

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Child and Family Services Agency

**CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT  
DCRL-2015-A-0071  
Housing Specialist**

**1. EXTENT OF OBLIGATION:**

The Government of the District of Columbia is obligated only to the extent that authorized purchases are actually made under the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), and is not obligated to place future orders. (Title 27 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Chapter 18, Section 1810.2 (a) (c)).

- a) Delivery or performance shall be made only as authorized by orders. Authorized orders may be in the form of a Purchase Order. The Contractor shall furnish to the District, when and if ordered, the supplies or services specified in the Schedule up to and including the maximum quantity specified in the price schedule. The District will order at least the minimum quantity specified in the price schedule.
- b) There is no limit on the number of orders that may be issued. The District may issue orders requiring delivery to multiple destinations or performance at multiple locations.
- c) Any order issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that period shall be completed by the Contractor within the time specified in the order.
- d) The contract shall govern the Contractor's and District's rights and obligations with respect to that order to the same extent as if the order were completed during the contract's effective period; provided that the contractor shall not be required to make any deliveries under this contract after the expiration date of the contract.
- e) The Contractor shall not provide any services under this agreement until sufficient funding to cover the cost of the requested services has been issued.

**2. PURCHASE LIMITATION /METHOD OF AWARD:**

The BPA shall not exceed **\$80,000.00** through one year from date of award.

- 3. RESPONSE IS DUE BY: Friday, April 10, 2015, by 2:00 p.m.** and must be sent via email to [ebony.terrell@dc.gov](mailto:ebony.terrell@dc.gov). If you have any questions, please contact Ebony Terrell, Contract Specialist at (202) 727-7117.

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**4. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:**

One year from date of award, with 4 (four) one year option periods. Continuation of this Contract beyond the fiscal year is contingent upon future fiscal appropriations

**4.1 OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER:**

**4.1.1** The District may extend the term of this contract for a period of four (4), one-year option periods, or successive fractions thereof by written notice to the Contractor before the expiration of the contract; provided that the District will give the Contractor a preliminary written notice of its intent to extend at least thirty (30) days before the contract expires. The preliminary notice does not commit the District to an extension. The exercise of this option is subject to the availability of funds at the time of the exercise of this option. The Contractor may waive the thirty (30) day preliminary notice requirement by providing a written waiver to the Contracting Officer prior to expiration of the contract.

**4.1.2** If the District exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this option provision.

**4.1.3** The price for the option period shall be as specified in the contract.

**4.1.4** The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed five (5) years

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**5. PRICE/COST SCHEDULE**

The Contractor shall provide all direct and indirect resources to provide the services in accordance to the specifications contained in this BPA and at the prices stated. This is a Fixed-Price BPA for the supplies/services to be performed at the unit prices specified in Section 5.1 – 5.5 the Price Schedules.

**5.1 BASE YEAR**

CONTRACT LINE ITEM NO. (CLIN)	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	UNIT	Minimum UNIT	Maximum Unit	Unit Price	Maximum Total Cost
0001	Housing Specialist	Hour	1	1920	\$	\$
<b>Total Not to Exceed Amount</b>						\$

**5.2 OPTION YEAR ONE**

CONTRACT LINE ITEM NO. (CLIN)	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	UNIT	Minimum UNIT	Maximum Unit	Unit Price	Maximum Total Cost
1001	Housing Specialist	Hour	1	1920	\$	\$
<b>Total Not to Exceed Amount</b>						\$

**5.3 OPTION YEAR TWO**

CONTRACT LINE ITEM NO. (CLIN)	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	UNIT	Minimum UNIT	Maximum Unit	Unit Price	Maximum Total Cost
2001	Housing Specialist	Hour	1	1920	\$	\$
<b>Total Not to Exceed Amount</b>						\$

**5.4 OPTION YEAR THREE**

CONTRACT LINE ITEM NO. (CLIN)	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	UNIT	Minimum UNIT	Maximum Unit	Unit Price	Maximum Total Cost
3001	Housing Specialist	Hour	1	1920	\$	\$
<b>Total Not to Exceed Amount</b>						\$

**5.5 OPTION YEAR FOUR**

CONTRACT LINE ITEM NO. (CLIN)	SUPPLIES/ SERVICES	UNIT	Minimum UNIT	Maximum Unit	Unit Price	Maximum Total Cost
4001	Housing Specialist	Hour	1	1920	\$	\$
<b>Total Not to Exceed Amount</b>						\$

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**6. SCOPE OF WORK:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency is seeking a Contractor to provide the agency with a Housing Specialist with expert knowledge on transitional and supportive housing for CFSA and be responsible for the development and implementation of housing strategies for the agency.

**6.1 DEFINITIONS**

**Agency** The DC Child and Family Services Agency, or CFSA.

**Child Abuse** Physical or mental injury of a non-accidental nature, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child caused or allowed by a person responsible for his or her welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm.

**CFSA** Child and Family Services Agency; the agency charged with protecting children and youth from abuse and neglect; for those who need to be removed from their homes, ensuring foster care placement that will support the children and youth in achieving their goals of safety, permanency and well-being.

**CFSA Housing Strategy**

Child and Family Services blueprint which examines options and strategies with the ultimate goal of dramatically increasing housing stability and significantly reducing homelessness among CFSA involved families and youth.

**CFSA Social Worker**

CFSA staff members who provide professional social work services to children and families.

**Community-Based Services**

Array of services delivered to families from helping professionals located directly within their community.

**Emergency Shelter Grants**

Provides grants to help increase both the number and quality of emergency and transitional shelters for homeless individuals and families. Grantees use ESG funds to rehabilitate and operate these facilities, provide essential social services, and prevent homelessness.

**FACES** Is the District of Columbia's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

**Foster Care** Continuous twenty-four (24) hour care and supportive services provided for a minor in the legal custody or guardianship of CFSA while the child needs

**Guardianship** A relative adult or godparent obtains custodial rights to a child/youth through the Family Court, and a financial subsidy may or may not be involved.

**Kinship Care** Foster care provided to a child in the home of "kin", or family member(s) other than the natural parent(s).

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**Four Pillars** Is a bold offensive and strategically focused effort to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families involved with the District's child welfare system. Each pillar represents an area ripe for improvement and features a values-based foundation, set of evidence-based strategies, and series of specific outcome targets. The Four Pillars serve as the foundation for all of the CFSA performance outcomes and include: *Narrow the Front Door-* focuses on keeping families together and removing children from their homes only when necessary to ensure their safety. CFSA places an emphasis on reaching out to and engaging kin; coordinating responses to ensure that children only enter foster care when necessary for their protection, and implementing Family Assessment to serve families without having to establish abuse or neglect on the Child Protective Services registry, among other strategies and services to support and stabilize families. *Temporary Safe Haven* - Foster care is a temporary safe haven, with planning for permanence beginning the day a child enters care. CFSA seeks relative placements first, followed by the most appropriate and homelike setting to keep children connected to their schools and communities. CFSA promotes and preserves maternal and paternal relationships, and sibling connections through frequent, quality visits. Permanence is best achieved through a legal relationship such as reunification, guardianship, or adoption. *Well-Being* Every child is entitled to a nurturing environment that supports his or her growth and development into a healthy, self-assured, and educated adult. Accordingly, CFSA and its partners take steps to address educational, mental health, and physical health issues to ensure that children receive the supports they need to thrive. For example, CFSA is incorporating evidence-based practices to address underlying issues of trauma and mental health as well as chronic diseases and other medical issues. Educational achievement is another Agency goal for all children in care, from early childhood education through high school and college, or vocational school. *Exit to Positive Permanence-* Every child and youth exits foster care as quickly as possible to a safe, well-supported family environment, or life-long connection. Older youth exit care with a minimum of a life-long connection and the education and skills necessary to help them become successful, self-supporting adults. CFSA also offers community-based aftercare services to youth who have aged out of care substitute care out of the natural home.

**Mandatory Reporter** An individual whose professional designation as a mandatory reporter requires the individual to report suspected incidents of abuse and neglect towards children between the ages of 0-17.

**Permanency** The provision of a permanent living arrangement for a child based on the Federal Adoptions and Safe Families Act (AFSA) requirements. Also the process by which a child in CFSA's foster care system, and his/her family benefits from case planning, periodic reviews, and other procedural safeguards to ensure that the child enters care only when necessary and appropriately placed, and is returned home or to a permanent living situation in a timely fashion.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

A residential unit where the consumer resides and holds the lease agreement in accordance to tenant/landlord law. Permanent Supportive Housing may either be in existing rental units in a community or in new units of housing specifically developed as PSH.

**RED Team process**

Review, Evaluate, and Direct (RED) – a research supported practice that CFSA is implementing for making decisions on cases. CFSA is including Providers of community-based, prevention services and foster care in this process.

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**Supportive Housing Programs**

Grants offered through a competitive process for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, or leasing of buildings to provide transitional or permanent housing, as well as supportive services to homeless individuals and families; grants to fund a portion of annual operating costs; and grants for technical assistance.

