

## Section 07: Sample Required Contract Terms

If the Vendor is awarded the Contract for this Project, the Vendor accepts that it will be required to agree to language in the Contract that will be similar or identical to the following:

### **7.1 Warranty**

The Vendor expressly represents and warrants to the County that it has the ability and expertise to perform its responsibilities hereunder and shall use the highest standards of professional workmanship.

### **7.2 Defend, Indemnify, and Hold Harmless**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Vendor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless County, and County's agents and employees or any of them from and against suits, claims, actions, liabilities, damages, professional fees, including attorney's fees, costs, court costs, expenses, disbursements or claims of any kind or nature, including by reason of statute or operation of law, for injury to or death of any person or damage to any property (including loss of use thereof) arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Agreement and alleged to be caused in whole or in part by (i) the culpable acts or omissions of the Vendor, its Vendors or suppliers, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, or (ii) the breakage or malfunctioning of any tools, supplies, scaffolding or other equipment used by or furnished to Vendor, its Vendors or suppliers, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable.

This indemnification shall apply regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. This provision shall not be construed to require the Vendor to indemnify any indemnitee for the negligence of the indemnitee to the extent such indemnitee proximately caused the damages complained of. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist.

### **7.3 Liability Insurance**

Vendor shall obtain, from an Vendor authorized by a license in force pursuant to the insurance law of the state of New York to do an insurance business in the state of New York and having an A. M. Best Company, Inc. financial strength rating of A- or better and an A. M. Best Company, Inc. financial size category of XV, personal injury liability insurance, as personal injury liability insurance is defined by New York State's Insurance Law § 1113 (a) (13), and property damage liability insurance, as property damage liability insurance is defined by New York State's Insurance Law § 1113 (a) (14), covering and applying to legal liability of the insured for damages, and to loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of such liability, arising out of the death or injury of any person or out of injury to the economic interests of any person as the result of negligence in the rendering expert, fiduciary, or professional service or out of the loss or destruction of or damage to property, that occurs in the performance of, or in connection with, or collateral to, this agreement.

Vendor shall obtain the personal injury liability insurance and the property damage liability insurance by insurance contract or contracts, as insurance contract is defined by New York State's Insurance Law § 1101 (a) (1), specified and described in this agreement. Each insurance contract shall name Vendor as the insured in its declarations. Each insurance contract, except a professional liability insurance contract, shall be endorsed by the Vendor to name, make, and add County as additional insured so as to obligate the Vendor to provide the personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance covering and applying to the legal liability of County for damages, as to the legal liability of the insured for damages, and covering and applying to the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of the legal liability of County for damages, as to loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of the legal liability of the insured for damages. Each insurance contract, except a professional liability insurance contract, shall be endorsed by the Vendor to obligate the Vendor to provide the personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance to County, as primary to, and not seek contribution from, any other insurance available to County by any other insurance contract naming County as the insured. Each insurance contract shall be endorsed by the Vendor to obligate the Vendor to give County written notice of any termination or substantive change of the insurance contract, at least 30 days before the termination or substantive change, by the Vendor's delivering the notice to County's Department of Law, John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. Each insurance contract shall be approved and accepted by County.

Vendor shall obtain these insurance contracts:

Commercial general liability insurance contract that shall obligate the Vendor to provide personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance, covering and applying to the legal liability of the insured for damages, and to the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of the legal liability of the insured for damages, however arising, in a minimum amount *\$1 million for each occurrence of, and in a minimum amount of \$2 million for any aggregate of occurrences of, death or injury of any person, or injury to the economic interests of any person, or loss or destruction of, or damage to, property, in each policy period, and be in effect continuously from the day of the making of this agreement through the day which is at least three years after the day of the latest to happen of complete performance, final payment, expiration of any period of warranty, or expiration of any period for correction of work, in the performance of, or in connection with, or collateral to, this agreement.*

Automobile liability insurance contract that shall obligate the Vendor to provide personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance, covering and applying to the legal liability of the insured for damages, and to the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of the legal liability of the insured for damages, arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle, as motor vehicle is defined by New York State's Vehicle and Traffic Law § 125, in a minimum amount of *\$1 million for each occurrence of death or injury of any person, or injury to the economic interests of any person, or loss or destruction of, or damage to, property, in each policy period, and be in effect continuously from the day of the making of this agreement through the day which is after the day of the latest to happen of complete performance, final*

payment, expiration of any period of warranty, or expiration of any period for correction of work, in the performance of, or in connection with, or collateral to, this agreement.

