

STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS FACE PAGE

<p>STATE AGENCY (Name & Address):</p> <p>NYS Education Department 89 Washington Avenue Room 503W - EB Albany, NY 12234</p>	<p>BUSINESS UNIT/DEPT. ID: SED01/3300390</p> <p>CONTRACT NUMBER: «ContractNumb»</p> <p>CONTRACT TYPE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Renewal Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Term Agreement</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME:</p> <p>«LegalVendorName»</p>	<p>TRANSACTION TYPE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR DOS INCORPORATED NAME:</p> <p>«LegalVendorName»</p>	<p>PROJECT NAME:</p> <p>Liberty Partnership Program</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:</p> <p>NYS Vendor ID Number: «SfsVendorID» Federal Tax ID Number: «FederalID» DUNS Number (if applicable):</p>	<p>AGENCY IDENTIFIER:</p> <p>GC 22-007</p> <p>CFDA NUMBER (Federally Funded Grants Only): N/A</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>«Address» «Address2» «City», «State» «Zip»</p> <p>CONTRACTOR PAYMENT ADDRESS:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p> <p>CONTRACT MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p>	<p>CONTRACTOR STATUS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Municipality, Code: <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit</p> <p>Charities Registration Number: «CharityNumber»</p> <p>Exemption Status/Code:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sectarian Entity</p>

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<p>CURRENT CONTRACT TERM: From: To</p> <p>CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD From: To:</p> <p>AMENDED TERM: From: To:</p> <p>AMENDED PERIOD From: To:</p>	<p>CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNT <i>(Multi-year – enter total projected amount of the contract; Fixed Term/Simplified Renewal – enter current period amount):</i></p> <p>CURRENT: «Amount»</p> <p>AMENDED:</p> <p>FUNDING SOURCE (S)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
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FOR MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS ONLY – CONTRACT PERIOD AND FUNDING AMOUNT:
(Out years represent projected funding amounts)

#	CURRENT PERIOD	CURRENT AMOUNT	AMENDED PERIOD	AMENDED AMOUNT
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ATTACHMENTS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT:

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment A:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment B:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment C: Work Plan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment D: Payment and Reporting Schedule</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Attachment R: Data Privacy Appendix</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-1 Program Specific Terms and Conditions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A-2 Federally Funded Grants</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B-1 Expenditure Based Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B-2 Performance Based Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B-3 Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B-1 (A) Expenditure Based Budget (Amendment)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B-2 (A) Performance Based Budget (Amendment)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B-3 (A) Capital Budget (Amendment)</p> |
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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or approved this Master Contract on the dates below their signatures.

CONTRACTOR:

«LegalVendorName»

By: _____

Printed Name

Title: _____

Date: _____

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner of Education

By: _____

Julia Patane or Aaron Baldwin
Authorized Contract Officers

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK

County of _____

On the ____ day of _____, _____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides at _____, that he/she is the _____ of the _____, the contractor described herein which executed the foregoing instrument; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto as authorized by the contractor named on the face page of this Master Contract.

(Notary) _____

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SIGNATURE

STATE COMPTROLLER'S SIGNATURE

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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This State of New York Master Contract for Grants (Master Contract) is hereby made by and between the State of New York acting by and through the applicable State Agency (State) and the public or private entity (Contractor) identified on the face page hereof (Face Page).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the State has the authority to regulate and provide funding for the establishment and operation of program services, design or the execution and performance of construction projects, as applicable and desires to contract with skilled parties possessing the necessary resources to provide such services or work, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is ready, willing and able to provide such program services or the execution and performance of construction projects and possesses or can make available all necessary qualified personnel, licenses, facilities and expertise to perform or have performed the services or work, as applicable, required pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, responsibilities, and covenants herein, the State and the Contractor agree as follows:

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Executory Clause: In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under the Master Contract to the Contractor, or to anyone else, beyond funds appropriated and available for the Master Contract.

B. Required Approvals: In accordance with Section 112 of the State Finance Law (or, if the Master Contract is with the State University of New York (SUNY) or City University of New York (CUNY), Section 355 or Section 6218 of the Education Law), if the Master Contract exceeds \$50,000 (or \$85,000 for contracts let by the Office of General Services, or the minimum thresholds agreed to by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) for certain SUNY and CUNY contracts), or if this is an amendment for any amount to a contract which, as so amended, exceeds said statutory amount including, but not limited to, changes in amount, consideration, scope or contract term identified on the Face Page (Contract Term), it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the New York Attorney General Contract Approval Unit (AG) and OSC. If, by the Master Contract, the State agrees to give something other than money when the value or reasonably estimated value of such consideration exceeds \$10,000, it shall not be valid, effective or binding upon the State until it has been approved by, and filed with, the AG and OSC.

Budget Changes: An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC where the amount of such

modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment may be subject to prior approval by the applicable State Agency as detailed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

C. Order of Precedence:

In the event of a conflict among (i) the terms of the Master Contract (including any and all attachments and amendments) or (ii) between the terms of the Master Contract and the original request for proposal, the program application or other attachment that was completed and executed by the Contractor in connection with the Master Contract, the order of precedence is as follows:

1. Standard Terms and Conditions
2. Modifications to the Face Page
3. Modifications to Attachment A-2¹, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
4. The Face Page
5. Attachment A-2², Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D
6. Modification to Attachment A-1
7. Attachment A-1
8. Other attachments, including, but not limited to, the request for proposal or program application

D. Funding: Funding for the term of the Master Contract shall not exceed the amount specified as “Contract Funding Amount” on the Face Page or as subsequently revised to reflect an approved renewal or cost amendment. Funding for the initial and subsequent periods of the Master Contract shall not exceed the applicable amounts specified in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget).

E. Contract Performance: The Contractor shall perform all services or work, as applicable, and comply with all provisions of the Master Contract to the satisfaction of the State. The Contractor shall provide services or work, as applicable, and meet the program objectives summarized in Attachment C (Work Plan) in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, relevant laws, rules and regulations, administrative, program and fiscal guidelines, and where applicable, operating certificate for facilities or licenses for an activity or program.

F. Modifications: To modify the Attachments or Face Page, the parties mutually agree to record, in writing, the terms of such modification and to revise or complete the Face Page and all the

¹ To the extent that the modifications to Attachment A-2 are required by Federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the modifications to Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V).

² To the extent that the terms of Attachment A-2 are required by Federal requirements and conflict with other provisions of the Master Contract, the Federal requirements of Attachment A-2 shall supersede all other provisions of this Master Contract. See Section I(V).

appropriate attachments in conjunction therewith. In addition, to the extent that such modification meets the criteria set forth in Section I.B herein, it shall be subject to the approval of the AG and OSC before it shall become valid, effective and binding upon the State. Modifications that are not subject to the AG and OSC approval shall be processed in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Master Contract.

G. Governing Law: The Master Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York except where the Federal Supremacy Clause requires otherwise.

H. Severability: Any provision of the Master Contract that is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be ineffective only to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability, without affecting in any way the remaining provisions hereof; provided, however, that the parties to the Master Contract shall attempt in good faith to reform the Master Contract in a manner consistent with the intent of any such ineffective provision for the purpose of carrying out such intent. If any provision is held void, invalid or unenforceable with respect to particular circumstances, it shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.

I. Interpretation: The headings in the Master Contract are inserted for convenience and reference only and do not modify or restrict any of the provisions herein. All personal pronouns used herein shall be considered to be gender neutral. The Master Contract has been made under the laws of the State of New York, and the venue for resolving any disputes hereunder shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

J. Notice:

1. All notices, except for notices of termination, shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either:
 - a) by certified or registered United States mail, return receipt requested;
 - b) by facsimile transmission;
 - c) by personal delivery;
 - d) by expedited delivery service; or
 - e) by e-mail.
2. Notices to the State shall be addressed to the Program Office designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).
3. Notices to the Contractor shall be addressed to the Contractor's designee as designated in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).
4. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of personal delivery or, in the case of expedited delivery service or certified or registered United States mail, as of the date of first attempted delivery at the address and in the manner provided herein, or in the case of facsimile transmission or e-mail, upon receipt.

5. The parties may, from time to time, specify any new or different e-mail address, facsimile number or address in the United States as their address for purpose of receiving notice under the Master Contract by giving fifteen (15) calendar days prior written notice to the other party sent in accordance herewith. The parties agree to mutually designate individuals as their respective representatives for the purposes of receiving notices under the Master Contract. Additional individuals may be designated in writing by the parties for purposes of implementation, administration, billing and resolving issues and/or disputes.

K. Service of Process: In addition to the methods of service allowed by the State Civil Practice Law & Rules (CPLR), Contractor hereby consents to service of process upon it by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Service hereunder shall be complete upon Contractor's actual receipt of process or upon the State's receipt of the return thereof by the United States Postal Service as refused or undeliverable. Contractor must promptly notify the State, in writing, of each and every change of address to which service of process can be made. Service by the State to the last known address shall be sufficient. The Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days after service hereunder is complete in which to respond.

L. Set-Off Rights: The State shall have all of its common law, equitable, and statutory rights of set-off. These rights shall include, but not be limited to, the State's option to withhold, for the purposes of set-off, any moneys due to the Contractor under the Master Contract up to any amounts due and owing to the State with regard to the Master Contract, any other contract with any State department or agency, including any contract for a term commencing prior to the term of the Master Contract, plus any amounts due and owing to the State for any other reason including, without limitation, tax delinquencies, fee delinquencies, or monetary penalties relative thereto. The State shall exercise its set-off rights in accordance with normal State practices including, in cases of set-off pursuant to an audit, the finalization of such audit by the State Agency, its representatives, or OSC.

M. Indemnification: The Contractor shall be solely responsible and answerable in damages for any and all accidents and/or injuries to persons (including death) or property arising out of or related to the services to be rendered by the Contractor or its subcontractors pursuant to this Master Contract. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State and its officers and employees from claims, suits, actions, damages and cost of every nature arising out of the provision of services pursuant to the Master Contract.

N. Non-Assignment Clause: In accordance with Section 138 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor or its right, title or interest therein assigned, transferred, conveyed, sublet, or otherwise disposed of without the State's previous written consent, and attempts to do so shall be considered to be null and void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such prior written consent of an assignment of a contract, let pursuant to Article XI of the State Finance Law, may be waived at the discretion of the State Agency and with the concurrence of OSC, where the original contract was subject to OSC's approval, where the assignment is due to a reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Contractor's business entity or enterprise. The State retains its right to approve an assignment and to require that the merged contractor demonstrate its responsibility to do business with the State. The Contractor may, however, assign its right to receive payments without the State's prior written consent unless the Master Contract concerns Certificates of Participation pursuant to Article 5-A of the State Finance Law.

O. Legal Action: No litigation or regulatory action shall be brought against the State of New York, the State Agency, or against any county or other local government entity with funds provided under the Master Contract. The term “litigation” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a lawsuit, joining or threatening to join as a party to ongoing litigation, or requesting any relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity. The term “regulatory action” shall include commencing or threatening to commence a regulatory proceeding or requesting any regulatory relief from any of the State of New York, the State Agency, or any county, or other local government entity.

P. No Arbitration: Disputes involving the Master Contract, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration (except where statutorily authorized), but must, instead, be heard in a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of New York.

Q. Secular Purpose: Services performed pursuant to the Master Contract are secular in nature and shall be performed in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of religious belief, or promote or discourage adherence to religion in general or particular religious beliefs.

R. Partisan Political Activity and Lobbying: Funds provided pursuant to the Master Contract shall not be used for any partisan political activity, or for activities that attempt to influence legislation or election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

S. Reciprocity and Sanctions Provisions: The Contractor is hereby notified that if its principal place of business is located in a country, nation, province, state, or political subdivision that penalizes New York State vendors, and if the goods or services it offers shall be substantially produced or performed outside New York State, the Omnibus Procurement Act 1994 and 2000 amendments (Chapter 684 and Chapter 383, respectively) require that it be denied contracts which it would otherwise obtain.³

T. Reporting Fraud and Abuse: Contractor acknowledges that it has reviewed information on how to prevent, detect, and report fraud, waste and abuse of public funds, including information about the Federal False Claims Act, the New York State False Claims Act, and whistleblower protections.

U. Non-Collusive Bidding: By submission of this bid, the Contractor and each person signing on behalf of the Contractor certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that its bid was arrived at independently and without collusion aimed at restricting competition. The Contractor further affirms that, at the time the Contractor submitted its bid, an authorized and responsible person executed and delivered to the State a non-collusive binding certification on the Contractor’s behalf.

V. Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws: All of the Specific Federal requirements that are applicable to the Master Contract are identified in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws) hereto. To the extent

³ As of October 9, 2012, the list of discriminatory jurisdictions subject to this provision includes the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Louisiana, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming. Contact NYS Department of Economic Development for the most current list of jurisdictions subject to this provision.

that the Master Contract is funded, in whole or part, with Federal funds or mandated by Federal laws, (i) the provisions of the Master Contract that conflict with Federal rules, Federal regulations, or Federal program specific requirements shall not apply and (ii) the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Federal rules, regulations and program specific requirements including, but not limited to, those provisions that are set forth in Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws) hereto.

II. TERM, TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

A. Term: The term of the Master Contract shall be as specified on the Face Page, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

B. Renewal:

1. **General Renewal:** The Master Contract may consist of successive periods on the same terms and conditions, as specified within the Master Contract (a “Simplified Renewal Contract”). Each additional or superseding period shall be on the forms specified by the State and shall be incorporated in the Master Contract.

2. Renewal Notice to Not-for-Profit Contractors:

a) Pursuant to State Finance Law §179-t, if the Master Contract is with a not-for-profit Contractor and provides for a renewal option, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State’s intent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, unless funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation. If funding for the renewal is contingent upon enactment of an appropriation, the State shall notify the Contractor of the State’s intent to renew or not to renew the Master Contract the later of: (1) ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the term of the Master Contract, and (2) thirty (30) calendar days after the necessary appropriation becomes law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the State is unable to comply with the time frames set forth in this paragraph due to unusual circumstances beyond the control of the State (“Unusual Circumstances”), no payment of interest shall be due to the not-for-profit Contractor. For purposes of State Finance Law §179-t, “Unusual Circumstances” shall not mean the failure by the State to (i) plan for implementation of a program, (ii) assign sufficient staff resources to implement a program, (iii) establish a schedule for the implementation of a program or (iv) anticipate any other reasonably foreseeable circumstance.

b) Notification to the not-for-profit Contractor of the State’s intent to not renew the Master Contract must be in writing in the form of a letter, with the reason(s) for the non-renewal included. If the State does not provide notice to the not-for-profit Contractor of its intent not to renew the Master Contract as required in this Section and State Finance Law §179-t, the Master Contract shall be deemed continued until the date the State provides the necessary notice to the Contractor, in accordance with State Finance Law §179-t. Expenses incurred by the not-for-profit Contractor during such extension shall be reimbursable under the terms of the Master Contract.

C. Termination:

1. Grounds:

- a) Mutual Consent: The Master Contract may be terminated at any time upon mutual written consent of the State and the Contractor.
- b) Cause: The State may terminate the Master Contract immediately, upon written notice of termination to the Contractor, if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the Master Contract and/or with any laws, rules, regulations, policies, or procedures that are applicable to the Master Contract.
- c) Non-Responsibility: In accordance with the provisions of Sections IV(N)(6) and (7) herein, the State may make a final determination that the Contractor is non-responsible (Determination of Non-Responsibility). In such event, the State may terminate the Master Contract at the Contractor's expense, complete the contractual requirements in any manner the State deems advisable and pursue available legal or equitable remedies for breach.
- d) Convenience: The State may terminate the Master Contract in its sole discretion upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice.
- e) Lack of Funds: If for any reason the State or the Federal government terminates or reduces its appropriation to the applicable State Agency entering into the Master Contract or fails to pay the full amount of the allocation for the operation of one or more programs funded under this Master Contract, the Master Contract may be terminated or reduced at the State Agency's discretion, provided that no such reduction or termination shall apply to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor where funds are available to the State Agency for payment of such costs. Upon termination or reduction of the Master Contract, all remaining funds paid to the Contractor that are not subject to allowable costs already incurred by the Contractor shall be returned to the State Agency. In any event, no liability shall be incurred by the State (including the State Agency) beyond monies available for the purposes of the Master Contract. The Contractor acknowledges that any funds due to the State Agency or the State of New York because of disallowed expenditures after audit shall be the Contractor's responsibility.
- f) Force Majeure: The State may terminate or suspend its performance under the Master Contract immediately upon the occurrence of a "force majeure." For purposes of the Master Contract, "Force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to, natural disasters, war, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strikes, lockout and any unforeseen circumstances and acts beyond the control of the State which render the performance of its obligations impossible.

2. Notice of Termination:

- a) Service of notice: Written notice of termination shall be sent by:
 - (i) personal messenger service; or

(ii) certified mail, return receipt requested and first class mail.

b) Effective date of termination: The effective date of the termination shall be the later of (i) the date indicated in the notice and (ii) the date the notice is received by the Contractor, and shall be established as follows:

(i) if the notice is delivered by hand, the date of receipt shall be established by the receipt given to the Contractor or by affidavit of the individual making such hand delivery attesting to the date of delivery; or

(ii) if the notice is delivered by registered or certified mail, by the receipt returned from the United States Postal Service, or if no receipt is returned, five (5) business days from the date of mailing of the first class letter, postage prepaid, in a depository under the care and control of the United States Postal Service.

3. Effect of Notice and Termination on State's Payment Obligations:

a) Upon receipt of notice of termination, the Contractor agrees to cancel, prior to the effective date of any prospective termination, as many outstanding obligations as possible, and agrees not to incur any new obligations after receipt of the notice without approval by the State.

b) The State shall be responsible for payment on claims for services or work provided and costs incurred pursuant to the terms of the Master Contract. In no event shall the State be liable for expenses and obligations arising from the requirements of the Master Contract after its termination date.

4. Effect of Termination Based on Misuse or Conversion of State or Federal Property:

Where the Master Contract is terminated for cause based on Contractor's failure to use some or all of the real property or equipment purchased pursuant to the Master Contract for the purposes set forth herein, the State may, at its option, require:

a) the repayment to the State of any monies previously paid to the Contractor; or

b) the return of any real property or equipment purchased under the terms of the Master Contract; or

c) an appropriate combination of clauses (a) and (b) of Section II(C)(4) herein.

Nothing herein shall be intended to limit the State's ability to pursue such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available.

D. Suspension: The State may, in its discretion, order the Contractor to suspend performance for a reasonable period of time. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given a formal written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor shall comply with the particulars of the notice. The State shall have no obligation to reimburse Contractor's expenses during such suspension period. Activities may resume at such time as the State issues a formal written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

III. PAYMENT AND REPORTING

A. Terms and Conditions:

1. In full consideration of contract services to be performed, the State Agency agrees to pay and the Contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the Face Page.
2. The State has no obligation to make payment until all required approvals, including the approval of the AG and OSC, if required, have been obtained. Contractor obligations or expenditures that precede the start date of the Master Contract shall not be reimbursed.
3. Contractor must provide complete and accurate billing invoices to the State in order to receive payment. Provided, however, the State may, at its discretion, automatically generate a voucher in accordance with an approved contract payment schedule. Billing invoices submitted to the State must contain all information and supporting documentation required by Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein. The State may require the Contractor to submit billing invoices electronically.
4. Payment for invoices submitted by the Contractor shall only be rendered electronically unless payment by paper check is expressly authorized by the head of the State Agency, in the sole discretion of the head of such State Agency, due to extenuating circumstances. Such electronic payment shall be made in accordance with OSC's procedures and practices to authorize electronic payments.
5. If travel expenses are an approved expenditure under the Master Contract, travel expenses shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the rates set forth in the written standard travel policy of the Contractor, the OSC guidelines, or United States General Services Administration rates. No out-of-state travel costs shall be permitted unless specifically detailed and pre-approved by the State.
6. Timeliness of advance payments or other claims for reimbursement, and any interest to be paid to Contractor for late payment, shall be governed by Article 11-A of the State Finance Law to the extent required by law.
7. Article 11-B of the State Finance Law sets forth certain time frames for the Full Execution of contracts or renewal contracts with not-for-profit organizations and the implementation of any program plan associated with such contract. For purposes of this section, "Full Execution" shall mean that the contract has been signed by all parties thereto and has obtained the approval of the AG and OSC. Any interest to be paid on a missed payment to the Contractor based on a delay in the Full Execution of the Master Contract shall be governed by Article 11-B of the State Finance Law.

B. Advance Payment and Recoupment:

1. Advance payments, which the State in its sole discretion may make to not-for-profit grant recipients, shall be made and recouped in accordance with State Finance Law Section 179(u), this Section and the provisions of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
2. Initial advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the first day of the Contract Term or, if renewed, in the period identified on the Face Page. Subsequent advance payments made by the State to not-for-profit grant recipients shall be due no later than thirty (30) calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after the dates specified in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).
3. For subsequent contract years in multi-year contracts, Contractor will be notified of the scheduled advance payments for the upcoming contract year no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the contract year. For simplified renewals, the payment schedule (Attachment D) will be modified as part of the renewal process.
4. Recoupment of any advance payment(s) shall be recovered by crediting the percentage of subsequent claims listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III(C) herein and such claims shall be reduced until the advance is fully recovered within the Contract Term. Any unexpended advance balance at the end of the Contract Term shall be refunded by the Contractor to the State.
5. If for any reason the amount of any claim is not sufficient to cover the proportionate advance amount to be recovered, then subsequent claims may be reduced until the advance is fully recovered.

C. Claims for Reimbursement:

1. The Contractor shall submit claims for the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the State under the Master Contract in accordance with this Section and the applicable claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

Vouchers submitted for payment shall be deemed to be a certification that the payments requested are for project expenditures made in accordance with the items as contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget) and during the Contract Term. When submitting a voucher, such voucher shall also be deemed to certify that: (i) the payments requested do not duplicate reimbursement from other sources of funding; and (ii) the funds provided herein do not replace funds that, in the absence of this grant, would have been made available by the Contractor for this program. Requirement (ii) does not apply to grants funded pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation.

2. Consistent with the selected reimbursement claiming schedule in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the appropriate following provisions:

- a) Quarterly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan). The

Contractor shall submit to the State Agency quarterly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

b) Monthly Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency monthly voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

c) Biannual Reimbursement: The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payments for work, projects, and services rendered as detailed and described in Attachment C (Work Plan).

The Contractor shall submit to the State Agency biannually voucher claims and supporting documentation. The Contractor shall submit vouchers to the State Agency in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section III(A)(3) herein.

d) Milestone/Performance Reimbursement: Requests for payment based upon an event or milestone may be either severable or cumulative. A severable event/milestone is independent of accomplishment of any other event. If the event is cumulative, the successful completion of an event or milestone is dependent on the previous completion of another event.

Milestone payments shall be made to the Contractor when requested in a form approved by the State, and at frequencies and in amounts stated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall make milestone payments subject to the Contractor's satisfactory performance.

e) Fee for Service Reimbursement:⁵ Payment shall be limited to only those fees specifically agreed upon in the Master Contract and shall be payable no more frequently than monthly upon submission of a voucher by the contractor.

f) Rate Based Reimbursement:⁶ Payment shall be limited to rate(s) established in the Master Contract. Payment may be requested no more frequently than monthly.

g) Scheduled Reimbursement:⁷ The State Agency shall generate vouchers at the frequencies and amounts as set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and service reports shall be used to determine funding levels appropriate to the next annual contract period.

⁴ A milestone/ performance payment schedule identifies mutually agreed-to payment amounts based on meeting contract events or milestones. Events or milestones must represent integral and meaningful aspects of contract performance and should signify true progress in completing the Master Contract effort.

⁵ Fee for Service is a rate established by the Contractor for a service or services rendered.

⁶ Rate based agreements are those agreements in which payment is premised upon a specific established rate per unit.

⁷ Scheduled Reimbursement agreements provide for payments that occur at defined and regular intervals that provide for a specified dollar amount to be paid to the Contractor at the beginning of each payment period (i.e. quarterly, monthly or bi-annually). While these payments are related to the particular services and outcomes defined in the Master Contract, they are not dependent upon particular services or expenses in any one payment period and provide the Contractor with a defined and regular payment over the life of the contract.

h) Interim Reimbursement: The State Agency shall generate vouchers on an interim basis and at the amounts requested by the Contractor as set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

i) Fifth Quarter Payments:⁸ Fifth quarter payment shall be paid to the Contractor at the conclusion of the final scheduled payment period of the preceding contract period. The State Agency shall use a written directive for fifth quarter financing. The State Agency shall generate a voucher in the fourth quarter of the current contract year to pay the scheduled payment for the next contract year.

3. The Contractor shall also submit supporting fiscal documentation for the expenses claimed.
4. The State reserves the right to withhold up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total amount of the Master Contract as security for the faithful completion of services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract. This amount may be withheld in whole or in part from any single payment or combination of payments otherwise due under the Master Contract. In the event that such withheld funds are insufficient to satisfy Contractor's obligations to the State, the State may pursue all available remedies, including the right of setoff and recoupment.
5. The State shall not be liable for payments on the Master Contract if it is made pursuant to a Community Projects Fund appropriation if insufficient monies are available pursuant to Section 99-d of the State Finance Law.
6. All vouchers submitted by the Contractor pursuant to the Master Contract shall be submitted to the State Agency no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the end date of the period for which reimbursement is claimed. In no event shall the amount received by the Contractor exceed the budget amount approved by the State Agency, and, if actual expenditures by the Contractor are less than such sum, the amount payable by the State Agency to the Contractor shall not exceed the amount of actual expenditures.
7. All obligations must be incurred prior to the end date of the contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section III(C)(6) above, with respect to the final period for which reimbursement is claimed, so long as the obligations were incurred prior to the end date of the contract, the Contractor shall have up to ninety (90) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures; provided, however, that if the Master Contract is funded, in whole or in part, with Federal funds, the Contractor shall have up to sixty (60) calendar days after the contract end date to make expenditures.