**Transitional Housing**

Provides temporary residence up to 24 months for people experiencing homelessness. Housing is combined with wrap-around services to assist the individual with developing stability in their lives.

**Youth**

An individual in age between the onset of puberty and early adulthood. Definitions vary of the specific age range that constitutes youth, but for the purposes of this document, the age range for a youth is age fifteen (15) to twenty-one (21). CFSA must investigate incidents of child abuse and neglect for children ages 0-17.

**Youth Transition Plan**

Plan developed by the OYE case-carrying social work team that outlines pertinent goals and tasks crucial to the youth's transition from foster care to independence along with the HFTC representative and team responsible for aftercare services.

**Youth Aftercare Plan**

Plan developed by the assigned HFTC Collaborative that is a continuation of the Youth Transition Plan. This plan carries forth those goals still in need of achievement, and incorporates any new goals identified during the aftercare period.

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Housing instability and homeless prevention have emerged as key issues for supporting Child and Family Services (CFSA) involved families and youth. The provision of stable housing can impact whether families are reunified, enhance the likelihood of permanence, support kinship placement goals, and prevent homelessness among youth aging out of foster care. It is difficult to meet the demand for safe, stable, and affordable housing in many cities, but it is especially difficult in the District; which has one of the most expensive and competitive housing markets in the nation. CFSA involved families are in direct competition with other residents seeking affordable housing options. For families that are child welfare involved, the provision of housing is just the first step to achieving housing stability. Many CFSA involved families need wrap-around support services to maintain housing and reduce the likelihood of homelessness. CFSA has developed a strategic housing plan that lays out options and strategies with the ultimate goal of dramatically increasing housing stability and significantly reducing homelessness among CFSA involved families and youth.

CFSA has set an aspirational goal of zero tolerance for homelessness among CFSA involved families and that through our case management services, we strive to work with families and youth to dramatically enhance the probability of long term housing stability. In doing so, we not only remove homelessness as a barrier to family reunification but also increase the probability that families either maintain and/or attain long term housing stability which increases the likelihood of personal and family stability.

CFSA is driven to strengthen its day-to-day working relationships with DC Housing Authority (Housing Choice Voucher, Family Unification Program, and Local Rent Supplement Programs) and DC Department of Behavioral Health (Rental Assistance Programs), the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and the Department of Human Services (Rental Assistance, Virginia Williams Housing Resource Center) to better leverage and coordinate services for our mutual clients.

CFSA recognizes improve collaboration with Community Based Organizations is essential to meeting the housing needs of CFSA involved children and families. CFSA goal is to fully leverage the existing contractual resources of our partner community based organizations.

**6.2.1 Program Scope and Effect**

As the designate governmental agency responsible for the protection of children and the provision of prevention services, CFSA strives to engage in partnership with other District agencies and community based agencies to access appropriate housing resources for youth aging out of foster care, kin assuring responsibility for their younger families members and families who need housing assistance to successfully reunify their family, CFSA families and children have unique transitional housing needs which often entail the provision of mental health, substance abuse, specialized services for the disabled, intensive educational and vocational support services. Therefore the housing environment must be conducive to a collaborative and supportive services delivery environment.

**6.2.2 Supervisory Control**

Work is performed under the general supervision of the Director of Well-Being, who provides overall policy guidance and establishes broad objectives to be achieved. Incumbent exercises independent judgment and initiative in accomplishing assignments and projects. Considerable reliance is placed on incumbent's ability to take the proper course of action in conducting day-to-day housing related activities. Receives advice and/or direction only in matters that are unusually difficult or have far reaching implications. Work is evaluated in terms of soundness of judgment, advice offered, recommendations made and the acceptability and compliance with overall policies and objectives.

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**6.2.3 Purpose of Contacts**

Contacts are to advise on agency initiatives, programs and policies; contracts with agency employees and external agencies are primarily for the purpose of coordinating efforts to resolve housing related issues, to further agency goals, to cooperate in intra-agency projects, to perform program operations and to lead the housing stabilization and permanency for all children and families served.

**6.2.4 Complexity**

The work involves facilitating and coordinating housing for teens and families requiring housing assistance. The position requires communicating with people with varying degrees of knowledge, education and familiarity with housing and housing regulations. The role requires the ability to communicate effectively and on occasion in situations that may at times be unsettling. It requires tactfulness and the ability to be objective, resourceful and patient to facilitate a suitable outcome.

**6.3 REQUIREMENTS**

**6.3.1** The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency is seeking a Contractor to provide a Housing Specialist who will serve as the agency expert on transitional and supportive housing for CFSA and be responsible for the development and implementation of housing strategies for the agency. The Housing Specialist shall be responsible for program and budget oversight of the CFSA Rapid Housing Program. The Housing Specialist shall represent the Director's Office on the Interagency Committee on Housing (ICH) and the Principal Deputy Director and the Chief of Staff on relevant subcommittees of the ICH as required. The Housing Specialist shall provide individual housing consultation to CFSA and CFSA contracted social workers to regarding potential housing resources and the development of an individual housing plan.

**6.3.1.1** The Contractor shall

- a) Serve as the liaison to the Department of Mental Health, Housing Authority, Disability Services and the Community Partnership Agency on all housing related matters to ensure that CFSA clients (transitioning youth, kin, and families undergoing reunification) have timely access to existing housing resources
- b) Serve as the lead on the behalf of CFSA in the development and implementation of innovative transitional housing programs in partnership with other District Agencies and community based organizations
- c) Maintain knowledge of Section 8 housing rules and reporting requirements , local emergency and transitional housing eligibility criteria and corresponding application procedures
- d) Maintain knowledge non-profit emergency and transitional housing resources and corresponding application procedures
- e) Establish and cultivate relationships with local emergency and transitional housing resource officials
- f) Develop a robust housing plan with measureable objectives , deliverables and specific timelines
- g) Assist in the development of all grant applications for housing and supportive housing services
- h) Develop and revise forms and procedures to ensure immediate access to Rapid Housing and newly developed transitional housing resources by CFSA clients
- i) Train CFSA, private agencies and Collaborative social workers on the Rapid Housing Application process and other CFSA housing initiatives
- j) Work in Collaboration with the Office of Entry Services to train CFSA and private agency social workers on the referral procedures for the Departments of Mental Health, Disability Services, Housing Authority and various Human Services Transitional Housing Programs
- k) Track and provide monthly reports on all Rapid Housing requests and payments
- l) Work in collaboration with the Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaborative on housing and housing support services

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- m) Establish, manage and monitor the application and renewal process for Family Unification Program Vouchers in partnership with the Community Partnership and District of Columbia Housing Authority
- n) Work with CFSA youth ages 18-21 with multiple service needs (e.g. mental health, special education, cognitive disabilities, and parents of children 0-5).
- o) Work with vulnerable families and children with a history of abuse and/or neglect, substance abuse, mental health or a history of domestic violence
- p) Perform other duties as assigned

**6.3.2 Knowledge Requirements**

**6.3.2.1** The Contractor shall

- a) Possess 5-10 years of experience working in the housing arena and 2-5 years working in the human service arena with a demonstrated knowledge of child welfare federal and local rules and regulations and 2-5 years of experience working with older adults.
- b) Demonstrate knowledge of federal laws and regulations, and of District of Columbia laws, the child welfare laws and regulations.
- c) Demonstrate knowledge of the goals, objectives and day-to-day operations of programs within the CFSA, and other government agencies.
- d) Demonstrate working knowledge of housing financing and housing efforts being undertaken by other public and private agencies.
- e) Demonstrate knowledge of community organizations and community concerns as they relate to the development of resources.
- f) Demonstrate knowledge of data collection and processing principles and applications.
- g) Demonstrate expert skills in written and oral presentations.
- h) Demonstrate knowledge of public administration principles and practices

**6.3.3 Minimum Requirements**

**6.3.3.1** The Contractor shall

- a) At a minimum, have a Bachelor's degree in social or human service area, urban planning and development or criminal justice
- b) Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate verbally and team with a variety of people both individually and in group settings
- c) Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate in writing, specifically as it related to the provision of reports, development of strategic plans and grant applications
- d) Demonstrate the ability to work in a team and cross system working environment
- e) Demonstrate organizational and planning skills necessary to accomplish the CFSA goals and established outcomes
- f) Demonstrate the analytical skills to research innovative programs, policies, and guidelines in response to specific questions or issues, make recommendations regarding the implication of policy and funding changes and opportunities for new programming
- g) Apply creative problem solving skills including the development and maintenance of required databases
- h) Demonstrate the ability to use motivational interviewing and negotiating skills
- i) Demonstrate experience with housing choice voucher program regulations, guidelines, procedures and requirements including: HUD regulations, relating to program eligibility, and participation, income determination, HAP and tenant share calculation, housing quality standards, affordable rent calculations and payment standards, etc. State and Local building and occupancy laws or regulations and District of Columbia Housing Authority Administrative Plans and related policies and procedures

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- j) Demonstrate experience using Microsoft Office Suite (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- k) **Physical Demands:** No unusual physical effort required.
- l) **Work Environment:** Contractor works in general office setting with no abnormal hazards. Travel in and out of town may be required.