Umbrella liability insurance contract that obligates the Vendor to provide personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance, in excess of that personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance provided by any commercial general liability insurance contract, automobile liability insurance contract, and professional liability insurance contract required by this agreement, in a minimum amount of *\$1 million for each occurrence of* death or injury of any person, or injury to the economic interests of any person, or loss or destruction of, or damage to, property, in each policy period, and be in effect continuously from the day of the making of this agreement through the day which is at least three years after the day of the latest to happen of complete performance, final payment, expiration of any period of warranty, or expiration of any period for correction of work, in the performance of, or in connection with, or collateral to, this agreement.

Professional liability insurance contract that shall obligate the Vendor to provide personal injury liability insurance and property damage liability insurance covering and applying to the legal liability of the insured for damages, and to the loss, damage, or expense incident to a claim of the legal liability of the insured for damages, arising out of the insured's business, trade, occupation, or practice of a profession for which a license is required by a governmental authority of the state of New York, in a minimum amount of *\$2 million for each occurrence of, and in a minimum amount of \$4 million for any aggregate of occurrences of,* death or injury of any person, or injury to the economic interests of any person, or loss or destruction of, or damage to, property death or injury of any person, or injury to the economic interests of any person, or loss or destruction of, or damage to, property, in each policy period, and be in effect continuously from the day of the making of this agreement through the day which is at least three years after the day of the latest to happen of complete performance, final payment, expiration of any period of warranty, or expiration of any period for correction of work, in the performance of, or in connection with, or collateral to, this agreement.

Onondaga County reserves the right to amend, lower, or require additional insurance or endorsements, types of coverage, and higher or lower limits of coverage depending on the nature of the work proposed under this Request for Proposal.

Vendor shall deliver to County's Department of Law, before this agreement may be made or performed, and from time to time as is reasonable, as evidence that Vendor has obtained the insurance as required by this agreement, both a form certificate of insurance approved for use by New York's superintendent of insurance which identifies the insurance contracts obtained by Vendor and copies of the declarations of each insurance contract referred to in the form certificate of insurance. At the request of County, Vendor shall deliver to County's Department of Law a copy of any insurance contract required by this agreement.

#### **7.4 Workers' Compensation and Disability Benefits**

This agreement shall be void and of no effect unless Vendor and other person or entity making or performing this agreement shall secure compensation for the benefit of, and keep insured during the life of this agreement, the employees engaged thereon, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

Vendor shall show, before this agreement may be made or performed, and at all times during the life of this agreement, that Vendor, and other person or entity performing this agreement, is in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law, by Vendor's delivering to County's Department of Law that New York State Workers' Compensation Board (Board) form or State Insurance Fund (Fund) form described in one of the following subparagraphs numbered 1, 2, 3, or 4, and that Board form described in one of the following subparagraphs numbered 5, 6, or 7:

1. Board form C-105.2 (Fund form U-26.3, if the Vendor is the State Insurance Fund), subscribed by the Vendor, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement, has secured compensation, as workers' compensation insurance, for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

2. Board form SI-12, completed by Board's self-insurance office and approved by Board's secretary, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement, has secured compensation, as Board approved workers' compensation self-insurance, for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

3. Board form GSI-105.2, completed by the group self-insurance administrator, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement, has secured compensation, by being a participant in a workers' compensation group self-insurance plan, for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

4. Board form CE-200 bearing an exemption certificate number issued by Board, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement, or the Work is not required to secure compensation for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

5. Board form DB-120.1, subscribed by the Vendor, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement has secured the payment of disability benefits, as disability benefits insurance, for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

6. Board form DB-155, completed by Board's self-insurance office and approved by Board, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement, has

secured disability benefits, as Board approved disability benefits self-insurance, for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

7. Board form CE-200 bearing an exemption certificate number issued by Board, showing that Vendor, and other person or entity making or performing this agreement is not required to secure disability benefits for the benefit of all employees, in compliance with the provisions of the New York State workers' compensation law.

### **7.5 Assignment**

Vendor is prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting, or otherwise disposing of this agreement, or Vendor's right, title, or interest in this agreement, or Vendor's power to execute this agreement, to any other person or entity without the previous consent in writing of County.

### **7.6 Independent Vendor**

Vendor is an independent Vendor. Neither Vendor, nor Vendor's officers, employees, agents, or servants shall hold themselves out as, or claim to be, officers, employees, agents, or servants of County.