D. Identifying Information and Privacy Notification:

⁸ Fifth Quarter Payments occurs where there are scheduled payments and where there is an expectation that services will be continued through renewals or subsequent contracts. Fifth Quarter Payments allow for the continuation of scheduled payments to a Contractor for the first payment period quarter of an anticipated renewal or new contract.

1. Every voucher or New York State Claim for Payment submitted to a State Agency by the Contractor, for payment for the sale of goods or services or for transactions (e.g., leases, easements, licenses, etc.) related to real or personal property, must include the Contractor's Vendor Identification Number assigned by the Statewide Financial System, and any or all of the following identification numbers: (i) the Contractor's Federal employer identification number, (ii) the Contractor's Federal social security number, and/or (iii) DUNS number. Failure to include such identification number or numbers may delay payment by the State to the Contractor. Where the Contractor does not have such number or numbers, the Contractor, on its voucher or Claim for Payment, must provide the reason or reasons for why the Contractor does not have such number or numbers.

2. The authority to request the above personal information from a seller of goods or services or a lessor of real or personal property, and the authority to maintain such information, is found in Section 5 of the State Tax Law. Disclosure of this information by the seller or lessor to the State is mandatory. The principle purpose for which the information is collected is to enable the State to identify individuals, businesses and others who have been delinquent in filing tax returns or may have understated their tax liabilities and to generally identify persons affected by the taxes administered by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. The information will be used for tax administration purposes and for any other purpose authorized by law. The personal information is requested by the purchasing unit of the State Agency contracting to purchase the goods or services or lease the real or personal property covered by the Master Contract. This information is maintained in the Statewide Financial System by the Vendor Management Unit within the Bureau of State Expenditures, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York, 12236.

E. Refunds:

1. In the event that the Contractor must make a refund to the State for Master Contract-related activities, including repayment of an advance or an audit disallowance, payment must be made payable as set forth in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions). The Contractor must reference the contract number with its payment and include a brief explanation of why the refund is being made. Refund payments must be submitted to the Designated Refund Office at the address specified in Attachment A-1 (Program Specific Terms and Conditions).

2. If at the end or termination of the Master Contract, there remains any unexpended balance of the monies advanced under the Master Contract in the possession of the Contractor, the Contractor shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end or termination of the Master Contract. In the event that the Contractor fails to refund such balance the State may pursue all available remedies.

F. Outstanding Amounts Owed to the State: Prior period overpayments (including, but not limited to, contract advances in excess of actual expenditures) and/or audit recoveries associated with the Contractor may be recouped against future payments made under this Master Contract to Contractor. The recoupment generally begins with the first payment made to the Contractor following identification of the overpayment and/or audit recovery amount. In the event that there are no payments to apply recoveries against, the Contractor shall make payment as provided in Section III(E) (Refunds) herein.

G. Program and Fiscal Reporting Requirements:

1. The Contractor shall submit required periodic reports in accordance with the applicable schedule provided in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). All required reports or other work products developed pursuant to the Master Contract must be completed as provided by the agreed upon work schedule in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the State Agency in order for the Contractor to be eligible for payment.

2. Consistent with the selected reporting options in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall comply with the following applicable provisions:

a) If the Expenditure Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with one or more of the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

(i) *Narrative/Qualitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a report, in narrative form, summarizing the services rendered during the quarter. This report shall detail how the Contractor has progressed toward attaining the qualitative goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). This report should address all goals and objectives of the project and include a discussion of problems encountered and steps taken to solve them.

(ii) *Statistical/Quantitative Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed report analyzing the quantitative aspects of the program plan, as appropriate (e.g., number of meals served, clients transported, patient/client encounters, procedures performed, training sessions conducted, etc.)

(iii) *Expenditure Report*: The Contractor shall submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), a detailed expenditure report, by object of expense. This report shall accompany the voucher submitted for such period.

(iv) *Final Report*: The Contractor shall submit a final report as required by the Master Contract, not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) which reports on all aspects of the program and detailing how the use of funds were utilized in achieving the goals set forth in Attachment C (Work Plan).

(v) *Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)*: The Contractor shall submit a CFR, which includes a year-end cost report and final claim not later than the time period listed in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

b) If the Performance-Based Reports option is indicated in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), the Contractor shall provide the State Agency with the following reports as required by the following provisions and Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) as applicable:

- (i) *Progress Report*: The Contractor shall provide the State Agency with a written progress report using the forms and formats as provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the period. These reports shall detail the Contractor's progress toward attaining the specific goals enumerated in Attachment C (Work Plan). Progress reports shall be submitted in a format prescribed in the Master Contract.
- (ii) *Final Progress Report*: Final scheduled payment is due during the time period set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The deadline for submission of the final report shall be the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). The State Agency shall complete its audit and notify the Contractor of the results no later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule). Payment shall be adjusted by the State Agency to reflect only those services/expenditures that were made in accordance with the Master Contract. The Contractor shall submit a detailed comprehensive final progress report not later than the date set forth in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), summarizing the work performed during the entire Contract Term (i.e., a cumulative report), in the forms and formats required.

3. In addition to the periodic reports stated above, the Contractor may be required (a) to submit such other reports as are required in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule), and (b) prior to receipt of final payment under the Master Contract, to submit one or more final reports in accordance with the form, content, and schedule stated in Table 1 of Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule).

H. Notification of Significant Occurrences:

- 1. If any specific event or conjunction of circumstances threatens the successful completion of this project, in whole or in part, including where relevant, timely completion of milestones or other program requirements, the Contractor agrees to submit to the State Agency within three (3) calendar days of becoming aware of the occurrence or of such problem, a written description thereof together with a recommended solution thereto.
- 2. The Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the program manager assigned to the Master Contract of any unusual incident, occurrence, or event that involves the staff, volunteers, directors or officers of the Contractor, any subcontractor or program participant funded through the Master Contract, including but not limited to the following: death or serious injury; an arrest or possible criminal activity that could impact the successful completion of this project; any destruction of property; significant damage to the physical plant of the Contractor; or other matters of a similarly serious nature.

IV. ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

A. Contractor as an Independent Contractor/Employees:

- 1. The State and the Contractor agree that the Contractor is an independent contractor, and not an employee of the State and may neither hold itself out nor claim to be an officer, employee, or subdivision of the State nor make any claim, demand, or application to or for any right based upon any different status. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State and the Contractor agree

that if the Contractor is a New York State municipality, the Contractor shall be permitted to hold itself out, and claim, to be a subdivision of the State.

The Contractor shall be solely responsible for the recruitment, hiring, provision of employment benefits, payment of salaries and management of its project personnel. These functions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Master Contract, and all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

2. The Contractor warrants that it, its staff, and any and all subcontractors have all the necessary licenses, approvals, and certifications currently required by the laws of any applicable local, state, or Federal government to perform the services or work, as applicable, pursuant to the Master Contract and/or any subcontract entered into under the Master Contract. The Contractor further agrees that such required licenses, approvals, and certificates shall be kept in full force and effect during the term of the Master Contract, or any extension thereof, and to secure any new licenses, approvals, or certificates within the required time frames and/or to require its staff and subcontractors to obtain the requisite licenses, approvals, or certificates. In the event the Contractor, its staff, and/or subcontractors are notified of a denial or revocation of any license, approval, or certification to perform the services or work, as applicable, under the Master Contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

B. Subcontractors:

1. If the Contractor enters into subcontracts for the performance of work pursuant to the Master Contract, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors. Nothing in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the subcontractor and the State.

2. If requested by the State, the Contractor agrees not to enter into any subcontracts, or revisions to subcontracts, that are in excess of \$100,000 for the performance of the obligations contained herein until it has received the prior written permission of the State, which shall have the right to review and approve each and every subcontract in excess of \$100,000 prior to giving written permission to the Contractor to enter into the subcontract. All agreements between the Contractor and subcontractors shall be by written contract, signed by individuals authorized to bind the parties. All such subcontracts shall contain provisions for specifying (1) that the work performed by the subcontractor must be in accordance with the terms of the Master Contract, (2) that nothing contained in the subcontract shall impair the rights of the State under the Master Contract, and (3) that nothing contained in the subcontract, nor under the Master Contract, shall be deemed to create any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the State. In addition, subcontracts shall contain any other provisions which are required to be included in subcontracts pursuant to the terms herein.

3. If requested by the State, prior to executing a subcontract, the Contractor agrees to require the subcontractor to provide to the State the information the State needs to determine whether a proposed subcontractor is a responsible vendor.

4. If requested by the State, when a subcontract equals or exceeds \$100,000, the subcontractor shall submit a Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (Questionnaire). If requested by the State,

upon the execution of a subcontract, the Contractor shall provide detailed subcontract information (a copy of subcontract will suffice) to the State within fifteen (15) calendar days after execution. The State may request from the Contractor copies of subcontracts between a subcontractor and its subcontractor.

5. The Contractor shall require any and all subcontractors to submit to the Contractor all financial claims for Services or work to the State agency, as applicable, rendered and required supporting documentation and reports as necessary to permit Contractor to meet claim deadlines and documentation requirements as established in Attachment D (Payment and Reporting Schedule) and Section III. Subcontractors shall be paid by the Contractor on a timely basis after submitting the required reports and vouchers for reimbursement of services or work, as applicable. Subcontractors shall be informed by the Contractor of the possibility of non-payment or rejection by the Contractor of claims that do not contain the required information, and/or are not received by the Contractor by said due date.

C. Use Of Material, Equipment, Or Personnel:

1. The Contractor shall not use materials, equipment, or personnel paid for under the Master Contract for any activity other than those provided for under the Master Contract, except with the State's prior written permission.

2. Any interest accrued on funds paid to the Contractor by the State shall be deemed to be the property of the State and shall either be credited to the State at the close-out of the Master Contract or, upon the written permission of the State, shall be expended on additional services or work, as applicable, provided for under the Master Contract.

D. Property:

1. Property is real property, equipment, or tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.

a) If an item of Property required by the Contractor is available as surplus to the State, the State at its sole discretion, may arrange to provide such Property to the Contractor in lieu of the purchase of such Property.

b) If the State consents in writing, the Contractor may retain possession of Property owned by the State, as provided herein, after the termination of the Master Contract to use for similar purposes. Otherwise, the Contractor shall return such Property to the State at the Contractor's cost and expense upon the expiration of the Master Contract.

c) In addition, the Contractor agrees to permit the State to inspect the Property and to monitor its use at reasonable intervals during the Contractor's regular business hours.

d) The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining and repairing Property purchased or procured under the Master Contract at its own cost and expense. The Contractor shall procure and maintain insurance at its own cost and expense in an amount satisfactory to the State Agency, naming the State Agency as an additional insured, covering the loss, theft or destruction of such equipment. A rental charge to the Master Contract for a piece of Property

owned by the Contractor shall not be allowed.

e) The State has the right to review and approve in writing any new contract for the purchase of or lease for rental of Property (Purchase/Lease Contract) operated in connection with the provision of the services or work, as applicable, as specified in the Master Contract, if applicable, and any modifications, amendments, or extensions of an existing lease or purchase prior to its execution. If, in its discretion, the State disapproves of any Purchase/Lease Contract, then the State shall not be obligated to make any payments for such Property.

f) No member, officer, director or employee of the Contractor shall retain or acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Property, paid for with funds under the Master Contract, nor retain any interest, direct or indirect, in such, without full and complete prior disclosure of such interest and the date of acquisition thereof, in writing to the Contractor and the State.

2. For non-Federally-funded contracts, unless otherwise provided herein, the State shall have the following rights to Property purchased with funds provided under the Master Contract:

a) For cost-reimbursable contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the State.

b) For performance-based contracts, all right, title and interest in such Property shall belong to the Contractor.

3. For Federally funded contracts, title to Property whose requisition cost is borne in whole or in part by monies provided under the Master Contract shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws).

4. Upon written direction by the State, the Contractor shall maintain an inventory of all Property that is owned by the State as provided herein.

5. The Contractor shall execute any documents which the State may reasonably require to effectuate the provisions of this section.

