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GCR Inc
2021 Lakeshore Dr Ste 500
New Orleans LA 70122
United States

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Contract Dates 01/09/2014 to 01/08/2016		Origin DII
Description: Retainer Web App Design Vendor		Contract Maximum \$245,000.00
Buyer Name Kipp, Peter J	Buyer Phone	Contract Status Approved

Phone #:

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CONTRACT TERMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Parties

This is a contract for services between the State of Vermont, Department of Information & Innovation (hereafter called 'State') and GCR, Inc. with principal place of business in 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 500, New Orleans, LA 70122, (hereafter called 'Contractor'). Contractor's form of business organization is Corporation. It is the contractor's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, the contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.

2. Subject Matter

The subject matter of this contract is services generally on the subject of providing personal services generally on the subject of creation of State Web-Site functional designs which will consist entirely of working with State departments and agencies ('Contracting Agencies') to gather requirements and create materials that will inform a separate development process. Services to be provided by the contractor will be described in subsequent Statements of Work (SOWs) in a form set forth in Attachment G to this Contract, entered into with Contracting Agencies. Detailed services to be provided by the contractor are described in Attachment A and each SOW Agreement.

3. Maximum Amount

In consideration of the services to be performed by Contractor, the State agrees to pay Contractor, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed \$245,000.

4. Contract Term

The period of Contractor's performance shall begin on January 9, 2014, and end on January 8, 2016. The State may elect to extend this contract for two additional one year periods.

5. Prior Approvals

If approval by the Attorney General's Office, Secretary of Administration, DII CIO/Commissioner, or Chief Marketing Officer is required, (under current law, bulletins, and interpretations), neither this contract nor any amendment to it is binding until it has been approved by such persons.

Approval by the Attorney General's Office is required.
 Approval by the Secretary of Administration is required.
 Approval by the CIO/Commissioner of DII is required.
 Approval by the CMO/Marketing Services is not required.

6. Amendment

This contract represents the entire agreement between the parties; No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this contract shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.

7. Cancellation

This contract may be canceled by either party by giving written notice at least 30 days in advance.

8. Attachments

This contract consists of 27 pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

- Attachment A - Specifications of Work to be Performed
- Attachment B - Payment Provisions
- Attachment C - 'Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants' a preprinted form (revision date

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11/7/12), except that the following numbered paragraphs are not included:
Attachment D - Other Provisions (if applicable)
Attachment E - Business Associate Agreement (if applicable)
Attachment F - Agency Of Human Services- Customary Contract Provisions (if applicable)
Attachment G - Sample Form of SOW from State Agencies

9. Order of Precedence
Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency in the Contract Documents shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:

- (1) Attachment A
- (2) Attachment B
- (3) Attachment D (if applicable)
- (4) Attachment C (Standard Contract Provisions for Contracts and Grants); the parties agree that the terms of Attachment C shall apply to each SOW Agreement as well as to this Master Agreement as if were appended separately to each SOW Agreement.
- (5) Attachment E
- (6) Attachment F

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT

By the STATE of VERMONT

By the CONTRACTOR

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

**ATTACHMENT A
SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED**

The purpose of this contract is for Contractor to provide the State of Vermont with Website and Web Application Design Services.

1. Services to be Performed and Schedule of Performance.

A. Scope of Services

Work done under this Contract in accordance with this Contract and an SOW Agreement, will be strictly limited to the creation of functional designs. Work may not include any coding or development of either Websites or applications. Work performed hereunder and under an SOW Agreement will consist entirely of working with Contracting Agencies to gather requirements and create materials that will inform a separate development process.

B. Deliverables and Work Product.

Website Analysis & Design

Description - Contractor shall analyze communications needs and both functional and graphic design for new and redesigned Websites following all relevant State of Vermont Policies, Standards and Guidelines. The following are characteristics of this service category:

1. Analysis – Contractor shall: Provide expert guidance in developing a communications strategy for individual Contracting Agency websites taking into account the objectives of the site owner those identified by the State; assist the Contracting Agency to understand how users will interact with the site; identify what design decisions will best promote these objectives.
2. Website Design – Contractor shall work with the Contracting Agency to design a fully realized Website and shall:
 - Identify content either through advising on the collection of new materials or identifying materials already existing on a legacy Website.
 - Organize the content into a controlled vocabulary called a taxonomy, for use in choosing Subject metadata and keywords, primarily for indexing government web pages.
 - Develop a navigational interface that will allow user friendly access to the primary navigation as defined in the taxonomy as well as secondary navigation that targets information for particular constituencies and/or most commonly accessed content.
 - Develop a wireframe mockup (also known as a page schematic or screen blueprint) that is in keeping with the standards provided by the State Director of Web Services and the Chief Marketing Officer of the State of Vermont.
 - Develop a draft graphical design for the site including site colors and any images that are important for the site's initial launch. Again this design should be compliant with all relevant State of Vermont Policies, Standards and Guidelines.
 - Develop a sample schedule of updates required on a monthly basis after launch to keep the features on the site current and fresh and ascertain that the required support is in line

with the Contracting Agency's available resources. If ongoing support requirements are not sustainable then rework the design.

- Create a draft specification that includes all necessary details and materials required to allow a Web Developer to implement the design.
- Submit the draft to the State Director of Web Services for approval and work with the Director of Web Services to adjust the design if necessary.
- Manage sign-off of the design with the Contracting Agency.