**6.3.4 Location of Services and Hours of Operation**

The contractor shall generally (not limited to) provide services at the following location.

**Child and Family Services  
200 I Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003**

**6.4 MANDATORY REPORTING**

- 6.4.1 The Contractor shall Comply with the provisions as cited in D.C. Law 22-2 and DC Code §4-1321.02.
- 6.4.2 The Contractor shall ensure that any staff member who receives information concerning, or personally observes, an incident of alleged or actual child abuse or neglect, having any other information indicating an alleged or actual risk to a client's health or safety, shall make an immediate oral report and a written report within twenty-four (24) hours to the Child Abuse and Neglect Unit Located at 200 I Street, S.E Street .S.E. First Floor, Washington, D.C. 20024 or by calling the CFSA twenty-four (24) hour Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (202) 671-SAFE.
- 6.4.3 The Contractor shall ensure that any staff member who believes that a client is in serious and immediate danger shall take immediate steps to protect the client including, as appropriate, removing the client from the danger.
- 6.4.4 The Contractor shall ensure that the written report shall include, but not limited to, the following information if the person making the report know it: client who is the subject of the report, person responsible for the client's care, nature and extent of the abuse or neglect, other information that may be helpful in establishing the cause of the abuse or neglect, and the identity of the person responsible for the abuse or neglect.

**6.5 UNUSUAL INCIDENTS**

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- 6.5.1 The contractor shall report immediately by telephone all unusual incidents to the CFSA twenty-four (24) hour Hotline: 202-671 SAFE (7233).
- 6.5.2 The Contractor shall establish, implement, and describe in writing policies and procedures for the reporting of unusual incidents, which include;
- (a) Accident/s involving clients or staff on duty;
  - (b) A loss of any utility, including but not limited to, power, water, or sewage
  - (c) Any condition which results in the facility's closure and
  - (d) Any other occurrence or event which substantially interferes with the client's health, welfare, living arrangement, or wellbeing, or in any way places the client at risk.
- 6.5.3 The Contractor's director or other designated staff shall complete an Unusual Incident Report, 1243, and ensure delivery is completed via fax or personal delivery to the CA and the FLD within (24) hours of the occurrence of an incident.
- 6.5.4 The Contractor shall notify the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Child and Family Services Hotline, immediately or within thirty (30) minutes, after learning that a child/children, caregiver and/or involved family member has been involved in an unusual incident.

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**7. DELIVERABLES:**

The Contractor shall have the ability to deliver the requested services. The Contractor shall adhere to the specified requirement in Section 6.3.

CLIN	Deliverables	Quantity	Format/Delivery Method	Due Date	To Whom
N/A	Time Sheet	1	Typed or Handwritten	Bi-weekly (Friday)	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (a)	Meeting Notes	1	Typed	48 hours after meeting	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (a,b,e,j,l,n,o)	Housing Utilization Report	1	Typed	Weekly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman
6.3.1.1 (b,d)	Housing Project Work Plan	1	Typed	Initial work plan 30 days after signing of contract; updated weekly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (i)	Training Schedule and Course Description	1	Typed	Two week after signing of contract	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (i)	Training Content Material	1	Typed	30 days after signing of contract	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (c, d, f, h)	Housing Resource Guide	1	Typed	30 days after signing of contract; updated weekly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1 (g)	Housing grant submissions	1	Typed	Two weeks before proposal submission deadline	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1(k)	Reports on all Rapid Housing requests and payments	1	Electronic mail, Typed or hard copy	Monthly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman, Supervisor
6.3.1.1(k)	Comprehensive Housing Division Report	1	Typed	Monthly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman

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6.3.1.1 (m)	Housing Resource Matrix	1	Typed	Monthly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman
6.3.1.1 (e)	District Wide Housing Resource Notebook	1	Typed	Initial Deliverable 90 days after signing of contract; updated monthly	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman
6.3.1.1 (f)	Update CFSA Housing Strategic Plan	1	Typed	60 days after signing of contract/monthly as required	Trinette Hawkins-Coleman

**8. NOTICE OF INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO PLACE ORDERS UNDER THE BPA:**

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**OFFICEPOINT OF CONTACTS**

**Contracts and Procurement Administration:** Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

**Community Partnership Administration** **Trinette Hawkins-Coleman**  
Supervisor  
Trinette.Hawkins@dc.gov

**9. Order For Services And Invoices:**

9.1 Orders will be placed against this BPA via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), FAX or paper communications.

9.2 The contractor shall invoice in duplicate to CFSA's Fiscal Operations Administration (Office of the Chief Financial Officer) at [cfsa.accountspayable@dc.gov](mailto:cfsa.accountspayable@dc.gov) or via regular mail delivery to:

Child and Family Services Agency  
Fiscal Operations  
200 I Street, SE, Suite 2030  
Washington, DC 20003

9.3 The requirements of a proper invoice are as specified in the Federal Supply Schedule contract. Invoices will be submitted to the address specified in the purchase order(s) issued against this BPA. The District reserves the right to reject any improper or inaccurate invoice.

9.4 **Payment.** In accordance with the Quick Payment Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-221.02, payment shall be made within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a properly submitted invoice, after all approvals are completed as required by the PASS system. CFSA will only pay the Contractor for performing the services under this BPA at the prices stated under BPA number **DCRL-2015-A-0071**.

9.5 The terms and conditions included in this BPA apply to all purchases made pursuant to it. In the event of an inconsistency between the provisions of this BPA and the contractor's invoice, the provisions of this BPA will take precedence.

9.6 Award will be made to the lowest responsive bidder meeting the District's minimum requirements enumerated herein. The District reserve the rights to award to the contractor offering the District the best overall value taking into consideration the make/mode offered, delivery schedule, pricing or a combination of these factors.

9.7 The District will notify the contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration or termination of orders against this BPA.

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**10. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE:**

The inspection and acceptance requirements for the resultant agreement shall be governed by clause number six (6), "Inspection of Services" of the Government of the District of Columbia's Standard Contract Provisions for use with Supplies and Services Contracts, dated March 2007.

**11. Use of Government property.**

(1) The Contractor shall use Government property, either furnished or acquired under this contract, only for performing this contract, unless otherwise provided for in this contract or approved by the Contracting Officer.

(2) Modifications or alterations of Government property are prohibited, unless they are—

(i) Reasonable and necessary due to the scope of work under this contract or its terms and conditions;

(ii) Required for normal maintenance; or

(iii) Otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

(3) The Contractor shall not cannibalize Government property unless otherwise provided for in this contract or approved by the Contracting Officer.

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**12. METHOD OF AWARD:**

**12.1** The contract will be awarded to the responsible Offeror whose offer is most advantageous to the District, based upon the evaluation criteria specified below. Thus, while the points in the evaluation criteria indicate their relative importance, the total scores will not necessarily be determinative of the award. Rather, the total scores will guide the District in making an intelligent award decision based upon the evaluation criteria.

12.1.2 The District intends to award a single BPA resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror(s) whose offer(s) conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the District, cost or price, technical and other factors, specified elsewhere in this solicitation considered.

12.1.3 The District may award a BPA on the basis of initial offers received, without discussion. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the offeror’s best terms from a standpoint of cost or price, technical and other factors. Only the Top 3 performers will be invited for Oral Presentation (Factor 5).

12.1.3.1 In order for the response to be complete the offeror shall submit the following:

- Resumes of intended personnel - The resumes shall be detailed and address Factors 2 through 5
- Completed price schedule and;
- Writing Sample (Example: Annual Report, Project Plan, Strategic Plan)

**12.2 TECHNICAL RATING(S)**

**12.2.1** Technical Rating Scale is as follows:

<b><u>Numeric Rating</u></b>	<b><u>Adjective</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
0	Unacceptable	Fails to meet minimum requirements; e.g., no demonstrated capacity, major deficiencies which are not correctable; Offeror did not address the factor.
1	Poor	Marginally meets minimum requirements; major deficiencies which may be correctable.
2	Minimally Acceptable	Marginally meets minimum requirements; minor deficiencies which may be correctable.
3	Acceptable	Meets requirements; no deficiencies.
4	Good	Meets requirements and exceeds some requirements; no deficiencies.
5	Excellent	Exceeds most, if not all requirements; no deficiencies.

**12.2.2** The technical rating is a weighting mechanism that will be applied to the point value for each ranking factor to determine the Offeror’s score for each factor. The Offeror’s total technical score will be determined by adding the Offeror’s score in each evaluation factor. For example, if an evaluation factor has a point value range of zero (0) to forty (40) points, using the Technical Rating Scale above, if the District evaluates the Offeror’s response as “Good,” then the score for that evaluation factor is 4/5 of 40 or 32.

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If subfactors are applied, the Offeror’s total technical score will be determined by adding the offeror’s score for each subfactor. For example, if an evaluation factor has a point value range of zero (0) to forty (40) points, with two subfactors of twenty (20) points each, using the Technical Rating Scale above, if the District evaluates the Offeror’s response as “Good” for the first subfactor and “Poor” for the second subfactor, then the total score for that evaluation factor is 4/5 of 20 or 16 for the first subfactor plus 1/5 of 20 or 4 for the second subfactor, for a total of 20 for the entire factor.