E. Records and Audits:

1. General:

a) The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in paper or electronic format, complete and accurate books, records, documents, receipts, accounts, and other evidence directly pertinent to its performance under the Master Contract (collectively, Records).

b) The Contractor agrees to produce and retain for the balance of the term of the Master Contract, and for a period of six years from the later of the date of (i) the Master Contract and the most recent renewal of the Master Contract, any and all Records necessary to substantiate upon audit, the proper deposit and expenditure of funds received under the Master Contract. Such Records may include, but not be limited to, original books of entry (e.g., cash disbursements and cash receipts journal), and the following specific records (as applicable) to substantiate the types of expenditures noted:

(i) personal service expenditures: cancelled checks and the related bank statements, time and attendance records, payroll journals, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, vouchers and invoices, records of contract labor, any and all records listing payroll and the money value of non-cash advantages provided to employees, time cards, work schedules and logs, employee personal history folders, detailed and general ledgers, sales records, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(ii) payroll taxes and fringe benefits: cancelled checks, copies of related bank statements, cash and check disbursement records including copies of money orders and the like, invoices for fringe benefit expenses, miscellaneous reports and returns (tax and otherwise), and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iii) non-personal services expenditures: original invoices/receipts, cancelled checks and related bank statements, consultant agreements, leases, and cost allocation plans, if applicable.

(iv) receipt and deposit of advance and reimbursements: itemized bank stamped deposit slips, and a copy of the related bank statements.

c) The OSC, AG and any other person or entity authorized to conduct an examination, as well as the State Agency or State Agencies involved in the Master Contract that provided funding, shall have access to the Records during the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding State recognized holidays), at an office of the Contractor within the State of New York or, if no such office is available, at a mutually agreeable and reasonable venue within the State, for the term specified above for the purposes of inspection, auditing and copying.

d) The State shall protect from public disclosure any of the Records which are exempt from disclosure under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law provided that: (i) the Contractor shall timely inform an appropriate State official, in writing, that said records should not be disclosed; and (ii) said records shall be sufficiently identified; and (iii) designation of said records, as exempt under Section 87 of the Public Officers Law, is reasonable.

e) Nothing contained herein shall diminish, or in any way adversely affect, the State's rights in connection with its audit and investigatory authority or the State's rights in connection with discovery in any pending or future litigation.

2. Cost Allocation:

a) For non-performance-based contracts, the proper allocation of the Contractor's costs must be made according to a cost allocation plan that meets the requirements of OMB Circulars A-87, A-122, and/or A-21. Methods used to determine and assign costs shall conform to generally accepted accounting practices and shall be consistent with the method(s) used by the Contractor to determine costs for other operations or programs. Such accounting standards and practices shall be subject to approval of the State.

b) For performance-based milestone contracts, or for the portion of the contract amount paid on a performance basis, the Contractor shall maintain documentation demonstrating that

milestones were attained.

3. **Federal Funds:** For records and audit provisions governing Federal funds, please see Attachment A-2 (Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws).

F. Confidentiality: The Contractor agrees that it shall use and maintain personally identifiable information relating to individuals who may receive services, and their families pursuant to the Master Contract, or any other information, data or records marked as, or reasonably deemed, confidential by the State (Confidential Information) only for the limited purposes of the Master Contract and in conformity with applicable provisions of State and Federal law. The Contractor (i) has an affirmative obligation to safeguard any such Confidential Information from unnecessary or unauthorized disclosure and (ii) must comply with the provisions of the New York State Information Security Breach and Notification Act (General Business Law Section 899-aa; State Technology Law Section 208).

G. Publicity:

1. Publicity includes but is not limited to: news conferences; news releases; public announcements; advertising; brochures; reports; discussions or presentations at conferences or meetings; and/or the inclusion of State materials, the State's name or other such references to the State in any document or forum. Publicity regarding this project may not be released without prior written approval from the State.

2. Any publications, presentations or announcements of conferences, meetings or trainings which are funded in whole or in part through any activity supported under the Master Contract may not be published, presented or announced without prior approval of the State. Any such publication, presentation or announcement shall:

- a) Acknowledge the support of the State of New York and, if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency; and

- b) State that the opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the State or if funded with Federal funds, the applicable Federal funding agency.

3. Notwithstanding the above, (i) if the Contractor is an educational research institution, the Contractor may, for scholarly or academic purposes, use, present, discuss, report or publish any material, data or analyses, other than Confidential Information, that derives from activity under the Master Contract and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to provide copies of any manuscripts arising from Contractor's performance under this Master Contract, or if requested by the State, the Contractor shall provide the State with a thirty (30) day period in which to review each manuscript for compliance with Confidential Information requirements; or (ii) if the Contractor is not an educational research institution, the Contractor may submit for publication, scholarly or academic publications that derive from activity under the Master Contract (but are not deliverable under the Master Contract), provided that the Contractor first submits such manuscripts to the State forty-five (45) calendar days prior to submission for consideration by a publisher in order for the State to review the manuscript for compliance with confidentiality requirements and restrictions and to make such other comments as the State deems appropriate. All derivative publications shall follow the same acknowledgments and disclaimer as described in Section

IV(G)(2) (Publicity) hereof.

H. Web-Based Applications-Accessibility: Any web-based intranet and Internet information and applications development, or programming delivered pursuant to the Master Contract or procurement shall comply with New York State Enterprise IT Policy NYS-P08-005, Accessibility Web-Based Information and Applications, and New York State Enterprise IT Standard NYS-S08- 005, Accessibility of Web-Based Information Applications, as such policy or standard may be amended, modified or superseded, which requires that State Agency web-based intranet and Internet information and applications are accessible to person with disabilities. Web content must conform to New York State Enterprise IT Standards NYS-S08-005, as determined by quality assurance testing. Such quality assurance testing shall be conducted by the State Agency and the results of such testing must be satisfactory to the State Agency before web content shall be considered a qualified deliverable under the Master Contract or procurement.

I. Non-Discrimination Requirements: Pursuant to Article 15 of the Executive Law (also known as the Human Rights Law) and all other State and Federal statutory and constitutional non-discrimination provisions, the Contractor and sub-contractors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed (religion), color, sex (including gender expression), national origin, sexual orientation, military status, age, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, marital status or domestic violence victim status, and shall also follow the requirements of the Human Rights Law with regard to non-discrimination on the basis of prior criminal conviction and prior arrest. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 220-e of the Labor Law, if this is a contract for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the manufacture, sale or distribution of materials, equipment or supplies, and to the extent that the Master Contract shall be performed within the State of New York, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall, by reason of race, creed, color, disability, sex, or national origin: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. If this is a building service contract as defined in Section 230 of the Labor Law, then, in accordance with Section 239 thereof, the Contractor agrees that neither it nor its subcontractors shall by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or disability: (a) discriminate in hiring against any New York State citizen who is qualified and available to perform the work; or (b) discriminate against or intimidate any employee hired for the performance of work under the Master Contract. The Contractor shall be subject to fines of \$50.00 per person per day for any violation of Section 220-e or Section 239 of the Labor Law.

J. Equal Opportunities for Minorities and Women; Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises: In accordance with Section 312 of the Executive Law and 5 NYCRR 143, if the Master Contract is: (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of \$25,000.00, whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the contracting State Agency; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby a contracting State Agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon; or (iii) a written agreement in excess of \$100,000.00 whereby the owner of a State assisted housing project is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon for such project, then the Contractor certifies and affirms that

(i) it is subject to Article 15-A of the Executive Law which includes, but is not limited to, those provisions concerning the maximizing of opportunities for the participation of minority and women-owned enterprises and (ii) the following provisions shall apply and it is Contractor's equal employment opportunity policy that:

1. The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status;
2. The Contractor shall make and document its conscientious and active efforts to employ and utilize minority group members and women in its work force on State contracts;
3. The Contractor shall undertake or continue existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination. Affirmative action shall mean recruitment, employment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff, or termination and rates of pay or other forms of compensation;
4. At the request of the State, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status and that such union or representative shall affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein; and
5. The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the State contract, all qualified applicants shall be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

The Contractor shall include the provisions of subclauses 1 – 5 of this Section (IV)(J), in every subcontract over \$25,000.00 for the construction, demolition, replacement, major repair, renovation, planning or design of real property and improvements thereon (Work) except where the Work is for the beneficial use of the Contractor. Section 312 of the Executive Law does not apply to: (i) work, goods or services unrelated to the Master Contract; or (ii) employment outside New York State. The State shall consider compliance by the Contractor or a subcontractor with the requirements of any Federal law concerning equal employment opportunity which effectuates the purpose of this section. The State shall determine whether the imposition of the requirements of the provisions hereof duplicate or conflict with any such Federal law and if such duplication or conflict exists, the State shall waive the applicability of Section 312 of the Executive Law to the extent of such duplication or conflict. The Contractor shall comply with all duly promulgated and lawful rules and regulations of the Department of Economic Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development pertaining hereto.

K. Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992: It is the policy of New York State to maximize opportunities for the participation of New York State business enterprises, including minority and women-owned business enterprises, as bidders, subcontractors and suppliers on its procurement contracts.

1. If the total dollar amount of the Master Contract is greater than \$1 million, the Omnibus Procurement Act of 1992 requires that by signing the Master Contract, the Contractor certifies the

following:

- a) The Contractor has made reasonable efforts to encourage the participation of State business enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors, including certified minority and women-owned business enterprises, on this project, and has retained the documentation of these efforts to be provided upon request to the State;
- b) The Contractor has complied with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as amended;
- c) The Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide notification to State residents of employment opportunities on this project through listing any such positions with the Job Service Division of the New York State Department of Labor or providing such notification in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining contracts or agreements. The Contractor agrees to document these efforts and to provide said documentation to the State upon request; and
- d) The Contractor acknowledges notice that the State may seek to obtain offset credits from foreign countries as a result of the Master Contract and agrees to cooperate with the State in these efforts.

L. Workers' Compensation Benefits:

1. In accordance with Section 142 of the State Finance Law, the Master Contract shall be void and of no force and effect unless the Contractor shall provide and maintain coverage during the life of the Master Contract for the benefit of such employees as are required to be covered by the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law.
2. If a Contractor believes they are exempt from the Workers Compensation insurance requirement they must apply for an exemption.

M. Unemployment Insurance Compliance: The Contractor shall remain current in both its quarterly reporting and payment of contributions or payments in lieu of contributions, as applicable, to the State Unemployment Insurance system as a condition of maintaining this grant.

The Contractor hereby authorizes the State Department of Labor to disclose to the State Agency staff only such information as is necessary to determine the Contractor's compliance with the State Unemployment Insurance Law. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. any records of unemployment insurance (UI) contributions, interest, and/or penalty payment arrears or reporting delinquency;
2. any debts owed for UI contributions, interest, and/or penalties;
3. the history and results of any audit or investigation; and
4. copies of wage reporting information.

Such disclosures are protected under Section 537 of the State Labor Law, which makes it a misdemeanor for the recipient of such information to use or disclose the information for any purpose other than the performing due diligence as a part of the approval process for the Master Contract.

N. Vendor Responsibility:

1. If a Contractor is required to complete a Questionnaire, the Contractor covenants and represents that it has, to the best of its knowledge, truthfully, accurately and thoroughly completed such Questionnaire. Although electronic filing is preferred, the Contractor may obtain a paper form from the OSC prior to execution of the Master Contract. The Contractor further covenants and represents that as of the date of execution of the Master Contract, there are no material events, omissions, changes or corrections to such document requiring an amendment to the Questionnaire.
2. The Contractor shall provide to the State updates to the Questionnaire if any material event(s) occurs requiring an amendment or as new information material to such Questionnaire becomes available.
3. The Contractor shall, in addition, promptly report to the State the initiation of any investigation or audit by a governmental entity with enforcement authority with respect to any alleged violation of Federal or state law by the Contractor, its employees, its officers and/or directors in connection with matters involving, relating to or arising out of the Contractor's business. Such report shall be made within five (5) business days following the Contractor becoming aware of such event, investigation, or audit. Such report may be considered by the State in making a Determination of Vendor Non-Responsibility pursuant to this section.
4. The State reserves the right, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of the Master Contract:
 - a) to require updates or clarifications to the Questionnaire upon written request;
 - b) to inquire about information included in or required information omitted from the Questionnaire;
 - c) to require the Contractor to provide such information to the State within a reasonable timeframe; and
 - d) to require as a condition precedent to entering into the Master Contract that the Contractor agree to such additional conditions as shall be necessary to satisfy the State that the Contractor is, and shall remain, a responsible vendor; and
 - e) to require the Contractor to present evidence of its continuing legal authority to do business in New York State, integrity, experience, ability, prior performance, and organizational and financial capacity. By signing the Master Contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with any such additional conditions that have been made a part of the Master Contract.
5. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to suspend any or all activities under the Master Contract, at any time, when it discovers information that calls into question the responsibility of the Contractor. In the event of such suspension, the Contractor shall be given

written notice outlining the particulars of such suspension. Upon issuance of such notice, the Contractor must comply with the terms of the suspension order. Contract activity may resume at such time as the State issues a written notice authorizing a resumption of performance under the Master Contract.