Web Application Design

Description – Contractor shall provide Application Design for Web facing applications as follows:

1. Analysis – Work with the Contracting Agency to create a complete business process document including:
 - All inputs and outputs
 - Data storage and transmittal
 - Workflow both within and external to the application
 - Fulfillment process if needed
 - Payment process if needed
2. Design – Create a complete Requirements Document for the application including at least:
 - A complete workflow diagram for the application
 - A wireframe mockup that is in keeping with the standards provided by the State Director of Web Services and the Chief Marketing Officer of the State of Vermont. This would include a mock-up of all interface pages both Web facing and administrative showing all data fields and controls required for full functionality that cites the workflow diagram.
 - Develop a draft graphical design for the site including site colors and any images that are important for the site's initial launch. This design should be compliant with all relevant State of Vermont Policies, Standards and Guidelines.
 - A description of data storage and transfer requirements
 - Complete information on any external connections required especially method of interaction with any legacy systems
 - A description of any financial transactions required as a part of the application
 - The final product of this process will be an electronic file that will be submitted to the State Director of Web Services
3. Sign-off – Confirm that the design is acceptable to the Contracting Agency and the State Director of Web Services:
 - Submit the draft to the Director of Web Services for approval and work with the Director of Web Services to adjust the design if necessary
 - Manage sign-off of the design with the Contracting Agency.

C. Contractor Personnel.

1. For each SOW, the Contractor shall identify Key Personnel responsible for the Project. Contractor shall obtain approval in advance by the State of all staff proposed for the Project.

Contractor shall notify the State in advance and obtain approval of any new staff if staffing changes during the Project. The State, may, in its reasonable discretion, require Contractor to replace any Contractor employee, including but not limited to Key Personnel, working hereunder who does not adhere to, behave, and perform consistent with the State's policies and procedures, or otherwise engages in unprofessional or unethical conduct, or abuses any illegal substance or alcohol, or engages in illegal activities, by written notice to Contractor of the requirement of replacement, or with whom there are irresolvable personality conflicts. Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to promptly and expeditiously replace Key Personnel and replace all other personnel within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the written notice unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2. The State may conduct reference and background checks on Contractor Key Personnel. The State reserves the right to require removal or reassignment of Contractor Key Personnel who are found unacceptable to the State.
3. **Changes in Contractor Personnel.** Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to make available all Key Personnel for the entire life of this Agreement. Contractor shall not make any changes in Key Personnel assignments during this time period without the prior written approval of the State. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State acknowledges that Key Personnel may become unavailable due to termination of employment for any reason, through disability or death, illness, or through leave of absence such as FMLA or National Guard duty for example. In such circumstances, Contractor shall promptly notify the State in writing of the impending or actual departure of any Key Personnel and of the qualifications and identity of proposed replacement Key Personnel. The State has the right to reasonably disapprove of any replacement Key Personnel. If Contractor prematurely removes Key Personnel for any reason other than those Stated here without the State's approval, Contractor agrees to provide thirty (30) days of equivalent skill level of additional services, at the State's discretion, at no charge.
4. **Control of Contractor Personnel.** Contractor shall be fully responsible for the management, compensation, and performance of all its employees, and the filing of any and all returns and reports and the withholding and/or payment of all applicable federal, State, and local wage tax, or employment-related taxes, including, but not limited to, income taxes, gross receipt taxes, taxes measured by income, social security taxes, and unemployment taxes for Contractor and Contractor's employees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor's employees shall adhere to the State's policies and procedures, of which Contractor is made aware while on State premises, and shall behave and perform in a professional manner.

D. **Project Management**

The Contractor will be responsible for project management of the work specified under any SOW Agreement entered into hereunder. This will include:

- Developing a project plan with milestones and deliverables
- Managing the inputs from the Contracting Agency
- Setting deadlines
- Working with the Contracting Agency and the State to ensure that tasks are completed in a timely fashion

- Manage sign-off of the design with the Contracting Agency
- Manage final acceptance of the design with the State Director of Web Services

E. **Statements of Work**

SOW Time and Material Agreements under this Contract shall be in the form Attached hereto as Attachment G and entered into with each Contracting Agency. Contracting Agencies shall issue a Statement of Work Request for Proposals (RFP) to all pre-qualified vendors on the Web Design retainer list managed by the State. Each pre-qualified vendor will then provide a response to an SOW RFP including the following:

- A breakdown of the hours estimated for various functional areas under the SOW
- An hourly rate for each type of work required
- The resume of each staff person assigned to work on the specific SOW
- A basic project plan outlining the major stages of the project

An SOW Agreement entered into in accordance with this Contract shall expressly incorporate all of the terms and conditions of this Contract. If applicable, SOW Agreements with the Agency of Human Services and departments thereof shall attach Attachment(s) E-H attached to this Contract.

The term of any SOW Agreement shall be set forth therein and may be altered with a change order as the parties may agree. In the event the term of this Contract is not extended beyond December 30, 2015, the SOW Agreement shall terminate upon the termination of this Contract.

2. **Ownership of Intellectual Property**

All Work Product shall belong exclusively to the State, with the State having the sole and exclusive right to apply for, obtain, register, hold and renew, in its own name and/or for its own benefit, all patents and copyrights, and all applications and registrations, renewals and continuations thereof and/or any and all other appropriate protection. To the extent exclusive title and/or complete and exclusive ownership rights in and to any Work Product may not originally vest in the State by operation of laws or otherwise as contemplated hereunder, Contractor shall immediately upon request, unconditionally and irrevocably assign, transfer and convey to the State all right, title and interest therein. Without any additional cost to State, Contractor Personnel shall promptly give the State all reasonable assistance and execute all documents the State may reasonably request to assist and enable the State to perfect, preserve, enforce, register and record its rights in and to all Work Product. Contractor hereby appoints the State, through its designated signatory, as Contractor's agent and Attorney-in-Fact to execute, deliver and file, as and if necessary, any and all documents necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Section and to take all actions necessary therefore, in Contractor's stead and name, with the same force and effect as if executed, delivered and/or filed by Contractor.

