contractor").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement (the "Contract") approved by the Governor and Executive Council on July 31, 2019 (Item #27), the Contractor agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Form P-37, General Provisions, Paragraph 18, and Exhibit C-1, Revisions to Standard Contract Language, Section 2., Renewal, paragraph 2.1., the Contracts may be amended upon written agreement of the parties and approval from the Governor and Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to extend the term of the agreement, increase the price limitation, or modify the scope of services to support continued delivery of these services; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the Contract and set forth herein, the parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Form P-37 General Provisions, Block 1.7, Completion Date, to read:  
June 30, 2023.
2. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.8, Price Limitation, to read:  
\$245,000.



All terms and conditions of the Contract not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective July 1, 2021 upon the date of Governor and Executive Council approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

4/14/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Deborah D. Scheetz*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Deborah D. Scheetz  
Title: Director Division of Long Term Supports and Services

4/13/2021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

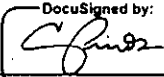
Investigative Resolutions, LLC.

DocuSigned by:  
*Paul Woodmansee*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

4/16/2021  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
  
Name: Catherine Pinos  
Title: Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

### Independent Contractor Justification Form

1. Describe the services that the individual will perform for your agency.  
Conduct investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation & rights violations of persons applying or eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, dvlpmtl. servcs. or acquired brain disorder progrms. as required by the State. Paul Woodmansee, Investigative Resolutions, LLC.

2. Does the agency have State employees that perform the same or similar services?  Yes,  No

3. Will the Agency exercise authority over the means by which the service is rendered by:
- a. Setting work hours.  Yes,  No
  - b. Setting the work location or providing work space.  Yes,  No
  - c. Training the individual in how the services must be performed.  Yes,  No
  - d. Supervising how services are rendered.  Yes,  No
  - e. Providing tools, materials or office supplies to perform the services.  Yes,  No
  - f. Requiring periodic reports on the individual's services.  Yes,  No
  - g. Requiring performance by the contracting individual, rather than allowing subcontractors or assistants.  Yes,  No

4. Will the individual perform the services exclusively for the agency?  Yes,  No

5. Does the individual use their personal social security number rather than employer identification tax number?  Yes,  No

6. Does the individual hold himself or herself out to be in business for himself or herself, including by being registered with the state as a business and having continuing or recurring business liabilities or obligations?  Yes,  No

7. Will the individual be responsible for satisfactory completion of work and can the agency hold the individual contractually responsible for failure to complete the work?  Yes,  No

8. Will the Agency have the right to terminate the relationship at any time?  Yes,  No

9. Can the individual terminate the relationship at any time without liability?  Yes,  No

10. Are the services the individual will provide an independently established trade, occupation, profession, or business?  Yes,  No. Please Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Date initial review by DoP: 04/02/2021 Date final review by DoP: 4/15/2021

Initial Approval MJM : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Final Approval \_\_\_\_\_ : Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

**Michael Moranti**  
Digitally signed by Michael Moranti  
Date: 2021.04.02 09:13:33 -04'00'  
(Division of Personnel signatory)

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**Lorrie Rudis**  
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(Division of Personnel signatory)

# State of New Hampshire

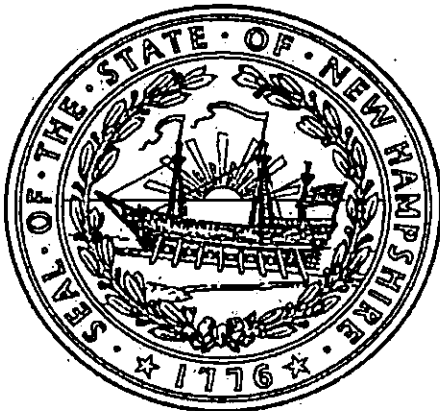
## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that INVESTIGATIVE RESOLUTIONS, LLC is a New Hampshire Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on June 14, 1999. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 318695

Certificate Number: 0005316471



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 26th day of March A.D. 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Paul woodmansee, hereby certify that:

1. I am the sole shareholder and director of Investigative Resolutions, LLC.  
(Corporation)
2. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that I have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on my authority to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.
3. This authority remains valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Certificate of Authority.

Dated: 4/13/2021

DocuSigned by:  
Paul Woodmansee  
(Name of Sole Shareholder and Director)  
Paul woodmansee



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

04/13/2021

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.**

**IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).**

<b>PRODUCER</b> FIAI/Cross Insurance 1100 Elm Street  Manchester NH 03101	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Sylvia Allard <b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b> (603) 669-3218 <b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> (603) 645-4331 <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> sylvia.allard@crossagency.com														
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

RE: Paul Woodmansee is a named insured under the provisions of the policy as the manager/member of Investigative Resolutions LLC. State of New Hampshire; Dept. of Health And Human Services is included as an additional insured only with respect to the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the named insured Paul Woodmansee of Investigative Resolutions LLC, in the performance of his agreed upon duties defined under contract.