6. The State, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to make a final Determination of Non-Responsibility at any time during the term of the Master Contract based on:

- a) any information provided in the Questionnaire and/or in any updates, clarifications or amendments thereof; or
- b) the State's discovery of any material information which pertains to the Contractor's responsibility.

7. Prior to making a final Determination of Non-Responsibility, the State shall provide written notice to the Contractor that it has made a preliminary determination of non-responsibility. The State shall detail the reason(s) for the preliminary determination and shall provide the Contractor with an opportunity to be heard.

O. Charities Registration: If applicable, the Contractor agrees to (i) obtain not-for-profit status, a Federal identification number, and a charitable registration number (or a declaration of exemption) and to furnish the State Agency with this information as soon as it is available, (ii) be in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements at the time of the awarding of this Master Contract by the State and (iii) remain in compliance with the OAG charities registration requirements throughout the term of the Master Contract.

P. Consultant Disclosure Law:⁹ If this is a contract for consulting services, defined for purposes of this requirement to include analysis, evaluation, research, training, data processing, computer programming, engineering, environmental, health, and mental health services, accounting, auditing, paralegal, legal, or similar services, then in accordance with Section 163 (4-g) of the State Finance Law (as amended by Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2006), the Contractor shall timely, accurately and properly comply with the requirement to submit an annual employment report for the contract to the agency that awarded the contract, the Department of Civil Service and the State Comptroller.

Q. Wage and Hours Provisions: If this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law or a building service contract covered by Article 9 thereof, neither Contractor's employees nor the employees of its subcontractors may be required or permitted to work more than the number of hours or days stated in said statutes, except as otherwise provided in the Labor Law and as set forth in prevailing wage and supplement schedules issued by the State Labor Department. Furthermore, Contractor and its subcontractors must pay at least the prevailing wage rate and pay or provide the prevailing supplements, including the premium rates for overtime pay, as determined by the State Labor Department in accordance with the Labor Law. Additionally, effective April 28, 2008, if this is a public work contract covered by Article 8 of the Labor Law, the Contractor understands and agrees that the filing of payrolls in a manner consistent with Subdivision 3-a of Section 220 of the Labor Law shall be condition precedent to payment by the State of any State approved sums due and owing for work done upon the project.

⁹ Not applicable to not-for-profit entities.

ATTACHMENT A-1-A

AGENCY SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GRANT CONTRACTS

General

- A. In the event that the Contractor shall receive, from any source whatsoever, sums the payment of which is in consideration for the same costs and services provided to the State, the monetary obligation of the State hereunder shall be reduced by an equivalent amount provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall require such reimbursement where additional similar services are provided and no duplicative payments are received.
- B. This agreement is subject to applicable Federal and State Laws and regulations and the policies and procedures stipulated in the NYS Education Department Fiscal Guidelines found at <http://www.nysed.gov/cafe/>.
- C. For each individual for whom costs are claimed under this agreement, the contractor warrants that the individual has been classified as an employee or as an independent contractor in accordance with 2 NYCRR 315 and all applicable laws including, but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Code, the New York Retirement and Social Security Law, the New York Education Law, the New York Labor Law, and the New York Tax Law. Furthermore, the contractor warrants that all project funds allocated to the proposed budget for Employee Benefits, represent costs for employees of the contractor only and that such funds will not be expended on any individual classified as an independent contractor.
- D. Funds provided by this contract may not be used to pay any expenses of the State Education Department or any of its employees.

Safeguards for Services and Confidentiality

- A. Notwithstanding Standard Terms and Conditions IV (G) (3), any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department. The material prepared under the terms of this agreement by the Contractor shall be prepared by the Contractor in a form so that it will be ready for copyright in the name of the New York State Education Department. Should the Contractor use the services of consultants or other organizations or individuals who are not regular employees of the Contractor, the Contractor and such organization or individual shall, prior to the performance of any work pursuant to this agreement, enter into a written agreement, duly executed, which shall set forth the services to be provided by such organization or individual and the consideration therefor. Such agreement shall provide that any copyrightable work produced pursuant to said agreement shall be the sole and exclusive property of the New York State Education Department and that such work shall be prepared in a form ready for copyright by the New York State Education Department. A copy of such agreement shall be provided to the State.
- B. All reports of research, studies, publications, workshops, announcements, and other activities funded as a result of this proposal will acknowledge the support provided by the State of New York.
- C. No failure to assert any rights or remedies available to the State under this agreement shall be considered a waiver of such right or remedy or any other right or remedy unless such waiver is contained in a writing signed by the party alleged to have waived its right or remedy.
- D. No fees shall be charged by the Contractor for training provided under this agreement.
- E. Nothing herein shall require the State to adopt the curriculum developed pursuant to this agreement.
- F. All inquiries and requests regarding this agreement shall be directed to the Program Contact or Fiscal Contact shown on the Grant Award included as part of this agreement.
- G. This agreement, including all appendices, is, upon signature of the parties and the approval of the Attorney General and the State Comptroller, a legally enforceable contract. Therefore, a signature on behalf of the Contractor will bind the Contractor to all the terms and conditions stated therein.
- H. The parties to this agreement intend the foregoing writing to be the final, complete, and exclusive expression of all the terms of their agreement.

ATTACHMENT A-1-B
PROGRAM SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Grant Award Recipient	2.a. Project # for Budget Period	2.b. Contract Number
3. Agency Code		
4. Funding Source	6. Law: _____	
5. Funding Amounts Contract Period: Budget Period:	Regulations: _____ Commissioner's Regulations: _____	
7. Funding Dates Contract Period: Budget Period:	8. CFDA Index Number	
9. First Payment for Budget Period	10. Final Report (FS-10-F) Due for Budget Period	
11. SED Fiscal Contact	12. SED Program Contact	
<p>It is the grantee's responsibility to conduct activities in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, policies, terms, conditions and assurances. All grants are subject to further review, monitoring and audit to ensure compliance. The Department has the right to recoup funds if the approved activities are not performed and/or the funds are expended inappropriately.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 41 of the State Finance Law, the State shall have no liability under this grant to the grantee or to anyone else beyond funds appropriated and available for this grant.</p>		

Contract Number:# «ContractNumb»

SALARIES FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF: Code 15

Include only staff that are employees of the agency. Do not include consultants or per diem staff. Do not include central administrative staff that are considered to be indirect costs, e.g., business office staff. One full-time equivalent (FTE) equals one person working an entire week each week of the project. Express partial FTE's in decimals, e.g., a teacher working one day per week equals .2 FTE.

Specific Position Title	Full-Time Equivalent	Annualized Rate of Pay	Project Salary
		Subtotal - Code 15	

SALARIES FOR SUPPORT STAFF: Code 16

Include salaries for teacher aides, secretarial and clerical assistance, and for personnel in pupil transportation and building operation and maintenance. Do not include central administrative staff that are considered to be indirect costs, e.g., account clerks.

Specific Position Title	Full-Time Equivalent	Annualized Rate of Pay	Project Salary
		Subtotal - Code 16	

PURCHASED SERVICES: Code 40

Include consultants (indicate per diem rate), rentals, tuition, and other contractual services. Copies of contracts may be requested by the State Education Department. Purchased Services from a BOCES, if other than applicant agency, should be budgeted under Purchased Services with BOCES, Code 49.

Description of Item	Provider of Services	Calculation of Cost	Proposed Expenditure
Subtotal - Code 40			

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS: Code 45

Beginning with the 2005-06 year include computer software, library books and equipment items under \$5,000 per unit. For earlier years include computer software, library books and equipment items under 1,000 per unit.

Description of Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Proposed Expenditure
Subtotal - Code 45			

TRAVEL EXPENSES: Code 46

Include pupil transportation, conference costs and travel of staff between instructional sites. Specify agency approved mileage rate for travel by personal car or school-owned vehicle.

Position of Traveler	Destination and Purpose	Calculation of Cost	Proposed Expenditures
Subtotal - Code 46			

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Code 80

Rates used for project personnel must be the same as those used for other agency personnel.

Benefit		Proposed Expenditure
Social Security		
Retirement	New York State Teachers	
	New York State Employees	
	Other	
Health Insurance		
Worker's Compensation		
Unemployment Insurance		
Other (Identify)		
Subtotal – Code 80		

INDIRECT COST: Code 90

Modified Direct Cost Base – Sum of all preceding subtotals (codes 15, 16, 40, 45, 46, and 80 and excludes the portion of each subcontract exceeding \$25,000 and any flow through funds)

\$	(A)
	(B)
\$	(C)

B. Approved Restricted Indirect Cost Rate

C. (A) x (B) = Total Indirect Cost

Subtotal – Code 90

PURCHASED SERVICES WITH BOCES: Code 49

Description of Services	Name of BOCES	Calculation of Cost	Proposed Expenditure
Subtotal – Code 49			

MINOR REMODELING: Code 30

Allowable costs include salaries, associated employee benefits, purchased services, and supplies and materials related to alterations to existing sites.

Description of Work To be Performed	Calculation of Cost	Proposed Expenditure
Subtotal – Code 30		

EQUIPMENT: Code 20

Beginning with the 2005-06 year all equipment to be purchased in support of this project with a unit cost of \$5,000 or more should be itemized in this category. Equipment items under \$5,000 should be budgeted under Supplies and Materials, Code 45. Repairs of equipment should be budgeted under Purchased Services, Code 40.

For earlier years the threshold for reporting equipment purchases was \$1,000 or more. Equipment items under \$1,000 should be budgeted under Supplies and Materials.

Description of Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Proposed Expenditure
Subtotal – Code 20			

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL	CODE	PROJECT COSTS
Professional Salaries	15	
Support Staff Salaries	16	
Purchased Services	40	
Supplies and Materials	45	
Travel Expenses	46	
Employee Benefits	80	
Indirect Cost	90	
BOCES Services	49	
Minor Remodeling	30	
Equipment	20	
Grand Total		

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the requested budget amounts are necessary for the implementation of this project and that this agency is in compliance with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

____/____/____
Date

Signature

Name and Title of Chief Administrative Officer

Agency Code:

Project #:
(If pre-assigned)

Attachment C – Work Plan Part 1

Introduction/Background: Through this RFP, New York State Education Department (NYSED) seeks to identify Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) that will create strong school and community partnerships to deliver research-based programming to students enrolled in public and non-public schools that are identified as having a high risk of students dropping out of school.

As leaders in the educational community, IHEs are encouraged to collaborate, design and implement programming that creates new strategies that influence the way schools work and the way we treat students as active participants in their own learning.

Legislative Authority: The Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) was established in 1988 under Section 612, Subdivision 6 of the Education Law to address the significantly elevated high school dropout rate among New York's youth. The authorizing legislation stated, "the failure of many young New Yorkers to complete their secondary education limited their opportunity for a life of fulfillment, prevents them from advancing into postsecondary education and hinders the State's efforts to provide a well-trained workforce for business and industry in New York."

Purpose/Services:

The purpose of the Liberty Partnerships Program is to provide for a continuity of services throughout a student's progression through secondary school for those students who are identified as at-risk of dropping out. Services to be provided under this section may include skills assessment, tutoring, academic and personal counseling, family counseling and home visits, staff development activities for personnel with direct responsibility for such students, and mentoring programs.

Eligible Applicants: EDL § 612; "...awards shall be made on a competitive basis to degree-granting institutions of higher education or consortia of degree-granting higher education institutions in cooperation with school districts and not-for-profit community-based organizations. In addition, in areas of the state where no degree-granting institution or consortium of degree-granting institutions of higher education can provide appropriate services to students, the commissioner may award grants to not-for-profit community-based organizations in cooperation with school districts."

Each proposal must be submitted by at least one New York State eligible degree granting Institution of Higher Education (IHE) acting as the fiscal and project coordinator for a partnership with a Local Education Agency (LEA) and a Community Based Organization (CBO).

In a designated Regent's Region of the state in which no IHE applies to provide appropriate services to eligible students, a not-for-profit community-based organization(s) in cooperation with a LEA may apply. The CBO

would then apply as the lead agency with an IHE and LEA as identified partners. If such an application is made in a region where an IHE has applied, the CBO application would be deemed ineligible.

Although SUNY and CUNY colleges may use their respective “Research Foundation” as their fiscal agent if they receive a LPP award, the Research Foundation is not a degree-granting institution and therefore cannot be the applicant.

Priorities:

According to EDL § 612; the priorities shall include schools identified by the Commissioner as in need of assistance; rural schools with students at risk; programs which provide for small group partnerships with low student-staff ratios; colleges which demonstrate a high level of commitment to programs in such fields as education, social work, psychology, and sociology, and involve faculty members and graduate students from these degree programs.