**13. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE (100 Points Maximum)**

<b>FACTOR(S)</b>	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Factor #1</b>	<u>Program Scope and Effect</u>	
	Describe the Contractors experience with ensuring that housing related needs are met for eligible families throughout the District of Columbia.	<b>5</b>
	Describe the Contractors ability to analyze data that may require investigation and pre-analyses to appraise cases for further presentation.	<b>5</b>
	Describe the Contractors experience(s) when erroneous decisions would affect outside relationships with other public and private agencies in addition to families throughout the District of Columbia.	<b>5</b>
<b>Factor #2</b>	<u>Expertise and Experience</u>  Describe the Contractors understanding of the District of Columbia’s child welfare program and D.C. Housing Authority regulations, applicable federal statuses and regulations, administrative issuance and rules and regulations of the District Government, appropriate District Government contractual policies and procedures, and their experience with judgment in interpreting and adopting these guides for application to specific situation and problems.	<b>20</b>
<b>Factor #3</b>	<u>Contacts</u>  <i>Personal Contacts:</i> Describe the Contractors experience and relationships with community individuals and services providers; agency and District government staff at various levels and professionals in other private agencies, organizations and foundations.  <i>Purpose Contacts:</i> Describe the Contractors experience in gathering and exchanging information; developing and maintaining services and resources; and assisting the agency in developing the capacity to provide community-based services.	<b>10</b>

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<b>Factor #4</b>	<u>Supervision and Complexity</u>  Describe work experiences that involves evaluating programs and services to determine the quality and capacity to meet client needs; developing programs; developing resources within the community in compliance with the LaShawn A. court Order and Implementation Plan; establishing linkages with individuals and organizations; preparing reports; and developing requests for proposals and projects related to providing a comprehensive range of services and resources to community-based agencies.	<b>20</b>
<b>Factor #5</b>	An oral presentation demonstrating capability to adhere to the functionalities and duties of a personal assistant.  Describe experience of automated office systems and equipment; Show previous experience with using computer equipment and software (i.e. Microsoft Office Suite – Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, Access, etc.)  Availability: 5 days a week: Monday through Friday	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>

**13.1 PRICE CRITERION (20 Points Maximum)**

The price evaluation will be objective. The Offeror with the lowest price will receive the maximum price points. All other proposals will receive a proportionately lower total score. The following formula will be used to determine each Offeror's evaluated price score:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest price proposal}}{\text{Price of proposal being evaluated}} \times \text{weight} = \text{Evaluated price score}$$

**13.2 TOTAL POINTS (100 Points Maximum)**

Total points shall be the cumulative total of the Offeror's technical criteria points and price.

**13.3 EVALUATION OF OPTION YEARS**

The District will evaluate offers for award purposes by evaluating the total price for all options as well as the base year. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the District to exercise them. The total District's

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requirements may change during the option years. Quantities to be awarded will be determined at the time each option is exercised.

**13.4 BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

If, subsequent to receiving original proposals, negotiations are conducted, the top three highest scoring Offerors shall be so notified and will be provided an opportunity to submit written best and final offers or oral presentations at the designated date and time. Best and final offers will be subject to the Late Submissions, Late Modifications and Late Withdrawals of Proposals provisions of the solicitation. After receipt of best and final offers or oral presentations, no discussions will be reopened unless the CO determines that it is clearly in the District's best interest to do so, e.g., it is clear that information available at that time is inadequate to reasonably justify contractor selection and award based on the best and final offers received. If discussions are reopened, the CO shall issue an additional request for best and final offers.

**14. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE:**

**14.1** The Contractor shall at all times, while acting in good faith and in the best interest of the CFSA, use its best efforts and exercise all due care and sound business judgment in performing its duties under this contract. The Contractor shall at all times, comply with CFSA operational policies, procedures and directives while performing the duties specified in the contract.

**14.2** The Contractor shall comply with the confidentiality requirements of CFSA and ensure that medical records and medical consultation is provided with the scope of CFSA confidentiality requirements consistent with a child welfare agency.

**15. ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY:**

Unless granted prior, express, written authority by the Director, the Contractor shall not issue or sponsor any advertising or publicity that states or implies, either directly or indirectly, that CFSA endorses, recommends or prefers the Contractor's services; shall not use CFSA logo in any fashion; or use or release information, photographs or other depictions obtained as a result of the performance of services under this contract, for publication, advertising or financial benefit.

**16. CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality and privacy of all identifying information concerning CFSA children and youth in accordance with the confidentiality law, the privacy rule (the requirements and restrictions contained in 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E, as modified by any District of Columbia laws, including the Mental Health Information Act of 1978, that may have preemptive effect by operation of 45 CFR part 160, subpart B) and agrees to comply with administrative, physical, and technical safeguards requirements in 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, 164.312 and 164.316 as required by § 13401 of the HITECH ACT (February 18, 2010), to maintain the security of the Protected Health Information and to prevent use or disclosure of such Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Clause.

**17. RIGHTS IN DATA:**

**18.** Any data first produced in the performance of this contract shall be the sole property of the District. The Contractor hereby acknowledges that all data, including, without limitation,

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produced by the Contractor for CFSA under this contract are works made for hire and are the sole property of CFSA; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, the Contractor hereby transfers and assigns to CFSA ownership of copyright in such works, whether published or unpublished.

19. The Contractor agrees to give assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights including, but not limited to, the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights in common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in part or in any manner or form, or authorize others to do so, without written consent of CFSA at such time as to review the intent to release such data to the public.

CFSA shall not unreasonably withhold consent to the Contractor's request to publish or reproduce data in professional and scientific publications.

20. **APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD CONTRACT PROVISIONS:**

The Standard Contract Provisions for use with District of Columbia Government Supplies and Services Contracts dated March 2007 ("SCP") are incorporated as part of the contract. To obtain a copy of the SCP go to [www.ocp.dc.gov](http://www.ocp.dc.gov), click on Solicitation Attachments, then click on "Standard Contract Provisions (March 2007) (PDF)".

21. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WAGE DETERMINATIONS:**

The Contractor shall be bound by the Wage Determination No. 2005-2103 Rev. 15, dated December 22, 2014 issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Service Contract Act, 41 U.S.C. §351 *et seq.*, and incorporated herein as Section J.2. The Contractor shall be bound by the wage rates for the term of the contract subject to revision as stated herein and in accordance with Section 24 of the SCP. If an option is exercised, the Contractor shall be bound by the applicable wage rates at the time of the exercise of the option. If the option is exercised and the CO obtains a revised wage determination, the revised wage determination is applicable for the option periods and the Contractor may be entitled to an equitable adjustment.

22. **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND TRAFFIC RECORDS CHECKS FOR CONTRACTORS THAT PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES TO CHILDREN OR YOUTH**

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- 22.1** A contractor that provides services as a covered child or youth services provider, as defined in section 202(3) of the Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act of 2004, effective April 13, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-353; D.C. Official Code § 4-1501.01 *et seq.*), as amended (in this section, the “Act”), shall obtain criminal history records to investigate persons applying for employment, in either a compensated or an unsupervised volunteer position, as well as its current employees and unsupervised volunteers. The Contractor shall request criminal background checks for the following positions: All positions that involve contact with wards of CFSA.
- 22.2** The Contractor shall also obtain traffic records to investigate persons applying for employment, as well as current employees and volunteers, when that person will be required to drive a motor vehicle to transport children in the course of performing his or her duties. The Contractor shall request traffic records for the following positions: all positions which have direct or unsupervised contact with children.
- 22.3** The Contractor shall inform all applicants requiring a criminal background check that a criminal background check must be conducted on the applicant before the applicant may be offered a compensated position or an unsupervised volunteer position.
- 22.4** The Contractor shall inform all applicants requiring a traffic records check that a traffic records check must be conducted on the applicant before the applicant may be offered a compensated position or a volunteer position.
- 22.5** The Contractor shall obtain from each applicant, employee and unsupervised volunteer:
- (A) a written authorization which authorizes the District to conduct a criminal background check;
  - (B) a written confirmation stating that the Contractor has informed him or her that the District is authorized to conduct a criminal background check;
  - (C) a signed affirmation stating whether or not they have been convicted of a crime, pleaded nolo contendere, are on probation before judgment or placement of a case upon a stet docket, or have been found not guilty by reason of insanity, for any sexual offenses or intra-family offenses in the District or their equivalent in any other state or territory, or for any of the following felony offenses or their equivalent in any other state or territory:
    - (i) Murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, or arson;
    - (ii) Assault, assault with a dangerous weapon, mayhem, malicious disfigurement, or threats to do bodily harm;
    - (iii) Burglary;
    - (iv) Robbery;
    - (v) Kidnapping;
    - (vi) Illegal use or possession of a firearm;
    - (vii) Sexual offenses, including indecent exposure; promoting, procuring, compelling, soliciting, or engaging in prostitution; corrupting minors (sexual relations with children); molesting; voyeurism; committing sex acts in public; incest; rape; sexual assault; sexual battery; or sexual abuse; but excluding sodomy between consenting adults;

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- (viii) Child abuse or cruelty to children; or
- (ix) Unlawful distribution of or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance;

- (D) a written acknowledgement stating that the Contractor has notified them that they are entitled to receive a copy of the criminal background check and to challenge the accuracy and completeness of the report; and
- (E) a written acknowledgement stating that the Contractor has notified them that they may be denied employment or a volunteer position, or may be terminated as an employee or volunteer based on the results of the criminal background check.