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

**CANCELLATION**

State of New Hampshire Dept. of Health And Human Services 129 Pleasant Street  Concord NH 03301	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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**PAUL F. WOODMANSEE**



**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:**

- Thorough understanding of the requirements of the investigative industry, with over thirty years of experience conducting comprehensive investigations in various fields.
- Particular areas of expertise include development of investigative strategies; interview and statement taking; records acquisition and review; background investigations; report preparation and client interaction.
- Demonstrated a record of high-performance standards, including attention to schedules, deadlines, budgets and quality work.
- Self-starting, efficient, goal-oriented strategist whose confidence, perseverance and vision promote success.
- Quickly learn procedures and methods.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills.

**EXPERIENCE:**

State of New Hampshire, Department of Health & Human Services  
Bureau of Developmental Services  
Office of Client and Legal Services  
Complaint Investigator (Contracted) October 2014 – Present

- Conducts complaint investigations on behalf of developmentally disabled individuals receiving services through the Bureau of Developmental Services.
- Interviews clients, agency staff, guardians, physicians and witnesses; identifies and examines pertinent documents, reports and records to determine if an allegation is founded/unfounded in accordance with state of New Hampshire He-M 200-1200 regulations.
- Identifies allegations/incidents that require formal investigation.
- Organizes, tracks and reports internally on multiple investigations in numerous geographic locations.
- Prepares comprehensive reports of the findings for agency executive directors, guardians and clients, to identify systemic factors and to provide corrective recommendations to address areas in need.
- Presented findings at Sentinel Event proceedings to identify egregious deficiencies/breakdowns and to make immediate corrective recommendations.
- Developed, planned and presented a new training program for new DHHS APSW investigators titled: "The Interview Process: From Preparation to Post-Interview Documentation"

Investigative Resolutions LLC Bedford, NH  
Owner/President April 1997 – Present

- Executed daily operations of a successful investigative agency, from the start-up of the business through current operations.
- Designed and implemented investigative strategies on various types of matters, predominantly family/custody cases, insurance/legal investigations and corporate security consulting.
- Developed and utilized interview procedures in order to obtain statements from individuals.
- Examined businesses, personal records, public records and documents in order to obtain pertinent information.
- Designed and produced detailed, comprehensive investigative reports for clients.
- Testified in court and at administrative proceedings concerning findings of investigations.

**EDUCATION:**

Bryant University (formerly Bryant College) Smithfield, Rhode Island  
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, with concentration in Accounting *May, 1985*

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

Microsoft Office Suite; Dragon Professional Speech to Text; Database Identification & Navigation

**REFERENCES:** Available upon request



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

Jeffrey A. Meyers  
Commissioner

Deborah D. Scheetz  
Director

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July 11, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Legal and Regulatory Services, to enter into retroactive agreements with the vendors listed below, to provide complaint investigation services by conducting investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations, of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs, in an amount not to exceed \$470,000, effective retroactive to July 1, 2019, upon Governor and Executive Council through June 30, 2021.  
100% Other Funds.

Vendor	Vendor Number	Location	Contract Amount
Jo A. Edwards	222953-B001	Penacook	\$120,000
Laura Sheppard	236099-B001	Amherst	\$87,500
Michael K. Fitts	230686-B001	Barrington	\$140,000
Investigative Resolutions, LLC	263007-B001	Bedford	\$122,500
		Total	\$470,000

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with authority to adjust amounts within the price limitation and adjust encumbrances between State Fiscal Years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-93-093-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$235,000
			Total	\$470,000

See attached financial detail.



### EXPLANATION

This request is retroactive because the documentation required to process these contracts, was not received until June 13, 2019, which was later than the submission date for items to be placed on the agenda for the final June 19, 2019 Governor and Executive Council meeting. The current contract ends June 30, 2019, and is with the same individuals the Department selected through a competitive bid process for this new contract period. They are presently conducting these investigations and will continue to do so prior to the Governor and Executive Council meeting July 31, 2019.

The purpose of this request is to provide compliant investigation services statewide of area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs as required by the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M202.

Based on historic complaint investigation data, the Department estimates that the complaint investigators will conduct approximately 750 complaint investigations from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

The Contractors will perform statewide complaint investigation services that consist of conducting investigations for alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, client rights violations of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies, and developmental services or acquired brain disorder programs. The Contractors will perform investigations within the timeframes set forth and in accordance with the requirements of the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202.

The Contractors will conduct interviews and submit reports to the Department with a determination on any allegations that would include if any individual suffered any serious harm.