Requirements

The requirements shall include:

1. The IHE must have a partnership with at least one LEA that falls within the categories below:
 - 1) Be a school eligible for schoolwide programs under Title 1, Section 1114 of Every Student Succeeds Act, and the families of these students, or
 - 2) Be a school with at least 40 percent of students eligible for free or reduced priced lunch; and the families of these students or
 - 3) Be identified as a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school, or a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school_or
 - 4) Be a rural school with students at risk.

Priority Schools including a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school, or a Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school: <http://www.nysed.gov/accountability/essa-accountability-designations>

1. Identifying students who are at risk of dropping out of middle or secondary school.
2. Projects with an overall student enrollment of at least 200 students with at least 40 students enrolled at each partner school and/or LEA.
3. A project that involves volunteers, parents, and current or former LPP students.
4. A project that provides continuity of services throughout a student’s progression through middle or secondary school.
5. A project that provides the following services and activities:
 - a. Skills assessment/ Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)

- b. Social emotional assessment
 - c. Tutoring
 - d. Mentoring
 - e. Academic, Personal, and Family Counseling and home visits
6. A project that provides staff development for personnel with direct responsibility for eligible students.
 7. A project which has cooperative relationships with school districts and not for profit community based organizations to ensure continuity of services until students graduate from high school or receive a high school equivalency diploma.
 8. A project which provides sufficient space and institutional resources consistent with other academic support programs on the campus for the effective operation of the project. This would include sufficient access to space needed to conduct the following: group meetings/workshops, conferencing, confidential academic and/or financial counseling, program administration, and tutoring services. Should a conflict regarding this provision arise, LPP- SED shall investigate the situation and issue a written decision regarding the adequacy of the access and space.

Student Risk Factors:

According to EDL § 612; the student risk factors for being eligible for participation in LPP shall include: poor academic performance, poor attendance, discipline problems, teenage pregnancy or parenting, residence in a homeless shelter or temporary living arrangement, substance abuse, child abuse or neglect, limited English proficiency, or other identified factor affecting school performance.

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

The Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) was established in 1988 under Section 612, Subdivision 6 of the Education Law to address the significantly elevated high school dropout rate among New York’s youth. The authorizing legislation stated “the failure of many young New Yorkers to complete their secondary education limited their opportunity for a life of fulfillment, prevents them from advancing into postsecondary education and hinders the State’s efforts to provide a well-trained workforce for business and industry in New York. The Liberty Partnerships Program is included in the New York State Education Department’s Statewide Plan for Higher Education as part of its strategy to maximize the successful transition of middle and high school students, who are at-risk of dropping out of school, into graduates, fully prepared for the rigors of higher education and the competitive demands of a fluid workplace in a global economy.”

This higher education initiative will grant awards on a competitive basis to eligible applicants that agree to deliver comprehensive, evidence based, results-driven programming designed to improve the abilities of at-risk middle and high school students to graduate from high school prepared for a successful transition into postsecondary education or onto a career path.

INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY

In accordance with § 612 of the Education Law, “awards shall be made on a competitive basis to degree-granting institutions of higher education or consortia of degree-granting higher education institutions in cooperation with school districts and not-for-profit community-based organizations.” Each proposal must be submitted by at least one New York State eligible degree granting Institution of Higher Education (IHE) acting as the fiscal and project coordinator for a partnership with a Local Education Agency (LEA). In order for any proposal to receive consideration, the applicant for your LPP RFP application must be the degree-granting institution. The Application Cover Page should list the degree-granting institution as the applicant. Although SUNY and CUNY colleges may use their respective “Research Foundation” as their fiscal agent if they receive a LPP award, **the Research Foundation is not a degree-granting institution and therefore cannot be the applicant** or a partner. The partnership may include additional LEAs, IHEs and or community-based organizations (CBO). This item will be reviewed by the Office of Access, Equity and Community Engagement Services to ensure that the applicant meets this criterion prior to a review of the proposal on its merits. Any applicant who fails to meet this criterion will not have their proposal reviewed.

1. IN A REGION OF THE STATE IN WHICH NO IHE APPLIES to provide appropriate services to eligible students, a not-for-profit community-based organization(s) in cooperation with a LEA may apply. The not-for-profit CBO may apply, however their application would only be considered if no Institution of Higher Education applies in that region.
2. APPLICANTS MUST PARTNER WITH THE LEA(S) WHERE PARTICIPANTS ARE ENROLLED. A partnership signifies meaningful involvement in planning, as well as specific individual or joint responsibilities for program implementation. The application must contain signed Partnership Agreements with each partnering agency that describes their significant involvement in planning and program implementation. A sample Partnership Agreement is provided in Appendix II that may be used as a guide to develop customized agreements. The applicant is responsible for the performance of any service provided by the partners.

An individual, agency, organization or other entity that only provides services described in the proposed program, and is not involved in planning, is considered a sub-contractor, not a partner. Therefore, a Partnership Agreement is not required.

Please also see the section entitled “Partnership Arrangements for Liberty Partnership Applications.”
3. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM NON-PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS or individuals will not be reviewed as part of the evaluation of the application.

STUDENT PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible students will be:

1. New York State residents;

2. Enrolled in grades 5 through 12; or under 20 years old and enrolled in a [state-recognized High School Equivalency program \(HSE\)](#);
3. Attending public, non-public, or home schools, or enrolled in [state-recognized HSE program](#) in New York State; and
4. Each participant must be identified as being at risk of dropping out of school as measured by one or more of the following factors:
 - a. Unsatisfactory academic performance;
 - b. Inconsistent school attendance or truancy;
 - c. History of Behavior/discipline problems;
 - d. History of family/peers dropping out of school;
 - e. Negative change in family circumstances;
 - f. History of child abuse or neglect;
 - g. Homeless/resident in a shelter or foster care;
 - h. History of substance abuse;
 - i. Limited-English proficiency;
 - j. Teenage pregnancy and/or parenting;
 - k. Negative peer pressure; or
 - l. Other specific documented factors (should not account for more than 10% of student enrollment).

PROPOSAL FOCUS AND PROGRAM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Successful proposals will provide for the implementation of a five-year project plan, with a **Start Date of September 1, 2022**, and an **End Date of August 31, 2027**, that delivers 12-month structured programming of support services and counseling activities facilitating the following outcomes to benefit eligible students:

1. A program model that is either:
 - a. A school based model
 - b. An afterschool model
 - c. A model which is a combination of the two
2. Required services include skills assessment, tutoring, academic and personal counseling, family counseling and home visits, staff development activities for personnel with direct responsibility for such students, and mentoring programs.
3. Projects must offer at least a four week summer component in each year of the cycle. Each LPP participant must be offered a summer program opportunity at least once during the funding cycle. The summer component must have an enrollment of at least 40 students.

4. Ensure that participants have increased persistence to complete high school with sustained high academic achievement.
5. Ensure that participants are prepared for successful transition into postsecondary education and the workforce.
6. Projects must be in coordination and partnership with at least one LEA and at least one Community Based Organization.
7. Be in accordance with the IHE's mission and/or Master Plan.

PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIBERTY PARTNERSHIP

Eligible applicants will form a partnership with a local educational agency. In addition to a local educational agency, the eligible applicant can also include not-for-profit community-based organizations (CBO) in the partnership. In order to be a qualifying partnership, the partnership must meet the following requirements:

1. Consist of an eligible lead applicant (IHE*), a local educational agency (LEA), and a not-for-profit CBO.
2. The partnership must be evidenced by a signed partnership agreement signed by all parties to the agreement.
The completed and signed Partnership Agreement must be submitted with the application. If an agreement is not submitted, the application will be disqualified. If a partnership agreement is not signed by all parties to the agreement, it will not be evaluated for scoring purposes and the application will be disqualified.
3. Contract awards granted to applicants will be prepared in the name of the applicant. The applicant will act as the fiscal agent. Although SUNY and CUNY colleges may use their respective "Research Foundation" as their fiscal agent if they receive a LPP award, the Research Foundation is not a degree-granting institution and therefore cannot itself be the applicant. In the event a SUNY or CUNY College wins an award and that college has chosen to use the Research Foundation as their fiscal agent, the standard process is that a grant contract is written for 'RF <SUNY/CUNY> on behalf of <specific SUNY/CUNY College>.' Ultimately, the College bears responsibility for program operations, for fiscal decisions, and fiscal and performance reports. The applicant must be the principal communicant with NYSED regarding the LPP project;
4. A sample partnership agreement is attached as Appendix III. The purpose of the sample is to assist applicants in the development of their partner agreements. However, it must be adapted to the applicant's particular program. Otherwise, it may be an indicator of a weak partnership agreement. Specific requirements regarding student data sharing must be included in the partnership agreement with the provision that each partner adheres to required confidentiality restrictions regarding the public disclosure of any protected information.
5. The partnership agreement must contain the following elements:

- (a) Designate the lead IHE to serve as the applicant and fiscal agent for the grant.
 - (b) Specify all of the services each of the partners is required to provide and when they are expected to do it.
 - (c) Require the sharing of sufficient student and operational data to ensure that appropriate services are provided to eligible students, and that such services can be evaluated as to their educational impact.
 - (d) **Is signed by all of the parties to the agreement when the application is submitted.**
6. The applicant must receive and administer the grant funds and submit the required reports to account for the use of grant funds;
 7. The applicant must be an active member of the partnership.
 8. The applicant/fiscal agent cannot act as a flow-through for grant funds to pass to other partners and third parties. The applicant should provide a minimum of 55% of direct cost services to the program, meaning at least 55% of the annual budget should be allocated to line items other than Purchased Services, including BOCES Purchased Services.
 9. The applicant is PROHIBITED from sub-granting funds to other recipients. A sub-grant occurs when the applicant delegates programmatic decision making or responsibility for achieving program goals to a third party. The applicant is fully responsible for compliance with program requirements and achievement of program objectives.
 10. The applicant is permitted to sub-contract for services with other partners or consultants to provide services that the applicant cannot provide itself but are part of the program objective.
 11. The applicant shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its partners and subcontractors. Nothing in the partnership agreement or subcontract shall impair the rights of NYSED under its agreement with the applicant. No contractual relationship shall be deemed to exist between the partner/subcontractor and NYSED.
 12. The applicant is responsible for the performance of any service provided by the partners, consultants, or other organizations and must coordinate how each entity plans to participate.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/ATTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDING

In order to ensure the continued support and the commitment of resources to State-funded Liberty Partnerships Program projects, there must be public awareness of the program's positive impact on the lives of project participants and their families, schools, and communities. Positive publicity and community awareness also help to ensure that those who are eligible and who could benefit from participation are informed of the project's existence.

To facilitate public awareness, all funded Liberty Partnerships Program projects are required to ensure that all public relations materials, websites, and program related activities acknowledge that the project and its activities are

supported, in whole or in part, by a grant from the New York State Education Department. In addition, when local, statewide, or national media report on the project's success or on honors received by students or staff, New York State Education Department funding must be acknowledged.

In addition, the project director should submit copies of all local, statewide, or national media stories about the project and/or the project participants and staff to the State Education Department at the following address:

New York State Education Department
Office of Access, Equity and Community Engagement Services
Liberty Partnerships Program
89 Washington Avenue
Education Building, EBA 971
Albany, New York 12234
Telephone: (518) 474-3719
E-mail : kiap@nysed.gov

Questions about this policy may be directed to the appropriate project liaison. The foregoing publicity requirements are subject to any additional terms and conditions that are defined in the master grant contract.

BUDGET

Use of Funds:

According to Education Law § 612 ... allowable costs under this program shall include, ... salaries of program personnel, including graduate student stipends; transportation costs for students and program personnel; instructional materials; reimbursement to school districts for release time granted to employees while participating in the planning and development of activities funded pursuant to this section; training of program personnel; costs related directly to program services, including summer and weekend activities; and administrative costs directly attributable to the program.

1. Activities funded under a LPP award will be administered pursuant to a written contract between NYSED and the funded IHE.
 - a. NYSED reserves the right to eliminate any budget item or activity deemed unallowable or inappropriate in the budget narrative or FS-10 form. Grantees will not be allowed to substitute new items for those that have been eliminated.
2. Delivery of services may include partnership goods and services by the IHE with LEAs, not-for-profit, and/or community-based organizations.

3. No LPP funds may be used for purposes which have not been described in the proposal. Amendments to the proposal during the course of the year that involve changes in the manner in which LPP funds are expended must have prior written approval from NYSED.
4. Program changes impacting service delivery and project continuity must have prior written approval from NYSED-LPP.