**22.6** The Contractor shall inform each applicant, employee and unsupervised volunteer that a false statement may subject them to criminal penalties.

**22.7** Prior to requesting a criminal background check, the Contractor shall provide each applicant, employee, or unsupervised volunteer with a form or forms to be utilized for the following purposes:

- (A) To authorize the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), or designee, to conduct the criminal background check and confirm that the applicant, employee, or unsupervised volunteer has been informed that the Contractor is authorized and required to conduct a criminal background check;
- (B) To affirm whether or not the applicant, employee, or unsupervised volunteer has been convicted of a crime, has pleaded nolo contendere, is on probation before judgment or placement of a case upon a stet docket, or has been found not guilty by reason of insanity for any sexual offenses or intra-family offenses in the District or their equivalent in any other state or territory of the United States, or for any of the felony offenses described in paragraph 25.5
- (C) To acknowledge that the applicant, employee, or unsupervised volunteer has been notified of his or her right to obtain a copy of the criminal background check report and to challenge the accuracy and completeness of the report;
- (D) To acknowledge that the applicant may be denied employment, assignment to, or an unsupervised volunteer position for which a criminal background check is required based on the outcome of the criminal background check; and
- (E) To inform the applicant or employee that a false statement on the form or forms may subject them to criminal penalties pursuant to D.C. Official Code §22-2405.

**22.8** The Contractor shall direct the applicant or employee to complete the form or forms and notify the applicant or employee when and where to report to be fingerprinted.

**22.9** Unless otherwise provided herein, the Contractor shall request criminal background checks from the Chief, MPD (or designee), who shall be responsible for conducting criminal background checks, including fingerprinting.

**22.10** The Contractor shall request traffic record checks from the Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (or designee), who shall be responsible for conducting traffic record checks.

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- 22.11** The Contractor shall provide copies of all criminal background and traffic check reports to the CA within one business day of receipt.
- 22.12** The Contractor shall pay for the costs for the criminal background and traffic record checks, pursuant to the requirements set forth by the MPD and DMV. The District shall not make any separate payment for the cost of criminal background and traffic record checks.
- 22.13** The Contractor may make an offer of appointment to, or assign a current employee or applicant to, a compensated position contingent upon receipt from the contracting officer of the CA's decision after his or her assessment of the criminal background or traffic record check.
- 22.14** The Contractor may not make an offer of appointment to an unsupervised volunteer whose position brings him or her into direct contact with children until it receives from the contracting officer the CA's decision after his or her assessment of the criminal background or traffic record check.
- 22.15** The Contractor shall not employ or permit to serve as an unsupervised volunteer an applicant or employee who has been convicted of, has pleaded nolo contendere to, is on probation before judgment or placement of a case on the stet docket because of, or has been found not guilty by reason of insanity for any sexual offenses involving a minor.
- 22.16** Unless otherwise specified herein, the Contractor shall conduct periodic criminal background checks upon the exercise of each option year of this contract for current employees and unsupervised volunteer in the positions.
- 21.17** An employee or unsupervised volunteer may be subject to administrative action including, but not limited to, reassignment or termination at the discretion of the CA after his or her assessment of a criminal background or traffic record check.
- 22.18** The CA shall be solely responsible for assessing the information obtained from each criminal background and traffic records check report to determine whether a final offer may be made to each applicant or employee. The CA shall inform the contracting officer of its decision, and the contracting officer shall inform the Contractor whether an offer may be made to each applicant.
- 22.19** If any application is denied because the CA determines that the applicant presents a present danger to children or youth, the Contractor shall notify the applicant of such determination and inform the applicant in writing that she or he may appeal the denial to the Commission on Human Rights within thirty (30) days of the determination.
- 22.20** Criminal background and traffic record check reports obtained under this section shall be confidential and are for the exclusive use of making employment-related determinations. The Contractor shall not release or otherwise disclose the reports to any person, except as directed by the contracting officer.

**22. HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE COMPLIANCE**

For the purpose of this agreement Child and Family Services Agency, a covered component within the District of Columbia's Hybrid Entity will be referred to as a "Covered Entity" as that term is defined by the Health Insurance

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Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (“HIPAA”) and associated regulations promulgated at 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164 as amended (“HIPAA Regulations”) and as a recipient of Protected Health Information or electronic Protected Health Information from Child and Family Services Agency, is a “Business Associate” as that term is defined by HIPAA.

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Regulations.

1. Definitions

- a. **Business Associate** means a person or entity, who, on behalf of the District government or of an organized health care arrangement (as defined in this section) in which the covered entity participates, but other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of the District or arrangement, creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information for a function or activity for the District, including claims processing or administration, data analysis, processing or administration, utilization review, quality assurance, patient safety activities listed at 42 CFR 3.20, billing, benefit management, practice management, and repricing; or provides, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of such covered entity, legal, actuarial, accounting, consulting, data aggregation (as defined in 45 CFR § 164.501), management, administrative, accreditation, or financial services to or for the District, or to or for an organized health care arrangement in which the District participates, where the provision of the service involves the disclosure of protected health information from the District or arrangement, or from another business associate of the District or arrangement, to the person. A covered entity may be a business associate of another covered entity.

A Business Associate includes, (i) a Health Information Organization, E-prescribing Gateway, or other person that provides data transmission services with respect to protected health information to a covered entity and that requires access on a routine basis to such protected health information; (ii) a person that offers a personal health record to one or more individuals on behalf of the District; (iii) a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information on behalf of the business associate.

A *Business Associate* does not include: (i) a health care provider, with respect to disclosures by a covered entity to the health care provider concerning the treatment of the individual; (ii) a plan sponsor, with respect to disclosures by a group health plan (or by a health insurance issuer or HMO with respect to a group health plan) to the plan sponsor, to the extent that the requirements of 45 CFR § 164.504(f) apply and are met; (iii) a government agency, with respect to determining eligibility for, or enrollment in, a government health plan that provides public benefits and is administered by another government agency, or collecting protected health information for such purposes, to the extent such activities are authorized by law; iv) a covered entity participating in an organized health care arrangement that performs a function, activity or service included in the definition of a Business Associate above for or on behalf of such organized health care arrangement.

- b. **Covered Entity** means a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction covered by 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 of HIPAA. With respect to this HIPAA Compliance Clause, *Covered Entity* shall also include the designated health care components of the District government’s hybrid entity or a District agency following HIPAA best practices.
- c. **Data Aggregation** means, with respect to Protected Health Information created or received by a business associate in its capacity as the business associate of a covered entity, the combining of such Protected Health Information by the business associate with the Protected Health Information received by the business associate in its capacity as a business associate of another covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.

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- d. **Designated Record Set** means a group of records maintained by or for the Covered Entity that are:
  - i. The medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider;
  - ii. The enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or
  - iii. Records used, in whole or in part, by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about individuals.
- e. **Health Care** means care services, or services, or supplies related to the health of an individual. Health care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - i. Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or palliative care, and counseling, service, assessment, or procedure with respect to the physical or mental condition, or functional status, of an individual or that affects the structure or function of the body; and
  - ii. Sale or dispensing of a drug, device, equipment, or other item in accordance with the prescription.
- f. **Health Care Components** means a component or a combination of components of a hybrid entity designated by a hybrid entity. **Health Care Components** must include non-covered functions that provide services to the covered functions for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of Protected Health Information with such functions of the hybrid entity without business associate agreements or individual authorizations.
- g. **Health Care Operations** shall have the same meaning as the term “health care operations” in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- h. **Hybrid Entity** means a single legal entity that is a covered entity and whose business activities include both covered and non-covered functions, and that designates health care components in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.105(a)(2)(iii)(C). A **Hybrid Entity** is required to designate as a health care component, any other components of the entity that provide services to the covered functions for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of Protected Health Information with such functions of the hybrid entity without business associate agreements or individual authorizations. The District of Columbia is a Hybrid Covered Entity. Hybrid Entities are required to designate and include functions, services and activities within its own organization, which would meet the definition of Business Associate and irrespective of whether performed by employees of the Hybrid Entity, as part of its health care components for compliance with the Security Rule and privacy requirements under this Clause.
- i. **Record** shall mean any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes Protected Health Information and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for the Covered Entity.
- j. **Individual** shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- k. **Individually Identifiable Health Information** is information that is health information, including demographic information collected from an individual, and;