Senate Bill 138, of the 2007 Legislative Session, established a Committee to review and make recommendations regarding the quality assurance and improvement elements, and activities within New Hampshire's community-based developmental services system. The Committee found that, *"The current abuse and neglect investigations system, which essentially requires the area agencies to investigate themselves, has created the appearance of a conflict and undermined the credibility of the area agency reports and responses."*

The Committee recommended that the Bureau of Developmental Services hire independent investigators to fulfill the responsibilities associated with complaints to inject greater independence, confidence and integrity to the complaint process. By contracting these services, the agencies can better concentrate on responding to the findings of the investigations and improve the system to prevent harmful outcomes for individuals with disabilities.

The Department published a Request for Applications for Complaint Investigation Services on the Department of Health and Human Services website from April 10, 2019 through May 2, 2019. The Department received four (4) applications. These applications were reviewed and scored by a team of individuals with program specific knowledge. The Summary Scoring Sheet is attached.

The Department will monitor the effectiveness of the Contractors through quarterly meetings and semi-annual reports to the Developmental Services Quality Council, in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rule He-M 202.

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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As referenced in the Exhibit C-1 of these agreements, the parties have the option to extend contract services for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

Should the Governor and Executive Council not authorize this request, the Department would not be in compliance with State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rule He-M 202 that stipulates the protection of the rights of persons applying for, eligible for, or receiving services from area agencies or developmental service or acquired brain disorder programs funded through the Bureau of Developmental Services.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of funds: 100% Other Funds (Program Revenue from the Area Agencies).

In the event that the Other Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Meyers

Commissioner

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Complaint Investigation Services**  
**FINANCIAL DETAIL**

**05-95-93-930010-59470000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVS, HHS: DEVELOPMENTAL SERV, DIV OF, BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**Jo A. Edward**

**Vendor # 222953-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 60,000
			Sub-total	\$ 120,000

**Laura Sheppard**

**Vendor # 236099-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 43,750
			Sub-total	\$ 87,500

**Michael K. Fitts**

**Vendor # 230686-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 70,000
			Sub-total	\$ 140,000

**Paul F. Woodmansee**

**Vendor # 263007-B001**

State Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Activity/Job Number	Total Amount
2020	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
2021	103-502664	Contracts for Operation Svcs	93000006	\$ 61,250
			Sub-total	\$ 122,500
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 470,000</b>



**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Business Operations  
Contracts & Procurement Unit  
Summary Scoring Sheet**

**Complaint Investigation Services**

**RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL**

RFA Name

RFA Number

**Reviewer Names**

**Bidder Name**

1. Jo A. Edwards
2. Michael K. Fitts
3. Laura Sheppard, Esq.
4. Investigative Resolutions LLC
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail	Maximum Points	Actual Points
	100	100
	100	99
	100	93
	100	100

1. Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director,  
Client & Legal Services
2. Jan Skoby, Administrator of  
Education & Training  
Developmental Services
3. Stacey Dubia, Internal Auditor,  
DBH

Subject: RFA-2020-DMS-01-COMPL-04 Complaint Investigation Services



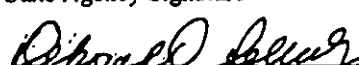
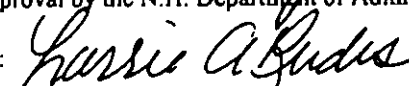
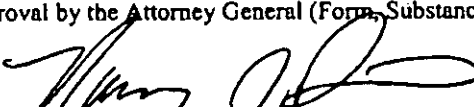
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

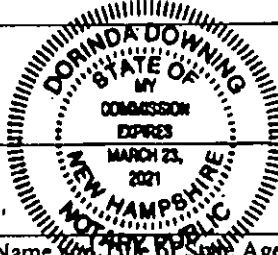
**AGREEMENT**

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

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name NH Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Investigative Resolutions, LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 80 Palomino Lane, Suite 104 Bedford, NH 03110	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number (603) 647-8696	1.6 Account Number 05-095-093-930010-59470000-103-502664	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2021	1.8 Price Limitation \$122,500
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency. Nathan D. White, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature 		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Paul Woodmansee Manager	
1.13 Acknowledgement: State of <i>New Hampshire</i> , County of <i>Merrimack</i> On <i>7-10-19</i> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace [Seal] 			
1.13.2 Name and Title of Notary or Justice of the Peace Dorinda Downing, Bus. Admin.			
1.14 State Agency Signature  Date: <i>7-10-19</i>		1.15 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Deborah D. Scheetz, Director.	
1.16 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By:  Director, On: <i>7/15/19</i>			
1.17 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  On: <i>7/12/2019</i>			
1.18 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: _____			



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

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

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.18, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

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

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

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

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

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

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

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal opportunity laws. This may include the requirement to utilize auxiliary aids and services to ensure that persons with communication disabilities, including vision, hearing and speech, can communicate with, receive information from, and convey information to the Contractor. In addition, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable copyright laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3 If this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 ("Equal Employment Opportunity"), as supplemented by the regulations of the United States Department of Labor (41 C.F.R. Part 60), and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State of New Hampshire or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor further agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

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

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this

Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

#### 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

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

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

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

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

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

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

8.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

#### 9. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

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

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

9.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

10. **TERMINATION.** In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT A.