Allowable Expenses:

Allowable direct costs include the following:

1. **Program administration**, including as appropriate: professional and non-professional salaries, fringe benefits, staff travel, purchased services/consultant services, required membership fees, LPP regional and statewide professional development, reimbursement for “release time” for school personnel engaged in program planning and implementation reported as a purchased service.
2. **Program activities**, including as allowable: participant field trips, LPP student conference expenses, program achievement/awards, project brochures/materials and promotional activities, activities fees for participants, standardized tests/instruction fees for participants, expenses related to program attendance such as participant transportation, and evaluation materials and activities. Out of state travel requires prior approval by SED.
3. **Student classroom supplies**, needed for direct academic remediation and skill development.
4. **Participation in a statewide evaluation program**. For the purpose of this RFP, the required independent evaluator is a vendor (purchased services), NOT a partner.
5. **Administrative and instructional supplies, materials, and equipment and durable goods**; including instructional or administrative computer software and computers, lab equipment, etc., which are used principally in the operation and administration of the LPP project.
 - a. When equipment or durable goods are purchased with LPP funds, it is the responsibility of the institution to ensure that the LPP Durable Goods Inventory Form, found in Appendix 3, is completed and that a copy is submitted to NYSED.
 - b. If a program closes, any equipment or durable goods purchased with LPP-NYSED funds must be released for transfer to another LPP program so that equipment or durable goods continue to support LPP students. NYSED staff will assist in coordinating the accountability and transfer of such equipment or durable goods.

Indirect Expenses:

For eligible IHEs, funds for indirect expenses provided by the LPP award may not exceed eight percent (8%) of total LPP grant contract expenditures. Indirect costs cannot be charged on the following items:

1. **Equipment purchases**
2. **Stipends/honoraria**
3. **Tuition**
4. **The amount exceeding \$25,000.00 of each subcontract**

Costs: (In your application it is helpful if you **BOLD TYPE** the cost(s) not included in the calculation of the modified direct cost base in Code 49 of the FS-10).

For eligible not-for-profit community-based organizations, an indirect cost rate of up to 2.6% may be used for indirect expenses. Such organizations may apply to the Department's Grants Finance Unit for a higher indirect cost rate for their project. Contact [NYSED's Grants Finance Unit](#) for more information. For-profit organizations are not allowed to claim indirect costs on grants/grant-contracts.

Fringe Benefits:

The rate for fringe benefits cannot exceed the actual rate paid by the institution for benefits actually received by the covered employee. As only administrative costs directly attributable to the program are allowed by law, it is not permissible to deduct fringe benefits costs for employees who do not receive the benefits. For CUNY and SUNY institutions, the maximum rate that will be considered is the rate allowed by the New York State Comptroller's Office (OSC).

Non-Allowable Activities and Costs:

1. Liberty Partnerships Program funds are intended to establish new efforts or to enrich or expand existing ones. They may not be used to supplant funding of other existing efforts and should not cause the reduction of instructional hours or any other service LPP students would otherwise receive.
2. LPP funds may not be used for purposes other than those described in the approved grant contract.
3. Flow-through funds are not permitted. A flow through is defined as an entity that passes funds on to another entity without providing the primary service for which the funds were provided.
4. Interest and finance charges incurred by the grant contract recipient are not allowed for reimbursement.
5. Funds cannot be used to pay for student's participation in program activities, except as provided in the description of allowable costs.
6. LPP funds cannot be used to pay for the salary or stipend of the Liberty Partnerships Program Director's Supervisor, or someone designated as a Principal Investigator for the grant contract.

7. LPP funds cannot be used to purchase or rent space to house the Liberty Partnerships Program.

LPP Payment Schedule:

Activities funded under a LPP award will be administered pursuant to a written contract between NYSED and the funded applicant institution or applicant lead institution of a consortium. An institution awarded a contract and accepting LPP funds must submit an annual budget and budget narrative for the first year and each succeeding year in a form and manner prescribed by LPP-SED. All FS-10, FS10A, FS25, and FS10F, must include an original signature, in blue ink, of the Campus President or individual authorized in writing to sign on behalf of the Campus President. If using a designee, a letter from the Campus President must accompany the initial FS10 designating that individual as the authorized signatory. Regardless of the use of a designee, the Campus President is still ultimately responsible for the proposed and actual expenditures of New York State funds.

Transfer of Funds:

Failure to follow these procedures may result in the disallowance of all expenditures not previously approved by LPP-SED.

1. Consistent with the Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Grants, budget transfers must be requested using Form FS-10-A: Proposed Amendment for a Federal or State Project.
2. All FS-10-A forms must be submitted between the start date of any funding year and June 30th.
3. Any amendment that affects the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of a contract is subject to the approval of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller.
4. An amendment that would result in a transfer of funds among program activities or budget cost categories that does not affect the amount, consideration, scope or other terms of such contract may still be subject to the approval of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller where the amount of such modification is, as a portion of the total value of the contract, equal to or greater than ten percent for contracts of less than five million dollars, or five percent for contracts of more than five million dollars; and, in addition, such amendment is subject to prior approval by SED as detailed in the contract.
5. Funds must not be expended until the budget/contract amendment has been approved in writing.

Allocations to Collaborating Agencies:

Activities funded through the Liberty Partnerships Program will be administered pursuant to a written grant contract between the State Education Department and the selected applicant. Funding requests for the delivery of direct student services may include allocations by the selected applicant with collaborating agencies including: the

LEA(s), the IHE, partner not-for-profit community-based organizations, partner schools, and other postsecondary education institutions.

Grant Contract Amendments:

The grant contract may be amended with the consent of the State Comptroller. Amendments to the grant contract which involve increases in dollar amount, changes in scope or in the way LPP funds are expended must have prior written approval from the same. Only expenses incurred for activities included in the approved or amended budget will be reimbursed by the State.

Records Retention:

- a. All LPP related institutional records, including student and fiscal records, are subject to audit by the State Education Department and the Office of the State Comptroller, or an agency designated by one of the above.
- b. Fiscal records, including those identifying an expense of LPP funds, must be maintained for seven full years, or longer if required by institutional policy or practice.
- c. Student records must be maintained for seven years after the student graduates or exits the program, whichever is later.
- d. Audit or litigation will "freeze the clock" for records retention purposes. Supporting documentation related to an issue under audit or litigation must be retained until resolved or the above general rule for record retention, whichever is longer.

Charging For Project Services:

Projects must be equally accessible to all students targeted for services. Projects may not prohibit any family from participating in LPP programming due to their financial situation. The priority of the project is to deliver a continuum of twelve-month programs and services to benefit students and families in grades 5-12. Projects may plan to collect revenue from specific activity related fees only. Those fees must be used to fund project activities outside the funded scope of the approved LPP budget, and cannot be collected without prior written approval from NYSED. No general registration, membership, or participation fees are allowed. Additionally, to the greatest extent possible external fundraising should be exhausted prior to the collection of any fee from a student or family.

For further information on the treatment of program income, see Section 11: www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/guidance

PROJECT OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Operation Dates

The operation dates for the first year of this proposal will be September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

Expenses incurred prior to September 1, 2022, or after August 31, 2023, will not be reimbursed.

Required Reports

Each institution receiving a LPP award will be required to submit two project reports annually; a mid-year assessment and a final report to the LPP Program Liaison. The report elements and format for the mid-year assessment and the final report will be provided by NYSED.

For each year, the mid-year assessment covers project activities from September 1 to February 15, will be due March 15. In addition to other specified requirements, the mid-year assessment will include a roster of all participants enrolled in the project on February 15 in each project year. The final report, which reflects on all project operations and project accomplishments, will be due September 30 of each year, in a format specified by the State Education Department. Late submissions of budgetary forms and reports may result in the suspension of funds. No extensions may be granted for submission of the final report.

In addition to the NYSED required reports, the LPP director's Statewide Committee will decide upon an external evaluator to develop and implement a statewide evaluation process. Each funded LPP project is obligated to participate in the statewide evaluation of overall performance of the program. Failure to participate in the statewide evaluation will result in a suspension of funds until participation is satisfactory. The LPP program liaison will work with the LPP Director's Statewide Committee to develop the evaluation standards in accordance with 8 NYCRR 55.3 (d).

GRANT RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES, PROBATION/GRANT SUSPENSION

Grant Recipient Responsibilities:

1. Projects must operate under the jurisdiction of the IHE, have access to all needed facilities of the IHE, and are subject to at least the same degree of accountability as all other activities of the IHE.
2. All funded projects are required to have a full-time LPP director working exclusively on the LPP program with a 1.0 FTE reflected in the budget. NYSED considers the role of the director as pivotal to the implementation of a successful Liberty Partnerships Program.
 - a. The director is responsible for providing leadership to the LPP and for the management of the contract and all related activities.
 - b. These activities include, but are not limited to: on-site management of LPP program activities; management of the budget; development implementation and evaluation of programs and services; the hiring and supervision of staff; program representation on statewide communities and boards;

coordination of partnerships; sustainability planning; LPP student recruitment and admissions processes; data collection and reports required by NYSED; public relations.

3. The IHE is responsible for the proper disbursement of, and accounting for, project funds.
 - a. Written IHE policy, as well as State rules pertaining to wages, mileage and travel allowances, overtime compensation, fringe benefits, competitive bidding, safety regulations, and inventory control must be followed for all LPP project activities.
 - b. Original supporting documents are required for all Grant Contract related transactions entered into the local agency's recordkeeping system.
 - c. Documents that authorize the disbursement of grant contract funds consist of purchase orders, contracts, time & effort records, delivery receipts, vendor invoices, travel documentation and payment documents.
4. Supporting documentation for Grant Contracts must be kept for at least seven years after the last payment is made unless otherwise specified by statute, regulation, audit finding, or legal action. An audit or legal action will "freeze the clock" for record retention purposes.
5. All records and documentation must be available for inspection by State Education Department officials or its representatives. For additional information about grant contracts, please refer to the Fiscal Guidelines for Federal and State Aided Grants. [NYSED Grants Finance - Guidance and Other Information](#)
6. Personnel hired under the LPP award are expected to be treated equal to other personnel of similar rank and responsibility at the host IHE/agency, including access to tuition benefits, conferences, and other opportunities for continuing professional and personal development.
 - a. The LPP Director must possess the same educational and experience qualifications as program directors of a similar level within the IHE/agency.
 - b. Staff providing academic instruction must have NYS Teacher Certification in their area of assignment or be college faculty teaching within their discipline.
 - c. Counseling components must utilize at least one licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), or licensed Psychologist, or certified School Counselor. Services requiring professional license must be delivered by a person holding that license under the NYSED Office of Professions.
 - d. Graduate and Undergraduate students may provide services in compliance with institutional guidelines and laws implemented by the Department of Labor under the direct supervision of LPP/IHE faculty.
 - i. Graduate and Undergraduate students participating in any counseling activity must be under the direct supervision of the individual identified above or under the direct supervision of their program faculty.

- ii. Graduate and Undergraduate students pursuing New York State Teacher Certification through the IHE applicant may provide instruction within their discipline under the direct supervision of their program faculty and LPP/IHE faculty.
 - iii. Athletic programs should utilize coaches with identifiable training/certification and experience in the particular sport or activity being conducted and in general safety, sports equipment, athletic training, and the rules of the sport or activity being conducted.
7. Each funded LPP project is obligated to participate in the statewide evaluation of overall performance of the program. The LPP program liaison will work with the LPP director's Statewide Committee to develop the evaluation standards in accordance with 8 NYCRR 55.3 (d).

Probation/Grant Suspension

Projects will be placed on probation for failure to meet the following performance outcomes.

- a) The school Dropout Rate of the LPP participants based on the final report data should not be below the dropout rate for the district.
- b) Achievement of the Student Performance Targets will be based on the final report data

Measure	Outcome
Persistence Rate & Graduation	95% or more
Dropout Rate	5% or less
Student Enrollment	95% or more of Target Enrollment
Average contact hours per student/per year	50 hours (combination of all services)

If these measures are not achieved for any one project year then the project will be placed on probation. If the project then complies with LPP guidelines and/or meets the performance standards or meets their corrective action plan the project will then be removed from probationary status. If the project is not removed from probationary status after two consecutive years the grant may be terminated. The foregoing does not limit NYSED's other rights to terminate the program in accordance with NYSED standard contract language.

1. NYSED will notify the Project Director and the Chief Executive Officer in writing of the Project's probationary status.
2. The term of probation will be for one or two years.
3. The Project Director will be required to submit a corrective action plan for approval by the Program Officer.
4. Probationary Projects may receive reduced funding or have their grant withdrawn if they fail to make satisfactory progress within the established time frame.

**ATTACHMENT D
PAYMENT AND REPORTING SCHEDULE**

I. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

In full consideration of contract services to be performed the State Agency agrees to pay and the contractor agrees to accept a sum not to exceed the amount noted on the face page hereof. All payments shall be in accordance with the budget contained in the applicable Attachment B form (Budget), which is attached hereto.