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- i. Is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse;
  - ii. Relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and
  - iii. That identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
- l. **National Provider Identifier (NPI) Rule.** "National Provider Identifier" shall mean the Standard Unique Health Identifier for Healthcare Providers; Final Rule at 45 C.F.R. Part 162.
- m. **Privacy and Security Official.** The person or persons designated by the District of Columbia, a *Hybrid Entity*, who is/are responsible for developing, maintaining, implementing and enforcing the District-wide Privacy Policies and Procedures, and for overseeing full compliance with the Privacy and Security Rules, and other applicable federal and state privacy law.
- n. **Privacy Officer.** "Privacy Officer" shall mean the person designated by the District's Privacy and Security Official or one of the District's covered components within its Hybrid Entity, who is responsible for overseeing compliance with the Covered Agency's Privacy Policies and Procedures, the HIPAA Privacy Regulations, HIPAA Security Regulations and other applicable federal and state privacy law(s). Also referred to as the agency Privacy Officer, the individual shall follow the guidance of the District's Privacy and Security Official, and shall be responsive to and report to the District's Privacy and Security Official on matters pertaining to HIPAA compliance.
- o. **Privacy Rule.** "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E.
- p. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" (PHI) or "Electronic Protected Health Information" (ePHI) means individually identifiable health information that is created or received by the Business Associate from or on behalf of the Covered Entity, or agency following HIPAA best practices, which is:
  - i. Transmitted by, created or maintained in electronic media; or
  - ii. Transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium.PHI does not include information in the records listed in subsection (2) of the definition in 45 C.F.R. §160.103.Required By Law. "Required By Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- q. **Secretary.** "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
  
- r. **Security Officer.** The person designated by the Security Official or one of the District of Columbia's designated health care components, who is responsible for overseeing compliance with the Covered Agency's Privacy Policies and Procedures, the Security Rules, and other

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applicable federal and state privacy law(s). The Covered Agency’s security officer shall follow the guidance of the District’s Security Official, as well as the Associate Security Official within the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, and shall be responsive to the same on matters pertaining to HIPAA compliance.

- s. **Security Rule.** "Security Rule" shall mean the Standards for Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 164.
- t. **Workforce.** "Workforce" shall mean employees, volunteers, trainees, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for a covered entity or business associate, is under the direct control of such entity, whether or not they are paid by the covered entity or business associate.

2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

- a. The Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose PHI or ePHI (hereinafter “PHI” or Protected Health Information”) other than as permitted or required by this HIPAA Compliance Clause or as required by law.
- b. The Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards and comply with administrative, physical, and technical safeguards requirements in 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.308, 164.310, 164.312 and 164.316 as required by § 13401 of the Health Information Technology Economic and Clinical HealthACT (February 18, 2010) (“HITECH”), to maintain the security of the PHI and to prevent use or disclosure of such PHI other than as provided for by this Clause. Business Associate acknowledges that, pursuant to HITECH, it must comply with the Security Rule and privacy provisions detailed in this Clause. As such, Business Associate is under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and is directly liable for its own compliance. A summary of HIPAA Security Rule standards, found at Appendix A to Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. § 164 is as follows:

**Administrative Safeguards**

Security Management Process	164.308(a)(1)	Risk Analysis (R) Risk Management (R) Sanction Policy (R) Information System Activity Review (R)
Assigned Security Responsibility	164.308(a)(2)	(R)
Workforce Security	164.308(a)(3)	Authorization and/or Supervision (A) Workforce Clearance Procedure Termination Procedures (A)
Information Access Management	164.308(a)(4)	Isolating Health care Clearinghouse Function (R) Access Authorization (A) Access Establishment and Modification (A)
Security Awareness and Training	164.308(a)(5)	Security Reminders (A) Protection from Malicious Software (A) Log-in Monitoring (A) Password Management (A)
Security Incident Procedures	164.308(a)(6)	Response and Reporting (R)
Contingency Plan	164.308(a)(7)	Data Backup Plan (R) Disaster Recovery Plan (R) Emergency Mode Operation Plan (R) Testing and Revision Procedure (A)

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		Applications and Data Criticality Analysis (A)
Evaluation	164.308(a)(8)	(R)
Business Associate Contracts and Other Arrangement	164.308(b)(1)	Written Contract or Other Arrangement (R)

**Physical Safeguards**

Facility Access Controls	164.310(a)(1)	Contingency Operations (A) Facility Security Plan (A) Access Control and Validation Procedures (A) Maintenance Records (A)
Workstation Use	164.310(b)	(R)
Workstation Security	164.310(c)	(R)
Device and Media Controls	164.310(d)(1)	Disposal (R) Media Re-use (R) Accountability (A) Data Backup and Storage (A)

**Technical Safeguards** (see § 164.312)

Access Control	164.312(a)(1)	Unique User Identification (R) Emergency Access Procedure (R)
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		Automatic Logoff (A) Encryption and Decryption (A)
Audit Controls	164.312(b)	(R)
Integrity	164.312(c)(1)	Mechanism to Authenticate Electronic Protected Health Information (A)
Person or Entity Authentication	164.312(d)	(R)
Transmission Security	164.312(e)(1)	Integrity Controls (A) Encryption (A)

- c. The Business Associate agrees to name a Privacy and/or Security Officer who is accountable for developing, maintaining, implementing, overseeing the compliance of and enforcing compliance with this Clause, the Security Rule and other applicable federal and state privacy law within the Business Associate’s business. The Business associate reports violations and conditions to the District-wide Privacy and Security Official and/or the Agency Privacy Officer of the covered component within the District’s Hybrid Entity.
- d. The Business Associate agrees to establish procedures for mitigating, and to mitigate to the extent practicable, any deleterious effects that are known to the Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Clause.
- e. The Business Associate agrees to report to Covered Entity, in writing, any use or disclosure of the PHI not permitted or required by this HIPAA Compliance Clause or other incident or condition arising out the Security Rule, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required at 45 CFR §164.410, to the District-wide Privacy and Security Official or agency Privacy Officer within ten (10) days from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of such unauthorized use or disclosure. However, if the Business Associate is an agent of the District (i.e., performing delegated essential governmental functions), the Business Associate must report the incident or condition immediately. Upon the determination of an actual data breach, and in consultation with the District’s Privacy and Security Official, the Business Associate will handle breach notifications to individuals, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and potentially the media, on behalf of the District.
- f. The Business Associate agrees to ensure that any workforce member or any agent, including a subcontractor, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Clause with respect to PHI received from the Business Associate, PHI created by the Business Associate, or PHI received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- g. In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of the Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information
- h. Initially, within ten (10) days following the commencement of this Contract, or within ten (10) days of a new or updated agreement with a subcontractor, the Business Associate agrees to provide the District a list of all subcontractors who meet the definition of a Business Associate. Additionally, Business Associate agrees to ensure its subcontractors understanding of liability and

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monitor, where applicable, compliance with the Security Rule and applicable privacy provisions in this Clause.

- i. The Business Associate agrees to provide access within five business days, at the request of the Covered Entity or an Individual, at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format as directed by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer, or as otherwise mandated by the Privacy Rule or applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to the Covered Entity or an Individual, to facilitate the District's compliance with the requirements under 45 C.F.R. §164.524.
- j. The Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) within five business days to the PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526 in a format as directed by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer in order to facilitate the District's compliance with the requirements under 45 C.F.R. §164.526.
- k. The Business Associate agrees to use the standard practices of the Covered Entity to verify the identification and authority of an Individual who requests the PHI in a Designated Record Set of a recipient of services from or through the Covered Entity. The Business Associate agrees to comply with the applicable portions of the Identity And Procedure Verification Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.
- l. The Business Associate agrees to record authorizations and log such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations.
- m. The Business Associate agrees to provide to the Covered Entity or an Individual, within five (5) business days of a request **at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format designated** by the District's Privacy and Security Official or agency Privacy Officer and the duly authorized Business Associate workforce member, information collected in accordance with Paragraph (i) of this Section above, to permit the Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations.
- n. The Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from the Business Associate, or created, or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity, available to the Covered Entity, or to the Secretary, within five (5) business days of their request and **at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format designated** by the District Privacy and Security Official or agency Privacy Officer and the duly authorized Business Associate workforce member, or in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary in determining compliance of the Covered Entity with the Privacy Rule.
- o. To the extent the Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, the Business Associate agrees to comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligation(s).
- p. As deemed necessary by the District, the Business Associate agrees to the monitoring and auditing of items listed in paragraph 2 of this Clause, as well as data systems storing or transmitting PHI, to verify compliance.
- q. The Business Associate may aggregate PHI in its possession with the PHI of other Covered Entities that Business Associate has in its possession through its capacity as a Business Associate

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to other Covered Entities provided that the purpose of the aggregation is to provide the Covered Entity with data analyses to the Health Care Operations of the Covered Entity. Under no circumstances may the Business Associate disclose PHI of one Covered Entity to another Covered Entity absent the explicit written authorization and consent of the Privacy Officer or a duly authorized workforce member of the Covered Entity.

- r. Business Associate may de-identify any and all PHI provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(b) and any associated HHS guidance. Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(d)(2), de-identified information does not constitute PHI and is not subject to the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause.