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

12. **ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.** The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice and consent of the State. None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written notice and consent of the State.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Contractor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. INSURANCE.

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

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

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 9.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

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

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of each of the insurance policies. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. Each certificate(s) of insurance shall contain a clause requiring the insurer to provide the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, no less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation or modification of the policy.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

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

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

16. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

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

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

such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

#### 19. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.

20. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

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

22. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT C are incorporated herein by reference.

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

24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.





## Scope of Services

### 1. Provisions Applicable to All Services

- 1.1. The Contractor shall submit a detailed description of the language assistance services they will provide to persons with limited English proficiency to ensure meaningful access to their programs and/or services within ten (10) days of the contract effective date.
- 1.2. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future legislative action by the New Hampshire General Court or federal or state court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State Agency has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.
- 1.3. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Department has identified the Contractor as a Contractor, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.300.

### 2. Scope of Services

- 2.1. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services as follows:
  - 2.1.1. Complete complaint investigation services within the time frames set forth in the State of New Hampshire (NH) Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.2. Provide complaint investigation services statewide based on the assigned cases from the Office of Client and Legal Services by investigating complaints involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other rights violations for persons with a developmental disability or acquired brain disorder, in accordance with NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.3. Perform investigations including, but not limited to collateral and clinical interviews with the complainants, the individual, the guardian, the respondent, and any witnesses, and gathering of data relating to allegations.
  - 2.1.4. Determine if there is serious harm to the individual.
  - 2.1.5. Analyze and interpret complex data, policies, regulations and laws, human rights, and service provider procedures to assess each for possible safeguards and to resolve investigated situations.
  - 2.1.6. Assess and recommend independent investigation findings and follow-up plans for problem resolution in each investigation with supervisory and/or peer review as needed.
  - 2.1.7. Prepare reports that summarize the issues present, make investigatory findings of fact, make determinations regarding the allegations, and submit to the Department in accordance with He-M 202.
  - 2.1.8. Collaborate with provider agencies, legal authorities, and other entities

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- before, during and post investigation.
- 2.1.9. Participate in training programs, case reviews, case conferences, peer review meetings and quality assurance program activities specified in NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.1.10. Possess a valid driver's license and/or have access to transportation for statewide travel.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall obtain prior approval of the State through the Office of Client and Legal Services before providing complaint investigation services.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall provide complaint investigation services to all cases/persons assigned by the Office of Client and Legal Services.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall obtain prior written consent of the Department when the Contractor has a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the assigned case/individual.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring and maintaining appropriate confidentiality for any data collected about clients or their families during the complaint investigations, whether written, drawn, recorded or electronically stored.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall have responsibilities as an independent decision-maker acting in a complaint investigation capacity in accordance with the NH Administrative Rule He-M 202.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall keep records of their activities, per case assigned by the Department, which will include, but is not limited to, hours worked.
  - 2.8. The Contractor shall deliver the complete records of complaint investigations to the Department, upon completion of each investigation.
    - 2.8.1. All data received by the Contractor shall be the property of the Department.
    - 2.8.2. The Contractor shall not disclose any information or data to any individual or organization without prior written approval of the Office of Client and Legal Services and/or the client/guardian, as appropriate, or upon court order. The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 rules and regulations, and/or New Hampshire confidentiality or privacy rules and regulations.