For purposes of this Section, "**Work Product**" means any tangible or intangible work product, creation, material, item or deliverable, documentation, information and/or other items created by Contractor, either solely or jointly with others, including by Contractor Personnel that are specifically commissioned by the State pursuant to this Contract, and which are developed, conceived of, prepared, procured, generated or produced by Contractor for the sole use of the State. Work Product may include ideas, inventions, improvements, discoveries, methodologies or processes, or writings, designs, models, drawings, photographs, reports, formulas, algorithms, patterns, devices, compilations, databases,

computer programs, specifications, operating instructions, procedures manuals, or other documentation, whether or not protectable under Title 17 of the U.S. Code and whether or not patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the U.S. Code, that are developed, conceived of, prepared, arise, procured, generated or produced in connection with this Contract, whether as individual items or a combination of components and whether or not the Services or the intended Work Product itself are or is completed or the same are or is reduced to practice during the Term. References to Services in this Contract shall be deemed to include all Work Product unless specifically stated to the contrary or the context clearly requires otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, Work Product shall not be deemed to include Contractor intellectual property, provided the State shall be granted a license to any such Contractor intellectual property that is incorporated into Work Product as set forth herein

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3. **Confidentiality of Contractor Information.** The State will not disclose information for which a reasonable claim of exemption can be made pursuant to 1 VSA § 317(c), including, but not limited to, trade secrets, proprietary information or financial information, including any formulae, plan, pattern, process, tool, mechanism, compound, procedure, production data, or compilation of information which is not patented, which is known only to the Contractor, and which gives the Contractor an opportunity to obtain business advantage over competitors who do not know it or use it.

The State shall immediately notify Contractor of any request made under the Access to Public Records Act, or any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for Contractor information. Contractor may, in its discretion, seek an appropriate protective order, or otherwise defend any right it may have to maintain the confidentiality of such information under applicable State law within three business days of the State's receipt of any such request. Contractor agrees that it will not make any claim against the State if the State makes available to the public any information in accordance with the Access to Public Records Act or in response to a binding order from a court or governmental body or agency compelling its production. Contractor shall indemnify the State for any costs or expenses incurred by the State, including attorneys' fees awarded in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 320, or otherwise incurred by the State, in connection with any action brought by Contractor or a third party in connection with Contractor's attempts to prevent public disclosure of Contractor's information.

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4. **Confidentiality of State Information.** Contractor agrees to keep confidential all information received and collected by Contractor in connection with this Contract and any SOW entered into hereunder, including, but not limited to ("State Data") unless otherwise instructed by the State. The Contractor agrees not to publish, reproduce, or otherwise divulge any such State Data in whole or in part, in any manner or form or authorize or permit others to do so. Contractor will take reasonable measures as are necessary to restrict access to State Data in the Contractor's possession to those employees on his/her staff who must have the information on a "need to know" basis. The Contractor shall promptly notify the State of any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for State Data to which the Contractor or any third party hosting service of the Contractor may have access, so that the State may seek an appropriate protective order. The Contractor represents and warrants that it has implemented and it shall maintain during the term of this Contract the highest industry standard administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls designed to (i) ensure the security and confidentiality of State Data; (ii) protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of the State Data; and (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of State Data.

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5. **Security Breach Reporting.** In the event of any actual or suspected security breach the Contractor either suffers or learns of that either compromises or could compromise State Data in any format or media, whether encrypted or unencrypted (including PII, PHI or ePHI)(for example, but not limited to, physical trespass on a secure facility, intrusion or hacking or other brute force attack on any State environment, loss/theft of a PC or other portable device (laptop, desktop, tablet, smartphone, removable data storage device), loss/theft of printed materials, failure of security policies, etc.) (collectively, a “Security Breach”), and in accordance with 9 V.S.A. §2435(b)(2), the Contractor will immediately notify appropriate State personnel of such Security Breach.

The Contractor's report shall identify: (i) the nature of the Security Breach, (ii) the State Data used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what the Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate any deleterious effect of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action the Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. The Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by the State.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws that require notification in the event of unauthorized release of personally-identifiable information as they may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to Chapter 62 of Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes, HIPAA and/or HITECH, or other event requiring notification. In the event of a breach of any of the Contractor's security obligations or other event requiring notification under applicable law ("Notification Event"), the Contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the State, assume responsibility for such notice if the State determines it to be appropriate under the circumstances of any particular Security Breach, and assume all costs associated with a Security Breach, including but not limited to, notice, outside investigation and services (including mailing, call center, forensics, counsel and/or crisis management), and/or credit monitoring, in the sole determination of the State. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, by execution of this agreement, it acknowledges it is acting or conducting business in the State of Vermont.

In addition to any other indemnification obligations in this Contract or SOW Agreement, the Contractor shall fully indemnify and save harmless the State from any costs, loss or damage to the State resulting from a Security Breach or the unauthorized disclosure by the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, and subcontractors of such State Data.

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6. **Professional Liability Insurance Coverage:** In addition to the insurance required in Attachment C to this Agreement, Contractor agrees to procure and maintain professional liability insurance for any and all services performed under this Agreement, with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
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**ATTACHMENT B
PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

The maximum amount of this Contract shall not exceed \$245,000. This maximum amount is not intended under this Contract as any form of a guaranteed amount.

1. A certificate of insurance must be submitted prior to commencement of work and release of payments (Attachment C, Section 7).
2. Payment for services for each SOW Agreement entered into in accordance with this contract shall be based on time and materials work performed by Contractor and shall be charged to individual Contracting Agencies. Payment to the contractor will only be for services which have received a written acceptance by the State and each Contracting Agency, rendered in accordance with SOW Agreements entered into with the Contractor. Unless otherwise agreed prior to start of a specific project, the Contractor will submit a bill for its services upon completion of the work. Any agreement to make payment other than at the conclusion of the work must include specific deliverables that can be objectively measured.

Each Contracting Agency will develop a Statement of Work for its project and solicit bids from all vendors on the Web Design list of pre-qualified vendors for these services.

When providing Web Design services for the Statement of Work Agreements, the maximum dollar is listed above and each SOW Agreement shall have a maximum amount not to exceed \$100,000.

State Projects which exceed the maximum amount of \$100,000 shall require a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and may not be undertaken through this Contract.

TAXES

Most State purchases are not subject to federal or State sales or excise taxes and must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request covering taxable items. The Contractor agrees to pay all Vermont taxes which may be due as a result of a payment made by the State under this Master Retainer Agreement or an SOW Agreement. If taxes are to be applied to the purchase it will be so noted in the applicable SOW RFP response.