3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by the Business Associate

- a. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, the Covered Entity as specified in the Contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate Subpart E of 45

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CFR § 164 if the same activity were performed by the Covered Entity or would not violate the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Covered Entity.

- b. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
- c. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that the disclosures are required by law, or the Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used, or further disclosed, only as required by law, or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it has knowledge that the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- d. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use PHI to provide Data Aggregation services to the Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- e. Business Associate may use PHI to report violations of the Law to the appropriate federal and District of Columbia authorities, consistent with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(j)(1).

4. Additional Obligations of the Business Associate

- a. Business Associate shall submit a written report to the Covered Entity that identifies the files and reports that constitute the Designated Record Set of the Covered Entity. Business Associate shall submit said written report to the Privacy Officer no later than thirty (30) days after the commencement of the HIPAA Compliance Clause. In the event that Business Associate utilizes new files or reports which constitute the Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity of said event within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the file's or report's usage. The Designated Record Set file shall include, but not be limited to the identity of the following:
  - i. Name of the Business Associate of the Covered Entity;
  - ii. Title of the Report/File;
  - iii. Confirmation that the Report/File contains Protected Health Information (Yes or No);
  - iv. Description of the basic content of the Report/File;
  - v. Format of the Report/File (Electronic or Paper);
  - vi. Physical location of Report/File;
  - vii. Name and telephone number of current member(s) of the workforce of the Covered Entity or other District of Columbia government agency responsible for receiving and processing requests for Protected Health Information; and
  - viii. Supporting documents if the recipient/personal representative has access to the Report/File.
- b. Business Associate must provide assurances to the Covered Entity that it will continue to employ sufficient administrative, technical and physical safeguards, as described under the Security Rule, to protect and secure the Covered Entity's ePHI entrusted to it. These safeguards include:
  - i. The Business Associate agrees to administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the

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ePHI that the Business Associate creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of the covered entity.

- ii. The Business Associate agrees to report to the Covered Entity any security incident of which it becomes aware, including any attempts to access ePHI, whether those attempts were successful or not.
- iii. This Business Associate Agreement may be terminated if the Covered Entity determines that the Business Associate has materially breached the agreement.
- iv. The Business Associate agrees to make all policies and procedures, and documents relating to security, available to the Secretary of HHS for the purposes of determining the covered entity's compliance with HIPAA.
- v. This agreement continues in force for as long as the Business Associate retains any access to the Covered Entity's ePHI.
- vi. With respect to the subset of PHI known as ePHI as defined by HIPAA Security Standards at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, subparts A and C (the "Security Rule"), if in performing the Services, Business Associate, its employees, agents, subcontractors and any other individual permitted by Business Associate will have access to any computer system, network, file, data or software owned by or licensed to Provider that contains ePHI, or if Business Associate otherwise creates, maintains, or transmits ePHI on Provider's behalf, Business Associate shall take reasonable security measures necessary to protect the security of all such computer systems, networks, files, data and software. With respect to the security of ePHI, Business Associate shall: (A) Implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the ePHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Provider; (B) Ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides such information agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect it; and (C) Report to the Provider any security incident of which it becomes aware.
- vii. Business Associate agrees not to electronically transmit or permit access to PHI unless such transmission or access is authorized by this Addendum and the Agreement and further agrees that it shall only transmit or permit such access if such information is secured in a manner that is consistent with applicable law, including the Security Rule. For purposes of this Addendum, "encrypted" shall mean the reversible conversion of readable information into unreadable, protected form so that only a recipient who has the appropriate "key" can convert the information back into original readable form. If the Covered Entity stores, uses or maintains PHI in encrypted form, or in any other secured form acceptable under the security regulations, Covered Entity shall promptly, at request, provide with the key or keys to decrypt such information and will otherwise assure that such PHI is accessible by upon reasonable request.
- viii. In the event Business Associate performs functions or activities involving the use or disclosure of PHI on behalf of Covered Entity that involve the installation or maintenance of any software (as it functions alone or in combination with any hardware or other software), Business Associate shall ensure that all such software complies with all applicable standards and specifications required by the HIPAA Regulations and shall

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inform of any software standards or specifications not compliant with the HIPAA Regulations.

- c. At the request of the Covered Entity, the Business Associate agrees to amend this agreement to comply with all HIPAA mandates.

5. Sanctions

Business Associate agrees that its workforce members, agents and subcontractors who violate the provisions of HIPAA or other applicable federal or state privacy law will be subject to discipline in accordance with Business Associate's Personnel Policy and applicable collective bargaining agreements. Business Associate agrees to impose sanctions consistent with Business Associate's personnel policies and procedures and applicable collective bargaining agreements with respect to persons employed by it. Members of the Business Associate Workforce who are not employed by Business Associate are subject to the policies and applicable sanctions for violation of this Compliance Clause as set forth in business associate agreements. In the event Business Associate imposes sanctions against any member of its workforce, agents and subcontractors for violation of the provisions of HIPAA or other applicable federal or state privacy laws, the Business Associate shall inform the District Privacy Official or the agency Privacy Officer of the imposition of sanctions.

6. Obligations of the Covered Entity

- a. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices of the Covered Entity in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect the use or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate.
- b. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by the Individual to the use or disclosure of PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect the use or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate.
- c. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that the Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect the use or disclosure of PHI by the Business Associate.

7. Permissible Requests by Covered Entity

Covered Entity shall not request the Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule and Subpart E of 45 CFR § 164 if done by the Covered Entity.

8. Representations and Warranties.

The Business Associate represents and warrants to the Covered Entity:

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- a. That it is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized or licensed, it has the full power to enter into this HIPAA Compliance Clause and it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce are licensed and in good standing with the applicable agency, board, or governing body to perform its obligations hereunder, and that the performance by it of its obligations under this HIPAA Compliance Clause has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other actions and will not violate any provision of any license, corporate charter or bylaws;
- b. That it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce are in good standing with the District of Columbia, that it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce will submit a letter of good standing from the District of Columbia, and that it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce have not been de-barred from being employed as a contractor by the federal government or District of Columbia;
- c. That neither the execution of this HIPAA Compliance Clause, nor its performance hereunder, will directly or indirectly violate or interfere with the terms of another agreement to which it is a party, or give any governmental entity the right to suspend, terminate, or modify any of its governmental authorizations or assets required for its performance hereunder. The Business Associate represents and warrants to the Covered Entity that it will not enter into any agreement the execution or performance of which would violate or interfere with this HIPAA Compliance Clause;
- d. That it is not currently the subject of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy, does not currently contemplate filing any such voluntary petition, and is not aware of any claim for the filing of an involuntary petition;
- e. That all of its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce, whose services may be used to fulfill obligations under this HIPAA Compliance Clause are or shall be appropriately informed of the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and are under legal obligation to the Business Associate, by contract or otherwise, sufficient to enable the Business Associate to fully comply with all provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause. Modifications or limitations that the Covered Entity has agreed to adhere to with regards to the use and disclosure of PHI of any individual that materially affects or limits the uses and disclosures that are otherwise permitted under the Privacy Rule will be communicated to the Business Associate, in writing, and in a timely fashion;
- f. That it will reasonably cooperate with the Covered Entity in the performance of the mutual obligations under this Contract;
- g. That neither the Business Associate, nor its shareholders, members, directors, officers, agents, subcontractors, employees or members of its workforce have been excluded or served a notice of exclusion or have been served with a notice of proposed exclusion, or have committed any acts which are cause for exclusion, from participation in, or had any sanctions, or civil or criminal penalties imposed under, any federal or District healthcare program, including but not limited to

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Medicare or Medicaid, or have been convicted, under federal or District law (including without limitation following a plea of *nolo contendere* or participation in a first offender deferred adjudication or other arrangement whereby a judgment of conviction has been withheld), of a criminal offense related to (a) the neglect or abuse of a patient, (b) the delivery of an item or service, including the performance of management or administrative services related to the delivery of an item or service, under a federal or District healthcare program, (c) fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility, or other financial misconduct in connection with the delivery of a healthcare item or service or with respect to any act or omission in any program operated by or financed in whole or in part by any federal, District or local government agency, (d) the unlawful, manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a controlled substance, or (e) interference with or obstruction of any investigation into any criminal offense described in (a) through (d) above. The Business Associate further agrees to notify the Covered Entity immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware that any of the foregoing representations and warranties may be inaccurate or may become incorrect

9. Term and Termination

a. **Term.** The requirements of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be effective as of the date of the contract award, and shall terminate when all of the PHI provided by the Covered Entity to the Business Associate, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity, is confidentially destroyed or returned to the Covered Entity within five (5) business days of its request. The PHI shall be returned in a format mutually agreed upon by and between the Privacy Official and/or Privacy Officer or his or her designee and the appropriate and duly authorized workforce member of the Business Associate.; If it is infeasible to return or confidentially destroy the PHI, protections shall be extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section and communicated to the Privacy Official or Privacy Officer or his or her designee. The requirement to return PHI to the District at the end of the contract term or if the contract is terminated applies irrespective of whether the Business Associate is also a covered entity under HIPAA. Where a business associate is also a covered entity, PHI provided by the District, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the District, a duplicate of the record may be acceptable if mutually agreed.

b. **Termination for Cause.** Upon the Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach of this HIPAA Compliance Clause by the Business Associate, the Covered Entity shall either:

- i. Provide an opportunity for the Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate the Contract if the Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the Covered Entity; or
- ii. Immediately terminate the Contract if the Business Associate breaches a material term of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and a cure is not possible.