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**Exhibit B**

**Method and Conditions Precedent to Payment**

1. The State shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed the Form P-37, Block 1.8, Price Limitation for the services provided by the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit A, Scope of Services.
  - 1.1. This Agreement is funded with 100% Other Funds from Area Agencies.
  - 1.2. The Contractor agrees to provide the services in Exhibit A, Scope of Service in compliance with funding requirements. Failure to meet the scope of services may jeopardize the funded Contractor's current and/or future funding.
2. Payment for said services shall be made monthly as follows:
  - 2.1. Payment shall be on an hourly reimbursement rate of \$35 per hour, including travel, for actual hours worked.
  - 2.2. The Contractor shall be available to work up to thirty-five (35) hours per week, up to fifty (50) weeks per State Fiscal Year. There shall be no minimum number of guaranteed hours per week. The hours worked per week shall be dependent on the number of cases assigned by the Department.
  - 2.3. The Contractor shall not exceed fifteen (15) hours of work per case, excluding travel time.
  - 2.4. The Contractor shall seek prior approval from the Department to work over the hours per case as identified in sub-section 2.3.
  - 2.5. The Contractor shall submit an invoice on a form satisfactory to the Department, for each assigned investigation.
    - 2.5.1. The invoice must be completed, signed, dated and returned to the Department in order to initiate payment.
  - 2.6. The Contractor shall submit their first invoice when they have provided the investigation report to the Department for review.
  - 2.7. The Contractor shall submit subsequent invoices bi-weekly for any additional services on an assigned investigation.
  - 2.8. The State shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and if sufficient funds are available. The Contractor will keep detailed records of their activities related to DHHS-funded programs and services.
  - 2.9. The final invoice shall be due to the State no later than sixty (60) days after the contract Form P-37, Block 1.7 Completion Date.

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2.10. Invoices may be emailed to Melissa.nemeth@dhhs.nh.gov or hard copy can be mailed to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Melissa Nemeth, Esq. Director  
Office of Client and Legal Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

2.11. Payments may be withheld pending receipt of required reports or documentation as identified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services and in this Exhibit B.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 18 of the General Provisions P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts between budget line items, related items, amendments of related budget exhibits within the price limitation, and to adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years, may be made by written agreement of both parties and may be made without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

Contractors Obligations: The Contractor covenants and agrees that all funds received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be used only as payment to the Contractor for services provided to eligible individuals and, in the furtherance of the aforesaid covenants, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

1. **Compliance with Federal and State Laws:** If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals such eligibility determination shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.
2. **Time and Manner of Determination:** Eligibility determinations shall be made on forms provided by the Department for that purpose and shall be made and remade at such times as are prescribed by the Department.
3. **Documentation:** In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor shall maintain a data file on each recipient of services hereunder, which file shall include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor shall furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.
4. **Fair Hearings:** The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services shall be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant shall be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with Department regulations.
5. **Gratuities or Kickbacks:** The Contractor agrees that it is a breach of this Contract to accept or make a payment, gratuity or offer of employment on behalf of the Contractor, any Sub-Contractor or the State in order to influence the performance of the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit A of this Contract. The State may terminate this Contract and any sub-contract or sub-agreement if it is determined that payments, gratuities or offers of employment of any kind were offered or received by any officials, officers, employees or agents of the Contractor or Sub-Contractor.
6. **Retroactive Payments:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract or in any other document, contract or understanding, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that no payments will be made hereunder to reimburse the Contractor for costs incurred for any purpose or for any services provided to any individual prior to the Effective Date of the Contract and no payments shall be made for expenses incurred by the Contractor for any services provided prior to the date on which the individual applies for services or (except as otherwise provided by the federal regulations) prior to a determination that the individual is eligible for such services.
7. **Conditions of Purchase:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Contract, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to obligate or require the Department to purchase services hereunder at a rate which reimburses the Contractor in excess of the Contractors costs, at a rate which exceeds the amounts reasonable and necessary to assure the quality of such service, or at a rate which exceeds the rate charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders for such service. If at any time during the term of this Contract or after receipt of the Final Expenditure Report hereunder, the Department shall determine that the Contractor has used payments hereunder to reimburse items of expense other than such costs, or has received payment in excess of such costs or in excess of such rates charged by the Contractor to ineligible individuals or other third party funders, the Department may elect to:
  - 7.1. Renegotiate the rates for payment hereunder, in which event new rates shall be established;
  - 7.2. Deduct from any future payment to the Contractor the amount of any prior reimbursement in excess of costs;



- 7.3. Demand repayment of the excess payment by the Contractor in which event failure to make such repayment shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder. When the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals for services, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the Department for all funds paid by the Department to the Contractor for services provided to any individual who is found by the Department to be ineligible for such services at any time during the period of retention of records established herein.