The Contractor will submit detailed invoices, incorporating the contract number to:

State of Vermont
Department or State Agency
Street or Address
Accounts Payable
City, Vt. ZIP

ATTACHMENT C
STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS
FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
11/7/2013

- 1. Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, whether in the form of a Contract, State Funded Grant, or Federally Funded Grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.
- 2. Applicable Law:** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.
- 3. Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement.
- 4. Appropriations:** If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and in the event federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State revenues.
- 5. No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the state withhold any state or federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.
- 6. Independence, Liability:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit.

After a final judgment or settlement the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party.

7. Insurance: Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the state through the term of the Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under the contract, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations

Products and Completed Operations

Personal Injury Liability

Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence

\$1,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate

\$ 50,000 Fire/ Legal/Liability

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than: \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

8. Reliance by the State on Representations: All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all prior representations by the Party, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.

9. Requirement to Have a Single Audit: In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a single audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a single audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.

A single audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a single audit is required.

10. Records Available for Audit: The Party will maintain all books, documents, payroll papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred under this agreement and make them available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings

involving the records has been resolved. The State, by any authorized representative, shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.

11. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act: Party agrees to comply with the requirement of Title 21V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement. Party further agrees to include this provision in all subcontracts.

12. Set Off: The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.

13. Taxes Due to the State: a. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.

b. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.

c. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.

d. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

14. Child Support: (Applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, he/she: a. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or b. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or c. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

15. Sub-Agreements: Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party also agrees to include in all subcontract or subgrant agreements a tax certification in accordance with paragraph 13 above.

16. No Gifts or Gratuities: Party shall not give title or possession of any thing of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.

17. Copies: All written reports prepared under this Agreement will be printed using both sides of the paper.

18. Certification Regarding Debarment: Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in federal programs, or programs supported in whole or in part by federal funds.

Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at:
<http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>

19. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds: In the case that Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State Funded Grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.

(End of Standard Provisions)

ATTACHMENT D

**OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS
(IF APPLICABLE)**

**ATTACHMENT E
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

This Business Associate Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the State of Vermont Agency of Human Services, operating by and through its _____ **[Insert Name of AHS Department, Office or Division]** (“Covered Entity”) and GCR, Inc. (“Business Associate”) as of 1/9/2014 (“Effective Date”). This Agreement supplements and is made a part of the contract/grant to which it is attached.

Covered Entity and Business Associate enter into this Agreement to comply with standards promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”), including the Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (“Privacy Rule”), and the Security Standards, at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (“Security Rule”), as amended by Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), and any associated federal rules and regulations.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions. All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the meanings set forth in 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 as amended by HITECH and associated federal rules and regulations.

“Agent” means those person(s) who are agents(s) of the Business Associate, in accordance with the Federal common law of agency, as referenced in 45 CFR § 160.402(c).

“Breach” means the acquisition, access, use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI) which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI, except as excluded in the definition of Breach in 45 CFR § 164.402.

“Business Associate shall have the meaning given in 45 CFR § 160.103.

“Individual” includes a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).

“Protected Health Information” or PHI shall have the meaning given in 45 CFR § 160.103, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Agency.

“Security Incident” means any known successful or unsuccessful attempt by an authorized or unauthorized individual to inappropriately use, disclose, modify, access, or destroy any information or interference with system operations in an information system.

“Services” includes all work performed by the Business Associate for or on behalf of Covered Entity that requires the use and/or disclosure of protected health information to perform a business associate function described in 45 CFR § 160.103 under the definition of Business Associate.

“Subcontractor” means a person or organization to whom a Business Associate delegates a function, activity or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of the Business Associate. For purposes of this Agreement, the term Subcontractor includes Subgrantees.

2. Identification and Disclosure of Privacy and Security Offices. Business Associate and Subcontractors shall provide, within ten (10) days of the execution of this agreement, written notice to the

Covered Entity's contract/grant manager the names and contact information of both the HIPAA Privacy Officer and HIPAA Security Officer. This information must be updated any time either of these contacts changes.

3. Permitted and Required Uses/Disclosures of PHI.

3.1 Except as limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform Services, as specified in the underlying grant or contract with Covered Entity. The uses and disclosures of Business Associate are limited to the minimum necessary, to complete the tasks or to provide the services associated with the terms of the underlying agreement. Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule if used or disclosed by Covered Entity in that manner. Business Associate may not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law.

3.2 Business Associate may make PHI available to its employees who need access to perform Services provided that Business Associate makes such employees aware of the use and disclosure restrictions in this Agreement and binds them to comply with such restrictions. Business Associate may only disclose PHI for the purposes authorized by this Agreement: (a) to its agents and Subcontractors in accordance with Sections 9 and 17 or, (b) as otherwise permitted by Section 3.

3.3 Business Associate shall be directly liable under HIPAA for impermissible uses and disclosures of the PHI it handles on behalf of Covered Entity, and for impermissible uses and disclosures, by Business Associate's Subcontractor(s), of the PHI that Business Associate handles on behalf of Covered Entity and that it passes on to Subcontractors.

4. Business Activities. Business Associate may use PHI received in its capacity as a Business Associate to Covered Entity if necessary for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities. Business Associate may disclose PHI received in its capacity as Business Associate to Covered Entity for Business Associate's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities if a disclosure is Required by Law or if Business Associate obtains reasonable written assurances via a written agreement from the person to whom the information is to be disclosed that the PHI shall remain confidential and be used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the Agreement requires the person or entity to notify Business Associate, within two (2) business days (who in turn will notify Covered Entity within two (2) business days after receiving notice of a Breach as specified in Section 6.1), in writing of any Breach of Unsecured PHI of which it is aware. Uses and disclosures of PHI for the purposes identified in Section 3 must be of the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish such purposes.

