

STATE OF VERMONT STATEWIDE PURCHASING AGREEMENT #39563  
FOR COMPUTER PERIPHERALS

**Contractor:** GovConnection Inc

1. **Parties.** This Agreement (“Agreement”) is a contract between the State of Vermont, through its Department of Buildings and General Services, Office of Purchasing & Contracting (hereinafter “State” or “Vermont”), and the Contractor identified above. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, the Contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.
2. **Subject Matter.** This Agreement authorizes Purchasing Entities (defined herein) to purchase from Contractor the products and/or services offered by Contractor as identified herein at or below the rates established under this Agreement for such products and/or services.
3. **Purchasing Entities.** As authorized under 29 V.S.A. § 902, this Agreement may be used by (a) all departments, offices, institutions, and other agencies of the State of Vermont and counties (each a “State Purchaser”); and (b) political subdivisions of the State of Vermont and any institution of higher education chartered in Vermont and accredited or holding a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education (each an “Additional Purchaser”). Collectively, State Purchasers and Additional Purchasers are also referred to herein as a “Purchasing Entity” or “Purchasing Entities”. Issues concerning interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State of Vermont Chief Procurement Officer. The State of Vermont and its officers and employees shall have no responsibility or liability for Additional Purchasers. Each Additional Purchaser must make its own determination whether this Agreement are consistent with its procurement policies and regulations.
4. **Contract Term.** This Agreement shall be effective on January 15, 2020 and end on January 14, 2022. Contractor agrees that this Agreement may be renewed by the State for up to two additional years beyond the initial term and in such event the parties shall execute an amendment to this Agreement.
5. **Available Products and Services.** The products and/or services listed in this section may be purchased under this Agreement, subject to the requirements for ordering established under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide such products and/or services subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Discount</b>
Cables	10.25%
Consumer Electronics	6.25%
Digital Imaging and Sound	5.25%
Drives & Storage Hardware	5.25%
Hard disk drives	5.25%
LCD panels or monitors	6.25%
Memory	7.75%
Mobile Computing Accessories	6.25%
Mobile Electronics	6.25%
Monitor, Projector Accessories	6.25%
Monitors & Projectors	5.25%
PDAs	5.25%
Point of Sale Equipment	5.25%
Power Management	7.75%

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Printer Supplies & Accessories	5.75%
Printers - Ink-jet & Other	5.25%
Printers - Laser	6.25%
Printers - Multifunction	5.75%
Storage Media & Accessories	6.25%
System Enhancements	6.25%
Systems Accessories	5.25%
Video	5.25%

6. **Pricing Schedule.** Pricing, including discounts, for products and/or services available under this Agreement is set forth in the table above, and otherwise available online at: <https://www.govconnection.com/public-sector/contracts/vermont> Purchasing Entities may solicit the Contractor for deeper discounts than the minimum contract pricing established under this Agreement (e.g., additional volume pricing, incremental discounts, firm fixed pricing or other incentives). Contractor shall list the State's contract pricing on a contract specific website listing the complete catalog of products available under this agreement.
7. **Requirements for Ordering.**
- a. All orders placed under this Agreement must, at a minimum, specify:
    - i. The product(s) being delivered and the place and time of delivery;
    - ii. The service(s) required and the place and time period for performance;
    - iii. The Purchasing Entity's billing address;
    - iv. The name and contact information for the Purchasing Entity's primary contact;
    - v. The price per unit, rates, or other pricing elements consistent with this Agreement;
    - vi. A maximum amount payable by the Purchasing Entity under the order;
    - vii. A unique identifier for the order; and
    - viii. The State of Vermont Statewide Purchasing Agreement Number.
  - b. Orders funded in whole or in part by federal funds may include additional terms as necessary to comply with federal requirements.
  - c. State Purchasers must follow the ordering procedures of the State Contract Administrator to execute orders against this Agreement.
  - d. Orders placed by State Purchasers are subject to the following restrictions:
    - i. Purchases of a single product over \$5,000 require approval from the Secretary/CIO of the Agency of Digital Services.

- ii. The State's Agency of Digital Services Procurement Office is the only entity authorized to place orders for Graphics Accelerators, Internal Hard Drives, Memory, Modems, Monitors, Motherboards, Network Hardware, Processor upgrades/ CPUs/ Laptop Parts, Thin Clients, Scanners, Printers and Printer Accessories, Barcode Readers, Peripherals with Lan/ WIFI. Peripherals that require software. Contractor agrees that it will not accept or fulfill orders for these items placed on behalf of State Purchasers from any other source. Contractor's failure to meet this requirement may result in suspension or termination of this Agreement.