**RECORDS: MAINTENANCE, RETENTION, AUDIT, DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:**

8. **Maintenance of Records:** In addition to the eligibility records specified above, the Contractor covenants and agrees to maintain the following records during the Contract Period:
- 8.1. **Fiscal Records:** books, records, documents and other data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor during the Contract Period, said records to be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
  - 8.2. **Statistical Records:** Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services during the Contract Period, which records shall include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
  - 8.3. **Medical Records:** Where appropriate and as prescribed by the Department regulations, the Contractor shall retain medical records on each patient/recipient of services.
9. **Audit:** Contractor shall submit an annual audit to the Department within 60 days after the close of the agency fiscal year. It is recommended that the report be prepared in accordance with the provision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non Profit Organizations" and the provisions of Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the US General Accounting Office (GAO standards) as they pertain to financial compliance audits.
- 9.1. **Audit and Review:** During the term of this Contract and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives shall have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Contract for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
  - 9.2. **Audit Liabilities:** In addition to and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department, all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
10. **Confidentiality of Records:** All information, reports, and records maintained hereunder or collected in connection with the performance of the services and the Contract shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed by the Contractor, provided however, that pursuant to state laws and the regulations of the Department regarding the use and disclosure of such information, disclosure may be made to public officials requiring such information in connection with their official duties and for purposes directly connected to the administration of the services and the Contract; and provided further, that the use or disclosure by any party of any information concerning a recipient for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the Department or the Contractor's responsibilities with respect to purchased services hereunder is prohibited except on written consent of the recipient, his attorney or guardian.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the covenants and conditions contained in the Paragraph shall survive the termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever.

11. **Reports: Fiscal and Statistical:** The Contractor agrees to submit the following reports at the following times if requested by the Department.
  - 11.1. **Interim Financial Reports:** Written interim financial reports containing a detailed description of all costs and non-allowable expenses incurred by the Contractor to the date of the report and containing such other information as shall be deemed satisfactory by the Department to justify the rate of payment hereunder. Such Financial Reports shall be submitted on the form designated by the Department or deemed satisfactory by the Department.
  - 11.2. **Final Report:** A final report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after the end of the term of this Contract. The Final Report shall be in a form satisfactory to the Department and shall contain a summary statement of progress toward goals and objectives stated in the Proposal and other information required by the Department.
  
12. **Completion of Services: Disallowance of Costs:** Upon the purchase by the Department of the maximum number of units provided for in the Contract and upon payment of the price limitation hereunder, the Contract and all the obligations of the parties hereunder (except such obligations as, by the terms of the Contract are to be performed after the end of the term of this Contract and/or survive the termination of the Contract) shall terminate, provided however, that if, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department shall disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder the Department shall retain the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.
  
13. **Credits:** All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Contract shall include the following statement:
  - 13.1. The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
  
14. **Prior Approval and Copyright Ownership:** All materials (written, video, audio) produced or purchased under the contract shall have prior approval from DHHS before printing, production, distribution or use. The DHHS will retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to, brochures, resource directories, protocols or guidelines, posters, or reports. Contractor shall not reproduce any materials produced under the contract without prior written approval from DHHS.
  
15. **Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor shall comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which shall impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit shall be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Contract the facilities shall comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and shall be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.
  
16. **Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO):** The Contractor will provide an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO) to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs (OCR), if it has received a single award of \$500,000 or more. If the recipient receives \$25,000 or more and has 50 or



more employees, it will maintain a current EEOP on file and submit an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR, certifying that its EEOP is on file. For recipients receiving less than \$25,000, or public grantees with fewer than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award, the recipient will provide an EEOP Certification Form to the OCR certifying it is not required to submit or maintain an EEOP. Non-profit organizations, Indian Tribes, and medical and educational institutions are exempt from the EEOP requirement, but are required to submit a certification form to the OCR to claim the exemption. EEOP Certification Forms are available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj/about/ocr/pdfs/cert.pdf>.

17. **Limited English Proficiency (LEP):** As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Contractors must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs.

18. **Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Employee Whistleblower Protections:** The following shall apply to all contracts that exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold as defined in 48 CFR 2.101 (currently, \$150,000)

CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS (SEP 2013)

(a) This contract and employees working on this contract will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Contractor employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239) and FAR 3.908.

(b) The Contractor shall inform its employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712, as described in section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts over the simplified acquisition threshold.

19. **Subcontractors:** DHHS recognizes that the Contractor may choose to use subcontractors with greater expertise to perform certain health care services or functions for efficiency or convenience, but the Contractor shall retain the responsibility and accountability for the function(s). Prior to subcontracting, the Contractor shall evaluate the subcontractor's ability to perform the delegated function(s). This is accomplished through a written agreement that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities of the subcontractor and provides for revoking the delegation or imposing sanctions if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions.

When the Contractor delegates a function to a subcontractor, the Contractor shall do the following:

- 19.1. Evaluate the prospective subcontractor's ability to perform the activities, before delegating the function
- 19.2. Have a written agreement with the subcontractor that specifies activities and reporting responsibilities and how sanctions/revocation will be managed if the subcontractor's performance is not adequate
- 19.3. Monitor the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis





- 19.4. Provide to DHHS an annual schedule identifying all subcontractors, delegated functions and responsibilities, and when the subcontractor's performance will be reviewed
- 19.5. DHHS shall, at its discretion, review and approve all subcontracts.