A. Initial Payment and Recoupment Language (if applicable): Not applicable for For-Profits.

1. The State agency will make an initial payment to the Contractor in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual budget as set forth in the most recently approved applicable Attachment B form (Budget). This payment will be made no later than 90 days after the beginning of the budget period.
2. Recoupment of any initial payment shall be recovered by crediting (100%) of subsequent claims and such claims will be reduced until the initial payment is fully recovered within the contract period.
3. Scheduled interim payments shall be due in accordance with an approved payment schedule as follows:

Period: _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: _____

Period: _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: _____

Period: _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: _____

Period: _____ Amount: _____ Due Date: _____

B. Interim and/or Final Claims for Reimbursement

Claiming Schedule (select applicable frequency):

Quarterly Reimbursement
Due date _____

Monthly Reimbursement
Due date _____

Biannual Reimbursement
Due date _____

Fee for Service Reimbursement
Due date _____

Rate Based Reimbursement
Due date _____

- Milestone/Performance Reimbursement
Due date/Frequency _____
- Scheduled Reimbursement
Due date/Frequency _____
- Interim Reimbursement as Requested by Contractor

To receive interim payments, the Contractor will submit form FS-25 REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR A FEDERAL OR STATE PROJECT to the address shown below. Requests for interim payments made by Not-for-Profit Contractors may only represent actual expenditures plus anticipated expenditures during the next month in accordance with the FS-10 for the budget period. For-Profit Contractors may request interim payments that represent only actual expenditures.

Up to 90% of the total approved budget amount for each budget period will be reimbursed through the interim payment process.

Final Payment:

To receive final payment for a budget period, the Contractor will submit form FS 10-F FINAL EXPENDITURES FOR A FEDERAL OR STATE PROJECT to the address shown below. Final payment shall be made upon satisfactory statement of expenditures consistent with the approved budget and any approved budget amendments on a properly completed form. Final payments are also contingent upon submission of all required program reports.

If the Contractor has received payment in excess of the approved amount in Form FS-10-F, the Contractor shall return to the State any excess payment within thirty (30) days of the termination of this budget period. Alternatively, the State may use the amount of any excess payment to offset costs associated with a subsequent budget period. Payment by the State will be made in the ordinary course of State business upon receipt of the properly completed forms.

Forms FS-25 and FS-10-F should be submitted to:

New York State Education Department
Grants Finance
Room 510W EB
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234

II. REPORTING PROVISIONS

A. Expenditure-Based Reports *(select the applicable report type):*

- Narrative/Qualitative Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than _____ days from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(i) of the Master Contract

Statistical/Quantitative Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than ____ days from the end of the quarter, the report described in Section III (G)(2)(a)(ii) of the Master Contract.

Expenditure Report

The Contractor will submit, on a quarterly basis, not later than ____ days after the end date for which reimbursement is being claimed, the report described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iii) of the Master Contract.

Final Report

The Contractor will submit the final report as described in Section III(G)(2)(a)(iv) of the Master Contract, no later than 30 days after the end of the contract period.

Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR)¹

The Contractor will submit the CFR on an annual basis, in accordance with the time frames designated in the CFR manual. For New York City contractors, the due date shall be May 1 of each year; for Upstate and Long Island contractors, the due date shall be November 1 of each year.

B. Progress-Based Reports

1. Progress Reports

The Contractor shall provide the report described in Section III(G)(2)(b)(i) of the Master Contract in accordance with the forms and in the format provided by the State Agency, summarizing the work performed during the contract period (see Table 1 below for the annual schedule).

2. Final Progress Report

Final scheduled payment will not be due until ____ days after completion of agency's audit of the final expenditures report/documentation showing total grant expenses submitted by vendor with its final invoice. Deadline for submission of the final report is _____. The agency shall complete its audit and notify vendor of the results no later than _____. The Contractor shall submit the report not later than ____ days from the end of the contract.

C. Other Reports

The Contractor shall provide reports in accordance with the form, content and schedule as set forth in Table 1.

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¹The Consolidated Fiscal Reporting System is a standardized electronic reporting method accepted by Office of Alcoholism & Substance Services, Office of Mental Health, Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and the State Education Department, consisting of schedules which, in different combinations, capture financial information for budgets, quarterly and/or mid-year claims, an annual cost report, and a final claim. The CFR, which must be submitted annually, is both a year-end cost report and a year-end claiming document.

Attachment R
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S
DATA PRIVACY APPENDIX FOR GRANT CONTRACTS

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

As used in this Data Privacy Appendix ("DPA"), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. **Access:** The ability to view or otherwise obtain, but not copy or save, data arising from the on-site use of an information system or from a personal meeting.
2. **Breach:** The unauthorized Access, acquisition, use, or Disclosure of Personal Information that is (a) accomplished in a manner not permitted by New York State and federal laws, rules, and regulations, or in a manner that compromises its security or privacy, (b) executed by or provided to a person not authorized to acquire, access, use, or receive it, or (c) a Breach of Contractor's or Subcontractor's security that leads to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, Access to or Disclosure of, Personal Information.
3. **Disclose or Disclosure:** The intentional or unintentional release, transfer, or communication of Personal Information by any means, including oral, written, or electronic.
4. **Personal Information:** Information concerning a natural person which, because of name, number, personal mark, or other identifier, can be used to identify such natural person.
5. **Services:** Services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract with the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") to which this DPA is attached and incorporated.
6. **Subcontractor:** Contractor's non-employee agents, consultants, volunteers, including student interns, who is engaged in the provision of Services pursuant to an agreement with or at the direction of the Contractor.

ARTICLE II: PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Compliance with Law.

When providing Services pursuant to this Contract, Contractor may receive and/or have Access to Personal Information regulated by one or more New York and/or federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act at 12 U.S.C. § 1232g (34 CFR Part 99); Children's Online Privacy Protection Act at 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6502 (16 CFR Part 312); Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment at 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (34 CFR Part 98); the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act at 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. (34 CFR Part 300); the New York Education Law at § 2-d (8 NYCRR Part 121); the New York General Business Law at article 39-F; and the New York Personal Privacy Protection Law at Public Officers Law article 6-A. Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality and security of Personal Information in accordance with applicable New York, federal and local laws, rules and regulations.

2. Data Privacy and Security.

- (a) Contractor agrees and understands that Contractor has no property, licensing, or ownership rights or claims to Personal Information Accessed by or Disclosed to Contractor for the purpose of providing Services, and Contractor shall not use Personal Information for any purpose other than to provide Services. Contractor will ensure that its Subcontractors agree and understand that neither the Subcontractor nor Contractor has any property, licensing or ownership rights or claims to Personal

Information received or Accessed by or Disclosed to Subcontractor for the purpose of assisting Contractor in providing Services.

- (b) Contractor shall adopt and maintain reasonable safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of Personal Information in a manner that complies with General Business Law section 899-bb and other applicable New York State, federal and local laws, rules and regulations.
- (c) Upon NYSED's request, Contractor may be required to undergo an audit of its privacy and security safeguards, measures, and controls, or in lieu of performing an audit, provide NYSED with an industry standard independent audit report on Contractor's privacy and security practices that is no more than twelve months old.

3. Contractor's Employees and Subcontractors.

- (a) Access to or Disclosure of Personal Information shall only be provided to Contractor's employees and Subcontractors who need to know the Personal Information to provide the Services and such Access and/or Disclosure of Personal Information shall be limited to the extent necessary to provide such Services. Contractor shall ensure that all such employees and Subcontractors comply with the terms of this DPA.
- (b) Contractor must ensure that each Subcontractor performing Services where the Subcontractor will have Access to and/or receive Disclosed Personal Information is contractually bound by a written agreement that includes confidentiality and data security obligations equivalent to, consistent with, and no less protective than, those found in this DPA.
- (c) Contractor shall examine the data privacy and security measures of its Subcontractors. If at any point a Subcontractor fails to materially comply with the requirements of this DPA, Contractor shall (i) notify NYSED, (ii) as applicable, remove such Subcontractor's Access to Personal Information; and (iii) as applicable, retrieve all Personal Information received or stored by such Subcontractor and/or ensure that such Personal Information has been securely deleted or securely destroyed in accordance with this DPA. In the event there is an incident in which Personal Information held, possessed, or stored by the Subcontractor is compromised, unlawfully Accessed, or unlawfully Disclosed, Contractor shall follow the Data Breach reporting requirements set forth in Section 5 of this DPA.
- (d) Contractor shall take full responsibility for the acts and omissions of its employees and Subcontractors.
- (e) Other than Contractor's employees and Subcontractors who have a need to know the Personal Information, Contractor must not provide Access to or Disclose Personal Information to any other party unless such Disclosure is required by statute, court order or subpoena, and Contractor notifies NYSED of the court order or subpoena no later than the time the Personal Information is Disclosed, unless such Disclosure to NYSED is expressly prohibited by the statute, court order or subpoena. Notification shall be made in accordance with the Notice provisions of this Contract and shall also be provided to the Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.
- (f) Contractor shall ensure that its Subcontractors know that they cannot provide Access to or Disclose Personal Information to any other party unless such Disclosure is required by statute, court order or subpoena. If a Subcontractor is required to provide Access to or Disclose Personal Information pursuant to a court order or subpoena, the Subcontractor shall, unless prohibited by statute, court order or subpoena, notify Contractor no later than two (2) days before any Personal

Information is Disclosed. Upon receipt of notice from a Subcontractor, Contractor shall provide notice to NYSED no later than the time that the Subcontractor is scheduled to provide Access to or Disclose the Personal Information.

- (g) Contactor shall ensure that all its employees and Subcontractors who will receive Personal Information will be trained on the federal and state laws governing confidentiality of such data prior to receipt.

4. Data Return and Destruction of Data.

- (a) Contractor is prohibited from retaining Disclosed Personal Information or continuing to Access Personal Information, including any copy, summary or extract of Personal Information, on any storage medium (including, without limitation, hard copies, and storage in secure data centers and/or cloud-based facilities) beyond the term of the this Contract unless such retention is expressly authorized by the this Contract, necessary for purpose of facilitating the transfer of Personal Information to NYSED, or expressly required by law. As applicable, upon expiration or termination of this Contract, Contractor shall transfer Personal Information to NYSED in a format agreed to by the Parties.
- (b) When the purpose that necessitated Contractor's Access to and/or Disclosure of Personal Information has been completed or Contractor's authority to have Access to Personal Information and/or retain Disclosed Personal Information has expired, Contractor shall ensure that, as applicable, (1) all privileges providing Access to Personal Information are revoked, and (2) all Personal Information (including without limitation, all hard copies, archived copies, electronic versions, electronic imaging of hard copies) retained by Contractor and/or its Subcontractors, including all Personal Information maintained on behalf of Contractor or its Subcontractors in a secure data center and/or cloud-based facilities is securely deleted and/or destroyed in a manner that does not allow it to be retrieved or retrievable, read, or reconstructed. Hard copy media must be shredded or destroyed such that Personal Information cannot be read, or otherwise reconstructed, and electronic media must be securely cleared, purged, or destroyed such that the Personal Information cannot be retrieved, read, or reconstructed. When Personal Information is held in paper form, destruction of such Personal Information, and not redaction, will satisfy the requirements for data destruction. Redaction is specifically excluded as a means of data destruction.
- (c) Upon request by NYSED, Contractor may be required to provide NYSED with a written certification of (1) revocation of Access to Personal Information granted by Contractor and/or its Subcontractors, and (2) the secure deletion and/or secure destruction of Personal Information held by the Contractor or Subcontractors, at the address for notifications set forth in this Contract.
- (d) To the extent that Contractor and/or its Subcontractors continue to be in possession of any de-identified data (i.e., data that has had all direct and indirect identifiers removed), Contractor agrees that it will not attempt to re-identify de-identified data and/or transfer de-identified data to any person or entity, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section and that it will prohibit its Subcontractors from the same.

5. Breach.

- (a) Contractor shall promptly notify NYSED of any Breach of Personal Information, regardless of whether the Contractor or a Subcontractor suffered the Breach, without delay and in the most expedient

way possible, but in no circumstance later than seven (7) calendar days after discovery of the Breach. Notifications shall be made in accordance with the notice provisions of this contract and shall also be provide to the office of the Chief Privacy Officer, NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234 and must include a description of the Breach that identifies the date of the incident, the date of discovery, the types of Personal Information affected and the number of records affected; a description of Contractor's investigation; and the name of a point of contact.

- (b) Contractor and its Subcontractors will cooperate with NYSED, and law enforcement where necessary, in any investigations into a Breach. Any costs incidental to the required cooperation or participation of the Contractor or its Subcontractors will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor if such Breach is attributable to Contractor or its Subcontractors.
- (c) Contractor shall promptly notify the affected individuals of any Breach, regardless of whether Contractor or a Subcontractor suffered the Breach. Such notice shall be made using one of the methods prescribed by § 899-aa (5) of the New York General Business Law. If Contractor requires information from NYSED to perform such notifications, Contractor shall reimburse NYSED for the cost of assembling and providing such information to Contractor.

6. Termination.

The confidentiality and data security obligations of Contractor under this DPA shall survive any termination of this Contract to which this DPA is attached and shall continue for as long as Contractor or its Subcontractors retain Access to Personal Information.