**8. *Payment Provisions and Invoicing.***

- a. Payment obligations shall be solely between the Purchasing Entity and the Contractor.
  - b. If applicable, all equipment pricing is to include F.O.B. delivery to the ordering facility. No request for extra delivery cost will be honored.
  - c. Payment terms are Net 30 days from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with all necessary and complete supporting documentation. Invoices shall itemize all work performed during the invoice period, including, as applicable, the dates of service, rates of pay, hours of work performed, and any other information and/or documentation appropriate and sufficient to substantiate the amount invoiced for payment. As applicable, a copy of the notice(s) of acceptance shall accompany invoices submitted for payment.
  - d. Invoices shall be sent to the address identified on the Purchasing Entity's order and must specify:
    - i. The address to which payments will be sent:
    - ii. The State of Vermont Statewide Purchasing Agreement Number; and
    - iii. The unique identifier for the order against which the invoice is being submitted.
  - e. Reimbursement of expenses is not authorized. All rates set forth in an order shall be inclusive of any and all Contractor fees and expenses.
  - f. Unopened Products can be returned with no restocking fee up to 30 days from the date of receipt.
  - g. The State Purchasing Card may be used by State Purchasers for the payment of invoices. Use of the Purchasing Card requires all required documentation applicable to the purchase. The Purchasing Card is a payment mechanism, not a procurement approach and, therefore, does not relieve State Purchasers from adhering to all procurement laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and best practices.
9. ***No effect of Click-Through or Other Additional Terms and Conditions.*** Where a Purchasing Entity is required to click-through or otherwise accept or made subject to any electronic terms and conditions to use or access any product or service purchased hereunder, such terms and conditions are not binding and shall have no force or effect as to the product or service, this Agreement, or the applicable order for the product or service. Further, any terms and conditions

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of each Party's purchase orders, invoices, acknowledgments, confirmations, or similar documents shall not apply to any order under this Agreement, and any such terms and conditions on any such document are objected to without need of further notice or objection.

10. **Reporting.** Contractor shall submit quarterly reports electronically detailing the purchasing of all items by all Purchasing Entities under this Agreement. Contractor's reporting shall detail the minimum requirements for orders as set out in section 7.a, above. Contractor's reporting shall state "no activity" for any month in which there is no activity during a quarterly reporting period.

a. The reports shall be an excel spreadsheet transmitted electronically to [SOV.ThePathForward@vermont.gov](mailto:SOV.ThePathForward@vermont.gov).

b. Reports are due for each quarter as follows:

Reporting Period	Report Due
January 1 to March 31	April 30
April 1 to June 30	July 31
July 1 to September 30	October 31
October 1 to December 31	January 31

c. Failure to meet these reporting requirements may result in suspension or termination of this Agreement.

11. **Prior Approvals.** In accordance with current State law, bulletins, and interpretations, this Agreement shall not be binding until it has been approved by the Vermont Attorney General's Office, the Secretary of Administration, and the State's Chief Information Officer.

12. **Amendment.** No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Contractor.

13. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by the State at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the Contractor. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, each party will assist the other in the transfer of all assets, tangible and intangible, as may facilitate the orderly, non-disrupted business continuation of each party. This provision shall not relieve the Contractor or Purchasing Entity of their respective obligations under any order executed prior to the effective date of termination or other expiration of this Agreement.

14. **Primary Contacts.** The Parties will keep and maintain current at all times a primary point of contact for this Agreement, which are presently as follows:

a. **For the Contractor:**

Name: Angelo Mullen  
 Address: 732 Milford Rd, Merrimack, NH 03054  
 Phone: 800/986.2290  
 Fax: 603/423-6192.  
 Email: [angelo.mullen@connection.com](mailto:angelo.mullen@connection.com)

b. *For the State:*

Name: State of Vermont, Stephen Fazekas  
 Address: 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-3001  
 Phone: 802/828-2210  
 Fax: 802/828-2222  
 Email: [Stephen.fazekas@vermont.gov](mailto:Stephen.fazekas@vermont.gov)

15. **Attachments.** The following documents are made part of this Agreement and any ambiguity or conflict among them shall be resolved by giving priority to the documents in the order in which they are listed below.