If the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas for improvement are identified, the Contractor shall take corrective action.

**20. Contract Definitions:**

- 20.1. **COSTS:** Shall mean those direct and indirect items of expense determined by the Department to be allowable and reimbursable in accordance with cost and accounting principles established in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, rules and orders.
- 20.2. **DEPARTMENT:** NH Department of Health and Human Services.
- 20.3. **PROPOSAL:** If applicable, shall mean the document submitted by the Contractor on a form or forms required by the Department and containing a description of the services and/or goods to be provided by the Contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and setting forth the total cost and sources of revenue for each service to be provided under the Contract.
- 20.4. **UNIT:** For each service that the Contractor is to provide to eligible individuals hereunder, shall mean that period of time or that specified activity determined by the Department and specified in Exhibit B of the Contract.
- 20.5. **FEDERAL/STATE LAW:** Wherever federal or state laws, regulations, rules, orders, and policies, etc. are referred to in the Contract, the said reference shall be deemed to mean all such laws, regulations, etc. as they may be amended or revised from time to time.
- 20.6. **SUPPLANTING OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS:** Funds provided to the Contractor under this Contract will not supplant any existing federal funds available for these services.

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**REVISIONS TO STANDARD CONTRACT LANGUAGE**

**1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions**

1.1. Section 4, Conditional Nature of Agreement, is replaced as follows:

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

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

1.2. Section 7, PERSONNEL, is replaced as follows:

**7. PERSONNEL**

7.1 The performance of the services shall be carried out by the contractor.

1.3. Section 10, Termination, is amended by adding the following language:

10.1 The State may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason, at the sole discretion of the State, 30 days after giving the Contractor written notice that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

10.2 In the event of early termination, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement, including but not limited to, identifying the present and future needs of clients receiving services under the Agreement and establishes a process to meet those needs.

10.3 The Contractor shall fully cooperate with the State and shall promptly provide detailed information to support the Transition Plan including, but not limited to, any information or data requested by the State related to the termination of the Agreement and Transition Plan and shall provide ongoing communication and revisions of the Transition Plan to the State as requested.

10.4 In the event that services under the Agreement, including but not limited to clients receiving services under the Agreement are transitioned to having services delivered by another entity including contracted providers or the State, the Contractor shall provide a process for uninterrupted delivery of services in the Transition Plan.

10.5 The Contractor shall establish a method of notifying clients and other affected individuals about the transition. The Contractor shall include the proposed communications in its Transition Plan submitted to the State as described above.

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Date 07/10/19



New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
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1.4. Section 12, ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS, is deleted and replaced with:

12. The Contractor shall not assign or otherwise transfer any interest in this agreement. None of the services shall be delegated or subcontracted by the Contractor.

1.5. Section 14, INSURANCE, Subsection 14.1, and Paragraph 14.1.1, are deleted and replaced with:

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 Comprehensive professional liability against wrongful acts, all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 per occurrence; and

**2. Renewal**

2.1. The Department reserves the right to extend this agreement for up to two (2) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, written agreement of the parties and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

**3. Adult Protective Services Central Registry Checks and Criminal Back Ground Checks**

The Department shall notify the Contractor that the contract is immediately terminated should the results of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry Check required by RSA 161-F: 49 Registry, VII, and the Criminal Back Ground Check, so warrant.



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

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

**ALTERNATIVE I - FOR GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Vendor Name:

07/10/19  
Date

Paul Woodmansee  
Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

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

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

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

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

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

07/10/19  
Date

Paul Woodmansee  
Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION  
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION**

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract), the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this proposal (contract) is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See the attached definitions.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and



information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

- 10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

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

12. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

**LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS**

13. By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (contract), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:

- 13.1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
- 13.2. where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

14. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (contract) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

Vendor Name:

07/10/19

Date

Paul Woodmansee

Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager

Vendor Initials

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Date 7/10/19





**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO  
FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND  
WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections

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

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

1. By signing and submitting this proposal (contract) the Vendor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

Vendor Name:

07/10/19  
Date


  
Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager

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Certification of Compliance with requirements pertaining to Federal Nondiscrimination, Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations and Whistleblower protections



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE**

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

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

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

Vendor Name:

07/10/19  
Date

Paul Woodmansee  
Name: Paul Woodmansee  
Title: Manager



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**HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACT**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Vendor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191 and with the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 applicable to business associates. As defined herein, "Business Associate" shall mean the Vendor and subcontractors and agents of the Vendor that receive, use or have access to protected health information under this Agreement and "Covered Entity" shall mean the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services.