5. Safeguards. Business Associate, its Agent(s) and Subcontractor(s) shall implement and use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. With respect to any PHI that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media, Business Associate or its Subcontractor(s) shall comply with 45 CFR sections 164.308 (administrative safeguards), 164.310 (physical safeguards), 164.312 (technical safeguards) and 164.316 (policies and procedures and documentation requirements). Business Associate or its Agent(s) and Subcontractor(s) shall identify in writing upon request from Covered Entity all of the safeguards that it uses to prevent impermissible uses or disclosures of PHI.

6. Documenting and Reporting Breaches.

6.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach of Unsecured PHI, including Breaches reported to it by a Subcontractor, as soon as it (or any of its employees or agents) becomes

aware of any such Breach, and in no case later than two (2) business days after it (or any of its employees or agents) becomes aware of the Breach, except when a law enforcement official determines that a notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.

6.2 Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with the names of the individuals whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, the subject of the Breach and any other available information that is required to be given to the affected individuals, as set forth in 45 CFR § 164.404(c), and, if requested by Covered Entity, information necessary for Covered Entity to investigate the impermissible use or disclosure. Business Associate shall continue to provide to Covered Entity information concerning the Breach as it becomes available to it. Business Associate shall require its Subcontractor(s) to agree to these same terms and conditions.

6.3 When Business Associate determines that an impermissible acquisition, use or disclosure of PHI by a member of its workforce is not a Breach, as that term is defined in 45 CFR § 164.402, and therefore does not necessitate notice to the impacted individual(s), it shall document its assessment of risk, conducted as set forth in 45 CFR § 402(2). When requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make its risk assessments available to Covered Entity. It shall also provide Covered Entity with 1) the name of the person(s) making the assessment, 2) a brief summary of the facts, and 3) a brief statement of the reasons supporting the determination of low probability that the PHI had been compromised. When a breach is the responsibility of a member of its Subcontractor's workforce, Business Associate shall either 1) conduct its own risk assessment and draft a summary of the event and assessment or 2) require its Subcontractor to conduct the assessment and draft a summary of the event. In either case, Business Associate shall make these assessments and reports available to Covered Entity.

6.4 Business Associate shall require, by contract, a Subcontractor to report to Business Associate and Covered Entity any Breach of which the Subcontractor becomes aware, no later than two (2) business days after becomes aware of the Breach.

7. **Mitigation and Corrective Action.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to it of an impermissible use or disclosure of PHI, even if the impermissible use or disclosure does not constitute a Breach. Business Associate shall draft and carry out a plan of corrective action to address any incident of impermissible use or disclosure of PHI. If requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make its mitigation and corrective action plans available to Covered Entity. Business Associate shall require a Subcontractor to agree to these same terms and conditions.

8. **Providing Notice of Breaches.**

8.1 If Covered Entity determines that an impermissible acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI for which one of Business Associate's employees or agents was responsible constitutes a Breach as defined in 45 CFR § 164.402, and if requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide notice to the individual(s) whose PHI has been the subject of the Breach. When requested to provide notice, Business Associate shall consult with Covered Entity about the timeliness, content and method of notice, and shall receive Covered Entity's approval concerning these elements. The cost of notice and related remedies shall be borne by Business Associate.

8.2 If Covered Entity or Business Associate determines that an impermissible acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI by a Subcontractor of Business Associate constitutes a Breach as defined in 45 CFR § 164.402, and if requested by Covered Entity or Business Associate, Subcontractor shall provide notice to the individual(s) whose PHI has been the subject of the Breach. When Covered Entity requests that Business Associate or its Subcontractor provide notice, Business Associate shall either 1) consult with

Covered Entity about the specifics of the notice as set forth in section 8.1, above, or 2) require, by contract, its Subcontractor to consult with Covered Entity about the specifics of the notice as set forth in section 8.1

8.3 The notice to affected individuals shall be provided as soon as reasonably possible and in no case later than 60 calendar days after Business Associate reported the Breach to Covered Entity.

8.4 The notice to affected individuals shall be written in plain language and shall include, to the extent possible, 1) a brief description of what happened, 2) a description of the types of Unsecured PHI that were involved in the Breach, 3) any steps individuals can take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach, 4) a brief description of what the Business Associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals and to protect against further Breaches, and 5) contact procedures for individuals to ask questions or obtain additional information, as set forth in 45 CFR § 164.404(c).

8.5 Business Associate shall notify individuals of Breaches as specified in 45 CFR § 164.404(d) (methods of individual notice). In addition, when a Breach involves more than 500 residents of Vermont, Business Associate shall, if requested by Covered Entity, notify prominent media outlets serving Vermont, following the requirements set forth in 45 CFR § 164.406.

9. Agreements with Subcontractors. Business Associate shall enter into a Business Associate Agreement with any Subcontractor to whom it provides PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity in which the Subcontractor agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such PHI. Business Associate must enter into this Business Associate Agreement before any use by or disclosure of PHI to such agent. The written agreement must identify Covered Entity as a direct and intended third party beneficiary with the right to enforce any breach of the agreement concerning the use or disclosure of PHI. Business Associate shall provide a copy of the Business Associate Agreement it enters into with a subcontractor to Covered Entity upon request. Business associate may not make any disclosure of PHI to any Subcontractor without prior written consent of Covered Entity.

10. Access to PHI. Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity or as directed by Covered Entity to an Individual to meet the requirements under 45 CFR § 164.524. Business Associate shall provide such access in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any request for access to PHI that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.

11. Amendment of PHI. Business Associate shall make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR § 164.526, whether at the request of Covered Entity or an Individual. Business Associate shall make such amendments in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any request for amendment to PHI that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.

12. Accounting of Disclosures. Business Associate shall document disclosures of PHI and all information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.528. Business Associate shall provide such information to Covered Entity or as directed by Covered Entity to an Individual, to permit Covered Entity to respond to an accounting request. Business Associate shall provide such information in the time and manner

reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any accounting request that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.

13. Books and Records. Subject to the attorney-client and other applicable legal privileges, Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records (including policies and procedures and PHI) relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary in the time and manner designated by the Secretary. Business Associate shall make the same information available to Covered Entity, upon Covered Entity's request, in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity so that Covered Entity may determine whether Business Associate is in compliance with this Agreement.