### **7.7 Conflict of Interest**

At the time Vendor submits a response, or if no response is submitted, prior to performing any services under this agreement, Vendor shall deliver to County's Department of Law, the attached affidavit certifying that Vendor has no interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services to County. The affidavit shall further state that in rendering services to County no persons having any such interest shall be employed by Vendor. Vendor assumes full responsibility for knowing whether Vendor's officers, employees, agents, or servants have any such interest and for certifying the absence of such conflict to County.

During the course of performing services for County, Vendor shall disclose immediately to County, by affidavit, every known or apparent conflict of interest and every ostensible or potential conflict of interest of Vendor, Vendor's officers, Vendor's employees, Vendor's agents, and Vendor's servants. The duty to disclose is a continuing duty. Such disclosure is a material obligation of this agreement and Vendor's failure to comply with these provisions affords County the right to pursue any and all remedies for breach of agreement. In the event of an apparent or actual conflict of interest during the course of performance, Vendor shall suspend all work and services, and County's payments to Vendor shall be suspended pending final approval by County or County's Board of Ethics. If the conflict cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of County, County may terminate the agreement by written notice. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or waiving County's right to pursue damages or other remedies.

A conflict of interest includes any circumstance which might influence or appear to influence the judgment of Vendor, and Vendor shall disclose the same. Vendor shall disclose further the

acceptance of compensation, monetary or otherwise, from more than one (1) payor or party for services on the same project or related project. Vendor shall disclose further the direct or indirect solicitation or acceptance of financial or other consideration from parties other than County for work on the project to which this agreement pertains. If applicable, Vendor shall disclose further the direct or indirect acquisition of any interest in the real estate which is the subject of the project, or in the immediate vicinity thereof. A conflict of interest of Vendor's officers, Vendor's employees, Vendor's agents, or Vendor's servants shall be deemed a conflict of interest of Vendor, giving rise to the duty to disclose.

Vendor shall not disclose any data, facts or information concerning services performed for County or obtained while performing such services, except as authorized by County in writing or as may be required by law.

#### **7.8 Licenses and Permits**

Vendor shall obtain at Vendor's own expense all licenses or permits required for Vendor's services or work under this agreement, prior to the commencement of Vendor's services or work.

#### **7.9 Appropriations**

Onondaga County warrants that the funds are available during the current fiscal period, and that the County shall use reasonable efforts to obtain funds to make payments in each subsequent fiscal period through the end of the contract term. If a funding request to the Legislative body for any part of the contract term is denied, the County may terminate the contract on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds have been appropriated. This agreement is executory only to the extent of the monies appropriated and available for the purpose of this agreement and no liability on account thereof shall be incurred by County beyond monies appropriated and available for the purpose thereof.

#### **7.10 Agreement Modifications**

This agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between County and Vendor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements either written or oral. This agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by County and Vendor.

#### **7.11 Severability**

If any term or provision of this agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected thereby and every other term and provision of this agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **7.12 Clauses Required By Law**

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be part of this agreement shall be deemed to be part of this agreement and to have been inserted in this agreement, and shall have the full force and effect of law.

### **7.13 Governing Law**

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to otherwise applicable principles of conflicts of law. For legal disputes, venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction in Onondaga County or the Northern District of New York, and Vendor consents to such jurisdiction. County does not agree to arbitration.

### **7.14 Suspension and Debarment**

Vendor certifies that, except as noted, Vendor and any person associated with Vendor in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, or major stockholder is not currently under suspension, debarment, voluntary exclusion, or determination of ineligibility by any federal agency, and has not been suspended, debarred, voluntarily excluded or determined ineligible by any government agency within the past three years.

### **7.15 Non-Discrimination**

The Vendor also agrees to not discriminate against any person who performs work hereunder because of age, race, color, sex, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. The successful Vendor shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **7.16 Audit**

The County or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of Vendor which are directly pertinent to the Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions.

### **7.17 Ownership of Documents/Work Product**

It is agreed that all finished or unfinished documents, data, or reports, prepared by Vendor under the Contract shall be considered the property of the County, and upon completion of the services to be performed, or upon termination of the Contract for cause, or for the convenience of the County, will be turned over to the County.

### **7.18 Replacement Contract**

In the event a replacement contract is not issued, any contract let and awarded hereto under by the County may be extended unilaterally by the County, for an additional period of one month, upon notice to the Vendor, with the same terms and conditions as the original contract. With the concurrence of the Vendor this extension may be for a period of up to three months, however the extension terminates should the replacement contract be issued in the interim. The County reserves the right to unilaterally extend such contract for an additional period of one month, upon notice to the Vendor, with the same terms and conditions as the original contract. With the concurrence of the Vendor this extension may be for a period of up to three months.