(1) **Definitions.**

- a. "**Breach**" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. "**Business Associate**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- c. "**Covered Entity**" has the meaning given such term in section 160.103 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
- d. "**Designated Record Set**" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- e. "**Data Aggregation**" shall have the same meaning as the term "data aggregation" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- f. "**Health Care Operations**" shall have the same meaning as the term "health care operations" in 45 CFR Section 164.501.
- g. "**HITECH Act**" means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Part 1 & 2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- h. "**HIPAA**" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 and the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 and amendments thereto.
- i. "**Individual**" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 CFR Section 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.501(g).
- j. "**Privacy Rule**" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- k. "**Protected Health Information**" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 CFR Section 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

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- l. "Required by Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR Section 164.103.
- m. "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- n. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
- o. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.
- p. Other Definitions - All terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning established under 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time, and the HITECH Act.

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

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under Exhibit A of the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, shall not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.
- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI:
  - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - II. As required by law, pursuant to the terms set forth in paragraph d. below; or
  - III. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of Covered Entity.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the Agreement to disclose PHI to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable assurances from the third party that such PHI will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the third party; and (ii) an agreement from such third party to notify Business Associate, in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules of any breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, unless such disclosure is reasonably necessary to provide services under Exhibit A of the Agreement, disclose any PHI in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity has an opportunity to object to the disclosure and to seek appropriate relief. If Covered Entity objects to such disclosure, the Business

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Associate shall refrain from disclosing the PHI until Covered Entity has exhausted all remedies.

- e. If the Covered Entity notifies the Business Associate that Covered Entity has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall be bound by such additional restrictions and shall not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and shall abide by any additional security safeguards.

(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.

- a. The Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware of any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement including breaches of unsecured protected health information and/or any security incident that may have an impact on the protected health information of the Covered Entity.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately perform a risk assessment when it becomes aware of any of the above situations. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
- o The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
  - o The unauthorized person used the protected health information or to whom the disclosure was made;
  - o Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed
  - o The extent to which the risk to the protected health information has been mitigated.

The Business Associate shall complete the risk assessment within 48 hours of the breach and immediately report the findings of the risk assessment in writing to the Covered Entity.

- c. The Business Associate shall comply with all sections of the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rule.
- d. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the Secretary for purposes of determining Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule.
- e. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the Agreement, to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein, including the duty to return or destroy the PHI as provided under Section 3 (I). The Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of the Contractor's business associate agreements with Contractor's intended business associates, who will be receiving PHI



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pursuant to this Agreement, with rights of enforcement and indemnification from such business associates who shall be governed by standard Paragraph #13 of the standard contract provisions (P-37) of this Agreement for the purpose of use and disclosure of protected health information.

- f. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the Agreement.
- g. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
- h. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
- i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
- k. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within two (2) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.
- l. Within ten (10) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-up tapes of such PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business

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Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) **Obligations of Covered Entity**

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes or limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices provided to individuals in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520, to the extent that such change or limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.
- b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this Agreement, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) **Termination for Cause**

In addition to Paragraph 10 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37) of this Agreement the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement set forth herein as Exhibit I. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity. If Covered Entity determines that neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

(6) **Miscellaneous**

- a. **Definitions and Regulatory References.** All terms used, but not otherwise defined herein, shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rule, amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in the Privacy and Security Rule means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. **Amendment.** Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Agreement, from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, and applicable federal and state law.
- c. **Data Ownership.** The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. **Interpretation.** The parties agree that any ambiguity in the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule.

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- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this Exhibit I or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this Exhibit I are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this Exhibit I regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the Agreement in section (3) I, the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) e and Paragraph 13 of the standard terms and conditions (P-37), shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Exhibit I.

Department of Health and Human Services  
The State

Signature of Authorized Representative

Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Date

Investigative Resolutions LLC  
Name of the Vendor

Paul Woodmansee  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Paul Woodmansee  
Name of Authorized Representative

Manager  
Title of Authorized Representative

07/10/19  
Date



**CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY  
ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$25,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$25,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$25,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$25,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

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

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique identifier of the entity (DUNS #)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.

Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

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

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

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Date

Vendor Name:

Paul Woodmansce

Name: Paul Woodmansce  
Title: Manager

Vendor Initials (PW)  
Date 7/10/19



FORM A

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

1. The DUNS number for your entity is: 046945262
2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

NO  YES

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

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

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

NO  YES

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

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

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

Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____
Name: _____	Amount: _____

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## Exhibit K

### DHHS Information Security Requirements



#### A. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

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

## I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

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

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

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request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.

3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

**II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA**

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

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wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.

9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

### III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

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

#### A. Retention

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



whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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

**B. Disposition**

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

**IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY**

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:

1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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

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

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

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

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

#### V. LOSS REPORTING

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

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

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;
4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and

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5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

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

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