14. Termination.

14.1 This Agreement commences on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated by Covered Entity or until all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity subject to Section 18.7.

14.2 If Business Associate breaches any material term of this Agreement, Covered Entity may either: (a) provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach and Covered Entity may terminate the contract or grant without liability or penalty if Business Associate does not cure the breach within the time specified by Covered Entity; or (b) immediately terminate the contract or grant without liability or penalty if Covered Entity believes that cure is not reasonably possible; or (c) if neither termination nor cure are feasible, Covered Entity shall report the breach to the Secretary. Covered Entity has the right to seek to cure any breach by Business Associate and this right, regardless of whether Covered Entity cures such breach, does not lessen any right or remedy available to Covered Entity at law, in equity, or under the contract or grant, nor does it lessen Business Associate's responsibility for such breach or its duty to cure such breach.

15. Return/Destruction of PHI.

15.1 Business Associate in connection with the expiration or termination of the contract or grant shall return or destroy, at the discretion of the Covered Entity, all PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity pursuant to this contract or grant that Business Associate still maintains in any form or medium (including electronic) within thirty (30) days after such expiration or termination. Business Associate shall not retain any copies of the PHI. Business Associate shall certify in writing for Covered Entity (1) when all PHI has been returned or destroyed and (2) that Business Associate does not continue to maintain any PHI. Business Associate is to provide this certification during this thirty (30) day period.

15.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of any conditions that Business Associate believes make the return or destruction of PHI infeasible. If Covered Entity agrees that return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI. This shall also apply to all Agents and Subcontractors of Business Associate.

16. Penalties and Training. Business Associate understands that: (a) there may be civil or criminal penalties for misuse or misappropriation of PHI and (b) violations of this Agreement may result in notification

by Covered Entity to law enforcement officials and regulatory, accreditation, and licensure organizations. If requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall participate in training regarding the use, confidentiality, and security of PHI.

17. Security Rule Obligations. The following provisions of this section apply to the extent that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains or transmits Electronic PHI on behalf of Covered Entity.

17.1 Business Associate shall implement and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards in compliance with 45 CFR sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312 with respect to the Electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall identify in writing upon request from Covered Entity all of the safeguards that it uses to protect such Electronic PHI.

17.2 Business Associate shall ensure that any Agent and Subcontractor to whom it provides Electronic PHI agrees in a written agreement to implement and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability of the Electronic PHI. Business Associate must enter into this written agreement before any use or disclosure of Electronic PHI by such Agent or Subcontractor. The written agreement must identify Covered Entity as a direct and intended third party beneficiary with the right to enforce any breach of the agreement concerning the use or disclosure of Electronic PHI. Business Associate shall provide a copy of the written agreement to Covered Entity upon request. Business Associate may not make any disclosure of Electronic PHI to any Agent or Subcontractor without the prior written consent of Covered Entity.

17.3 Business Associate shall report in writing to Covered Entity any Security Incident pertaining to such Electronic PHI (whether involving Business Associate or an Agent or Subcontractor). Business Associate shall provide this written report as soon as it becomes aware of any such Security Incident, and in no case later than two (2) business days after it becomes aware of the incident. Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with the information necessary for Covered Entity to investigate any such Security Incident.

17.4 Business Associate shall comply with any reasonable policies and procedures Covered Entity implements to obtain compliance under the Security Rule.

18. Miscellaneous.

18.1 In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the contract/grant, the terms of this Agreement shall govern with respect to its subject matter. Otherwise, the terms of the contract/grant continue in effect.

18.2 Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or any other standards promulgated under HIPAA.

18.3 Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or any other standards promulgated under HIPAA.

18.4 In addition to applicable Vermont law, the parties shall rely on applicable federal law (e.g., HIPAA, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, and the HIPAA omnibus final rule) in construing the meaning and effect of this Agreement.

18.5 As between Business Associate and Covered Entity, Covered Entity owns all PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity.

18.6 Business Associate shall abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to all PHI it receives from Covered Entity or creates or receives on behalf of Covered Entity even if some of that information relates to specific services for which Business Associate may not be a “Business Associate” of Covered Entity under the Privacy Rule.

18.7 Business Associate is prohibited from directly or indirectly receiving any remuneration in exchange for an individual’s PHI. Business Associate will refrain from marketing activities that would violate HIPAA, including specifically Section 13406 of the HITECH Act. Reports or data containing the PHI may not be sold without Agency’s or the affected individual’s written consent.

18.8 The provisions of this Agreement that by their terms encompass continuing rights or responsibilities shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. For example: (a) the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply if Covered Entity determines that it would be infeasible for Business Associate to return or destroy PHI as provided in Section 14.2 and (b) the obligation of Business Associate to provide an accounting of disclosures as set forth in Section 11 survives the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to accounting requests, if any, made after such expiration or termination.

ATTACHMENT F
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES' CUSTOMARY CONTRACT PROVISIONS

1. **Agency of Human Services – Field Services Directors** will share oversight with the department (or field office) that is a party to the contract for provider performance using outcomes, processes, terms and conditions agreed to under this contract.

2. **2-1-1 Data Base:** The Contractor providing a health or human services within Vermont, or near the border that is readily accessible to residents of Vermont, will provide relevant descriptive information regarding its agency, programs and/or contact and will adhere to the "Inclusion/Exclusion" policy of Vermont's United Way/Vermont 211. If included, the Contractor will provide accurate and up to date information to their data base as needed. The "Inclusion/Exclusion" policy can be found at www.vermont211.org

3. **Medicaid Program Contractors:**

Inspection of Records: Any contracts accessing payments for services through the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Vermont Medicaid program must fulfill state and federal legal requirements to enable the Agency of Human Services (AHS), the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Government Accounting Office (GAO) to:

Evaluate through inspection or other means the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed; and Inspect and audit any financial records of such Contractor or subcontractor.