If neither termination nor cure is feasible, the Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

c. **Effect of Termination.**

- i. Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this section, upon termination of the Contract, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return in a **mutually agreed upon format or confidentially destroy** all PHI received from the Covered Entity, or created or received

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by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity within five (5) business days of termination. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of all subcontractors, agents or workforce members of the Business Associate. The Business Associate shall retain no copies of PHI in any form.

- ii. In the event that the Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, the Business Associate shall provide written notification to the Covered Entity of the conditions that make the return or confidential destruction infeasible. Upon determination by the agency Privacy Officer that the return or confidential destruction of the PHI is infeasible, the Business Associate shall extend the protections of this HIPAA Compliance Clause to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI for so long as the Business Associate maintains such PHI. Additionally, the Business Associate shall:
  - (1) Retain only that PHI which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;
  - (2) Return to covered entity, or, if agreed to by covered entity, destroy the remaining PHI that the business associate still maintains in any form;
  - (3) Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to ePHI to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate retains the PHI;
  - (4) Not use or disclose the PHI retained by Business Associate other than for the purposes for which such PHI was retained and subject to the same conditions set out at which applied prior to termination; and
  - (5) Return to covered entity or, if agreed to by covered entity, destroy the PHI retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

The obligations outlined in Section 2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate shall survive the termination of this Contract.

10. Miscellaneous

- a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this HIPAA Compliance Clause to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

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- b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this HIPAA Compliance Clause from time to time as is necessary for the Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and HIPAA. Except for provisions required by law as defined herein, no provision hereof shall be deemed waived unless in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties. A waiver with respect to one event shall not be construed as continuing, or as a bar to or waiver of any other right or remedy under this HIPAA Compliance Clause.
- c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of the Business Associate under Section 9. Term and Termination of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the sections of the Standard Contract Provisions for use with the District of Columbia Government Supply and Services Contracts covering Default and Termination for the Convenience of the District shall survive termination of the Contract.
- d. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be resolved to permit compliance with applicable federal and District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations, and the HIPAA Rules, and any requirements, rulings, interpretations, procedures, or other actions related thereto that are promulgated, issued or taken by or on behalf of the Secretary; provided that applicable federal and District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations shall supersede the Privacy Rule if, and to the extent that they impose additional requirements, have requirements that are more stringent than or provide greater protection of patient privacy or the security or safeguarding of PHI than those of the HIPAA Rules.

The terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause amend and supplement the terms of the Contract, and whenever possible, all terms and conditions in this HIPAA Compliance Clause are to be harmonized. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the HIPAA Compliance Clause and the terms of the Contract, the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall control; provided, however, that this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall not supersede any other federal or District of Columbia law or regulation governing the legal relationship of the Parties, or the confidentiality of records or information, except to the extent that the Privacy Rule preempts those laws or regulations. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Contract (as amended by this HIPAA Compliance Clause) and the Privacy Rule, the Privacy Rule shall control.

- e. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The Covered Entity and the Business Associate are the only parties to this HIPAA Compliance Clause and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Except for the rights of individuals, as defined herein, to have access to and amend their PHI, and to an accounting of the uses and disclosures thereof, in accordance with Paragraphs (2)(f), (g) and (j), nothing in the HIPAA Compliance Clause gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third persons.
- f. **Compliance with Applicable Law.** The Business Associate shall comply with all federal and District of Columbia laws, regulations, executive orders and ordinances, as they may be amended from time to time during the term of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the Contract; to the extent they are applicable to this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the Contract.
- g. **Governing Law and Forum Selection.** This Contract shall be construed broadly to implement and comply with the requirements relating to the Privacy Rule, and other applicable laws and regulations. All other aspects of this Contract shall be governed under the laws of the District of Columbia. The Covered Entity and the Business Associate agree that all disputes which cannot be amicably resolved by the Covered Entity and the Business Associate regarding this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be litigated before the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board, the



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deemed given five (5) business days after mailing. Any notice delivered by personal courier delivery or overnight courier delivery shall be deemed given upon notice upon receipt.

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- l. **Headings.** Headings are for convenience only and form no part of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and shall not affect its interpretation.
- m. **Counterparts; Facsimiles.** This HIPAA Compliance Clause may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. Facsimile copies hereof shall be deemed to be originals.
- n. **Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, if any.
- o. **Severance.** In the event that any provision of this HIPAA Compliance Clause is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause will remain in full force and effect. In addition, in the event a Party believes in good faith that any provision of this HIPAA Compliance Clause fails to comply with the then-current requirements of the Privacy Rule, such party shall notify the other Party in writing, in the manner set forth in Section 10. Miscellaneous, Paragraph k. Notices. Within ten (10) business days from receipt of notice, the Parties shall address in good faith such concern and amend the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause, if necessary to bring it into compliance. If, after thirty (30) days, the HIPAA Compliance Clause fails to comply with the Privacy Rule, then either Party has the right to terminate this HIPAA Compliance Clause upon written notice to the other Party.
- p. **Independent Contractor.** The Business Associate will function as an independent contractor and shall not be considered an employee of the Covered Entity for any purpose. Nothing in this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be interpreted as authorizing the Business Associate workforce, its subcontractor(s) or its agent(s) or employee(s) to act as an agent or representative for or on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- q. **Entire Agreement.** This HIPAA Compliance Clause, as may be amended from time to time pursuant to Section 10. Miscellaneous, Paragraph b. Amendment, which incorporates by reference the Contract, and specific procedures from the District of Columbia Department of Health Privacy Policy Operations Manual, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements and understandings between them with

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respect to applicable District of Columbia and federal laws, rules and regulations, HIPAA and the Privacy Rule, and any rules, regulations, requirements, rulings, interpretations, procedures, or other actions related thereto that are promulgated, issued or taken by or on behalf of the Secretary.

Attachments:

Exhibit A                    *Identity and Procedure Verification*

**23.     INSURANCE:**

- A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit a Certificate of Insurance to the Contracting Officer giving evidence of the required coverage prior to commencing performance under this contract. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s) have been provided to, and accepted by, the Contracting Officer. All insurance shall be written with financially responsible companies authorized to do business in the District of Columbia or in the jurisdiction where the work is to be performed and have an **A.M. Best** Company rating of A-VIII or higher. The Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors to carry the same insurance required herein. The Contractor shall ensure that all policies provide that the Contracting Officer shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event the stated limit in the declarations page of the policy is reduced via endorsement or the policy is canceled prior to the expiration date shown on the certificate. The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with ten (10) days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium.
1. Commercial General Liability Insurance. The Contractor shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Contracting Officer with respect to the services performed that it carries **\$1,000,000** per occurrence limits; **\$2,000,000** aggregate; Bodily Injury and Property Damage including, but not limited to: premises-operations; broad form property damage; Products and Completed Operations; Personal and Advertising Injury; contractual liability and independent contractors. The policy coverage shall include the District of Columbia as an additional insured, shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance maintained by the District of Columbia, and shall contain a waiver of subrogation.
- B. DURATION. The Contractor shall carry all required insurance until all contract work is accepted by the District, and shall carry the required General Liability; any required Professional Liability; and any required Employment Practices Liability insurance for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.
- C. LIABILITY. These are the required minimum insurance requirements established by the District of Columbia. **HOWEVER, THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE, WILL NOT IN ANY WAY LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**
- D. CONTRACTOR'S PROPERTY. Contractor and subcontractors are solely responsible for any loss or damage to their personal property, including but not limited to tools and equipment, scaffolding and temporary structures, rented machinery, or owned and leased equipment. A waiver of subrogation shall apply in favor of the District of Columbia.

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- E. MEASURE OF PAYMENT. The District shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Contractor shall include all of the costs of insurance and bonds in the contract price.
- F. NOTIFICATION. The Contractor shall immediately provide the Contracting Officer with written notice in the event that its insurance coverage has or will be substantially changed, canceled or not renewed and provide an updated certificate of insurance to the Contracting Officer.
- G. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. The Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance giving evidence of the required coverage as specified in this section prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to:

**Tara Sigamoni**  
**Agency Chief Contracting Officer**  
**Child and Family Services Agency**  
**Contracts and Procurement Administration**  
**200 I Street, SE, Suite 2031**  
**Washington, D.C. 20003; Phone: (202) 724-5300**

**Name and address of Contractor:**

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**Signature of Authorized Representative**

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**Date**

**Acceptance by the District:**

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Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Contracting Officer  
**Child and Family Services Agency**  
200 I Street, SE, Suite 2031  
Washington, DC 20003

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**Date**