- a. "Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants" a preprinted form, revised December 15, 2017 (available online at: <https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms>) is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and shall apply to this Agreement and all orders placed under this Agreement.
- b. "Attachment D: Other Provisions" is attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein and shall apply to all orders placed under this Agreement.
- c. If required in an order made by a State Purchaser under this Agreement, the terms and conditions of the State of Vermont Business Associate Agreement, revised May 2019 (available online at: <https://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/forms>) shall be incorporated by reference and apply to the order.

By signing below Contractor agrees to offer the available products and services subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and at prices equal to or lower than the prices listed on this Agreement.

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT**

By the State of Vermont:

By GovConnection Inc:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

ATTACHMENT D  
OTHER PROVISIONS

**1. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

**1.1 General Representations and Warranties.** The Contractor represents, warrants and covenants that:

- (i) The Contractor has all requisite power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Contract and the execution, delivery and performance of this Contract by the Contractor has been duly authorized by the Contractor.
- (ii) There is no pending litigation, arbitrated matter or other dispute to which the Contractor is a party which, if decided unfavorably to the Contractor, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Contractor's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Contract.
- (iii) The Contractor will comply with all laws applicable to its performance of the services and otherwise to the Contractor in connection with its obligations under this Contract.
- (iv) The Contractor (a) owns, or has the right to use under valid and enforceable agreements, all intellectual property rights reasonably necessary for and related to delivery of the services and provision of the services as set forth in this Contract; (b) shall be responsible for and have full authority to license all proprietary and/or third party software modules, including algorithms and protocols, that Contractor incorporates into its product; and (c) none of the services or other materials or technology provided by the Contractor to the State will infringe upon or misappropriate the intellectual property rights of any third party.
- (v) The Contractor has adequate resources to fulfill its obligations under this Contract.
- (vi) Neither Contractor nor Contractor's subcontractors has past state or federal violations, convictions or suspensions relating to miscoding of employees in NCCI job codes for purposes of differentiating between independent contractors and employees.

**1.2 Contractor's Performance Warranties.** Contractor represents and warrants to the State that:

- (i) Each and all of the services shall be performed in a timely, diligent, professional and skillful manner, in accordance with the highest professional or technical standards applicable to such services, by qualified persons with the technical skills, training and experience to perform such services in the planned environment.
- (ii) Any time software is delivered to the State, whether delivered via electronic media or the internet, no portion of such software or the media upon which it is stored or delivered will have any type of software routine or other element which is designed to facilitate unauthorized access to or intrusion upon; or unrequested disabling or erasure of; or unauthorized interference with the operation of any hardware, software, data or peripheral equipment of or utilized by the State. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the State believes that harmful code may be present in any software delivered hereunder, Contractor will, upon State's request, provide a new or clean

install of the software. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor assumes no responsibility for the State's negligence or failure to protect data from viruses, or any unintended modification, destruction or disclosure.

- (iii) To the extent Contractor resells commercial hardware or software it purchased from a third party, Contractor will, to the extent it is legally able to do so, pass through any such third party warranties to the State and will reasonably cooperate in enforcing them. Such warranty pass-through will not relieve the Contractor from Contractor's warranty obligations set forth herein.

## **2. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY AND CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

In addition to the insurance required in Attachment C to this Contract, before commencing work on this Contract and throughout the term of this Contract, Contractor agrees to procure and maintain (a) Technology Professional Liability insurance for any and all services performed under this Contract, with minimum third party coverage of \$1,000,000.00 per claim, \$2,000,000.00 aggregate. To the extent Contractor has access to, processes, handles, collects, transmits, stores or otherwise deals with State Data, Contractor shall maintain first party Breach Notification Coverage of not less than \$500,000.00.

Before commencing work on this Contract the Contractor must provide certificates of insurance to show that the foregoing minimum coverages are in effect.

- 3. REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT.** In the event either party is in default under this Contract, the non-defaulting party may, at its option, pursue any or all of the remedies available to it under this Contract, including termination for cause, and at law or in equity.

## **4. SOV Cybersecurity Standard 19-01**

All products and service provided to or for the use of the State under this Contract shall be in compliance with State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard 19-01, which Contractor acknowledges has been provided to it, and is available on-line at the following URL:

<https://digitalservices.vermont.gov/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-standards-and-directives>