Subcontracting for Medicaid Services: Having a subcontract does not terminate the Contractor, receiving funds under Vermont's Medicaid program, from its responsibility to ensure that all activities under this agreement are carried out. Subcontracts must specify the activities and reporting responsibilities of the Contractor or subcontractor and provide for revoking delegation or imposing other sanctions if the Contractor or subcontractor's performance is inadequate. The Contractor agrees to make available upon request to the Agency of Human Services; the Department of Vermont Health Access; the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living; and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) all contracts and subcontracts between the Contractor and service providers.

Medicaid Notification of Termination Requirements: Any Contractor accessing payments for services under the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Medicaid programs who terminates their practice will follow the Department of Vermont Health Access, Managed Care Organization enrollee notification requirements.

Encounter Data: Any Contractor accessing payments for services through the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Vermont Medicaid programs must provide encounter data to the Agency of Human Services and/or its departments and ensure that it can be linked to enrollee eligibility files maintained by the State.

Federal Medicaid System Security Requirements Compliance: All contractors and subcontractors must provide a security plan, risk assessment, and security controls review document within three months of the start date of this agreement (and update it annually thereafter) to support audit compliance with 45CFR95.621 subpart F, *ADP (Automated Data Processing) System Security Requirements and Review Process*.

4. **Non-discrimination Based on National Origin as evidenced by Limited English Proficiency.** The Contractor agrees to comply with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Section 2000d, et seq., and with the federal guidelines promulgated pursuant to Executive Order 13166 of 2000, which require that contractors and subcontractors receiving federal funds must assure that persons with limited English proficiency can meaningfully access services. To the extent the Contractor provides assistance to individuals with limited English proficiency through the use of oral or written translation or interpretive services in compliance with this requirement, such individuals cannot be required to pay for such services.
5. **Voter Registration.** When designated by the Secretary of State, the Contractor agrees to become a voter registration agency as defined by 17 V.S.A. §2103 (41), and to comply with the requirements of state and federal law pertaining to such agencies.
6. **Drug Free Workplace Act.** The Contractor will assure a drug-free workplace in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76.

7. **Privacy and Security Standards.**

Protected Health Information: The Contractor shall maintain the privacy and security of all individually identifiable health information acquired by or provided to it as a part of the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall follow federal and state law relating to privacy and security of individually identifiable health information as applicable, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its federal regulations.

Substance Abuse Treatment Information: The confidentiality of any alcohol and drug abuse treatment information acquired by or provided to the Contractor or subcontractor shall be maintained in compliance with any applicable state or federal laws or regulations and specifically set out in 42 CFR Part 2.

Other Confidential Consumer Information: The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of AHS Rule No. 08-048 concerning access to information. The Contractor agrees to comply with any applicable Vermont State Statute, including but not limited to 12 VSA §1612 and any applicable Board of Health confidentiality regulations. The Contractor shall ensure that all of its employees and subcontractors performing services under this agreement understand the sensitive nature of the information that they may have access to and sign an affirmation of understanding regarding the information's confidential and non-public nature.

Social Security numbers: The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Vermont State Statutes to assure protection and security of personal information, including protection from identity theft as outlined in Title 9, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Ch. 62.

8. **Abuse Registry.** The Contractor agrees not to employ any individual, use any volunteer, or otherwise provide reimbursement to any individual in the performance of services connected with this agreement, who provides care, custody, treatment, transportation, or supervision to children or vulnerable adults if there is a substantiation of abuse or neglect or exploitation against that individual. The Contractor will check the Adult Abuse Registry in the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. Unless the Contractor holds a valid child care license or registration from the Division of Child Development, Department for Children and Families, the Contractor shall also check the Central Child

Protection Registry. (See 33 V.S.A. §4919(a)(3) & 33 V.S.A. §6911(c)(3)).

9. **Reporting of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation.** Consistent with provisions of 33 V.S.A. §4913(a) and §6903, any agent or employee of a Contractor who, in the performance of services connected with this agreement, has contact with clients or is a caregiver and who has reasonable cause to believe that a child or vulnerable adult has been abused or neglected as defined in Chapter 49 or abused, neglected, or exploited as defined in Chapter 69 of Title 33 V.S.A. shall make a report involving children to the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families within 24 hours or a report involving vulnerable adults to the Division of Licensing and Protection at the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living within 48 hours. This requirement applies except in those instances where particular roles and functions are exempt from reporting under state and federal law. Reports involving children shall contain the information required by 33 V.S.A. §4914. Reports involving vulnerable adults shall contain the information required by 33 V.S.A. §6904. The Contractor will ensure that its agents or employees receive training on the reporting of abuse or neglect to children and abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults.
10. **Intellectual Property/Work Product Ownership.** All data, technical information, materials first gathered, originated, developed, prepared, or obtained as a condition of this agreement and used in the performance of this agreement - including, but not limited to all reports, surveys, plans, charts, literature, brochures, mailings, recordings (video or audio), pictures, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, software computer programs and accompanying documentation and printouts, notes and memoranda, written procedures and documents, which are prepared for or obtained specifically for this agreement - or are a result of the services required under this grant - shall be considered "work for hire" and remain the property of the State of Vermont, regardless of the state of completion - unless otherwise specified in this agreement. Such items shall be delivered to the State of Vermont upon 30 days notice by the State. With respect to software computer programs and / or source codes first developed for the State, all the work shall be considered "work for hire," i.e., the State, not the Contractor or subcontractor, shall have full and complete ownership of all software computer programs, documentation and/or source codes developed.

The Contractor shall not sell or copyright a work product or item produced under this agreement without explicit permission from the State.

If the Contractor is operating a system or application on behalf of the State of Vermont, then the Contractor shall not make information entered into the system or application available for uses by any other party than the State of Vermont, without prior authorization by the State. Nothing herein shall entitle the State to pre-existing Contractor's materials.

11. **Security and Data Transfers.** The State shall work with the Contractor to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Agency of Human Services' policies and standards, especially those related to privacy and security. The State will advise the Contractor of any new policies, procedures, or

protocols developed during the term of this agreement as they are issued and will work with the Contractor to implement any required.

The Contractor will ensure the physical and data security associated with computer equipment - including desktops, notebooks, and other portable devices - used in connection with this agreement. The Contractor will also assure that any media or mechanism used to store or transfer data to or from the State includes industry standard security mechanisms such as continually up-to-date malware protection and encryption. The Contractor will make every reasonable effort to ensure media or data files transferred to the State are virus and spyware free. At the conclusion of this agreement and after successful delivery of the data to the State, the Contractor shall securely delete data (including archival backups) from the Contractor's equipment that contains individually identifiable records, in accordance with standards adopted by the Agency of Human Services.

12. **Computing and Communication:** The Contractor shall select, in consultation with the Agency of Human Services' Information Technology unit, one of the approved methods for secure access to the State's systems and data, if required. Approved methods are based on the type of work performed by the Contractor as part of this agreement. Options include, but are not limited to:

1. Contractor's provision of certified computing equipment, peripherals and mobile devices, on a separate Contractor's network with separate internet access. The Agency of Human Services' accounts may or may not be provided.
2. State supplied and managed equipment and accounts to access state applications and data, including State issued active directory accounts and application specific accounts, which follow the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards.

The State will not supply e-mail accounts to the Contractor.

13. **Lobbying.** No federal funds under this agreement may be used to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendments other than federal appropriated funds.

14. **Non-discrimination.** The Contractor will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, on the basis of handicap under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, on the basis of sex under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, or on the basis of race, color or national origin under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall on the grounds of sex (including, in the case of a woman, on the grounds that the woman is pregnant) or on the grounds of religion, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, to include sexual harassment, under any program or activity supported by state and/or federal funds.

The Contractor will also not refuse, withhold from or deny to any person the benefit of services, facilities, goods, privileges, advantages, or benefits of public accommodation on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity under Title 9 V.S.A. Chapter 139.

15. **Environmental Tobacco Smoke.** Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, child care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by federal programs either directly or through state or local governments, by federal grant, contract, loan or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such Federal funds.

The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences; portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment; service providers whose sole source of applicable federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid; or facilities where Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) coupons are redeemed.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

Contractors are prohibited from promoting the use of tobacco products for all clients. Facilities supported by state and federal funds are prohibited from making tobacco products available to minors.

ATTACHMENT G

EXAMPLE STATEMENT OF WORK AGREEMENT

PROJECT TITLE XXXXXXXXXX Project
VISION PO # _____
CONTRACT # XXXXXX (“Master Retainer Agreement”)

This is a Statement of Work Agreement (“SOW Agreement”) between the State of Vermont, Department of Information and Innovation, hereafter called “State”) and _____, with principal place of business at _____, (hereafter called “Contractor”). This SOW Agreement is entered into in accordance with the Master Agreement and incorporates all of the terms and conditions of the Master Retainer Agreement. [Applicable to AHS SOW Agreements: This SOW Agreement incorporates Attachment(s) E-H attached to the Master Retainer Agreement.]

Time for Performance

The term of this SOW Agreement shall begin on _____ and end on _____ (the “Initial Term”). This Initial Term may be altered with a change order as the parties may agree. In the event the term of the Master Retainer Agreement is not extended beyond [INSERT TERMINATION OF MASTER], this SOW Agreement shall terminate upon the termination of the Master Agreement.

[State Web Site Designs, as applicable]

[INDICATE STATE RESOURCES AND CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT]
[INDICATE KEY CONTRACTOR STAFF]
[INDICATE PROJECT MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY, IF APPLICABLE]

INSERT APPLICABLE SERVICES

This SOW Agreement for Services shall be submitted to the State of Vermont Office of the Attorney General for a determination in accordance with 3 V.S.A. 311(a)(10) that such engagement is not contrary to the spirit and intent of the classification plan and merit system principles and standards provided by Chapter 13 of Title 3 of the Vermont Statutes.

Scope of Work

The Contractor shall, in full satisfaction of the specific requirements of this SOW Agreement, provide the services set forth herein [and Attachments 1, 2, 3 to this SOW Agreement]. These services shall be provided in accordance with the Master Retainer Agreement and this SOW Agreement.

Consideration and Payment

Contractor shall be paid based on documentation and itemization of work performed and included in invoicing as required by 32 VSA §463. Invoicing must contain a detail of services including dates and hours of work

performed and rates of pay. Invoicing must also contain a detail of items and cost for any allowable reimbursable expenses stated below. Contractor must provide receipts for allowable reimbursable expenses, with the exception of mileage. The State shall not be responsible for any expenses of the Contractor.

The consideration to be paid the Contractor shall be made in accordance with the Master Retainer Agreement and this SOW Agreement and shall not exceed \$ [REDACTED]. Payments to the Contractor shall be made as outlined below:

SERVICES - Contractor shall be paid for services based on the following rates or schedule:

{Insert Rate schedule}

SERVICES	Delivery Date	Amount
Deliverable A		
Deliverable B		
Deliverable C		
Deliverable D		

EXPENSES: The fee for services shall be inclusive of expenses.

Payment for services will be made at the rate of \$___ per hour, however, total payment for services shall not exceed \$_____.

Invoices must be rendered on Contractor's standard billhead or official letterhead. Contractor shall submit invoicing on a **XXXX** basis. Invoices shall be submitted to:

[INSERT ADDRESS]

Payment terms shall be Net 30.

Deliverable payments shall be made only upon approval and acceptance by the State.

[The State shall retain 10% of each payment until the satisfactory completion of the Project by the prescribed time and to the satisfaction of the State. Payment of retained fees shall occur one month after the completion date upon receipt of invoice from Contractor, provided State has accepted all deliverables under this SOW Agreement.]

WE THE UNDERSIGNED parties agree to be bound by this SOW Agreement and the Master Retainer Agreement.

STATE OF VERMONT

[CONTRACTOR]

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____