

STATE OF VERMONT
CONTRACT AMENDMENT

It is hereby agreed by and between the State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources (hereafter called "State"), and Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC, with principal place of business in Owings Mills, MD (the "Contractor") that the contract between them originally dated as of September 11, 2020, Contract # 40659, as amended to date, (the "Contract") is hereby amended as follows:

- I. **Contract Term**. The Contract end date, wherever such reference appears in the Contract, shall be changed from September 10, 2023 to September 10, 2024.

Taxes Due to the State. Contractor certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date this contract amendment is signed, the Contractor is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with a plan to pay, any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.

Child Support (Applicable to natural persons only; not applicable to corporations, partnerships or LLCs). Contractor is under no obligation to pay child support or is in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all child support payable under a support order as of the date of this amendment.

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

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

This document consists of 2 pages. Except as modified by this Amendment No. 2, all provisions of the Contract remain in full force and effect.

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The signatures of the undersigned indicate that each has read and agrees to be bound by this Amendment to the Contract.

STATE OF VERMONT

Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Jennifer M.V. Fitch

Name: _____

Title: Commissioner - Buildings and
General Services

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

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I. **Contract Term.** The Contract end date, wherever such reference appears in the Contract, shall be changed from September 10, 2022, to September 10, 2023. The Contract Term may be renewed for one additional one-year period at the discretion of the State.

II. **Attachment B, Payment Provisions.** The payment provisions are amended as follows:

Payment schedule of Attachment B is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as set forth below as showing an increase on service categories.

	Description	Price
1	0 to 10,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.212
2	10,001 to 20,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.141
3	20,001 to 50,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.070
4	50,001 to 100,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.040
5	100,001 or greater square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.040
6	Blower Door Test and Infrared Scanning (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.040

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This document consists of 3 pages. Except as modified by this Amendment No. 1, all provisions of the Contract remain in full force and effect.

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Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC.

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Jennifer Fitch

Name: _____

Title: Commissioner - Buildings and
General Services

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

STANDARD CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

1. **Parties.** This is a contract for services between the State of Vermont, Department of Buildings & General Services (hereinafter called “State”), and Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments, LLC, with a principal place of business in Owings Mills, MD, (hereinafter called “Contractor”). Contractor’s form of business organization is limited liability company. It is Contractor’s responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, Contractor is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.

2. **Subject Matter.** The subject matter of this contract is services generally on the subject of energy audits to identify performance and capital improvements to cost effectively reduce facility energy use and operating costs while maintaining safe conditions and optimal indoor environmental quality for Vermont State Buildings. Detailed services to be provided by Contractor are described in Attachment A.

3. **Maximum Amount.** In consideration of the services to be performed by Contractor, the State agrees to pay Contractor, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed \$250,000.00.

4. **Contract Term.** The period of Contractor’s performance shall begin on September 11, 2020 and end on September 10, 2022, with the State having two options to extend, of one year each.

5. **Prior Approvals.** This Contract shall not be binding unless and until all requisite prior approvals have been obtained in accordance with current State law, bulletins, and interpretations.

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

7. **Termination for Convenience.** This contract may be terminated by the State at any time by giving written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance. In such event, Contractor shall be paid under the terms of this contract for all services provided to and accepted by the State prior to the effective date of termination.

8. **Attachments.** This contract consists of 11 pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

Attachment A - Statement of Work

Attachment B - Payment Provisions

Attachment C – “Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants” a preprinted form (revision date 12/15/2017)

9. **Order of Precedence.** Any ambiguity, conflict or inconsistency between the documents comprising this contract shall be resolved according to the following order of precedence:

(1) Standard Contract

(2) Attachment C (Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants)

(3) Attachment A

(4) Attachment B

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT

By the State of Vermont:

By the Contractor: BUREAU VERITAS
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS, LLC

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

The objective of the energy audits to be conducted under this contract is to identify performance and capital improvements to cost effectively reduce facility energy use and operating costs while maintaining safe conditions and optimal indoor environmental quality for Vermont State Buildings.

Contractor shall provide all labor, materials and equipment necessary to satisfactorily perform energy audits on an as needed basis by the state.

Contractor shall provide services in accordance with the Description of Work described below and in accordance with ASHRAE Level 11/111 specifications.

The Contractor shall:

1. Plan, manage, perform, and report on the energy survey and analysis activities. All tasks shall be conducted in a transparent manner and involve BGS staff as appropriate. Energy audit activities shall be coordinated with BGS Staff to minimize impact on the building occupants. The Contractor shall organize, facilitate, and record all energy survey meetings and resulting analysis-related discussions. The scope includes investigation and monitoring of facility systems to establish existing baseline characteristics, identify and quantify opportunities for improvements.

The following table contains information and documentation to be gathered by the responsible parties. This is the minimum amount of information to be gathered. Contractors may obtain further information if necessary to provide appropriate cost and benefit of any energy conservation measure (ECM). BGS understands that some information may not be available and that other parties not listed below may be involved in obtaining necessary information.

Item	Information	Provided by	Process Notes
1.	Operating and occupancy schedules	BGS	BGS provides general operating and occupancy schedules. Contractor interviews BGS staff and building occupants for additional information and compares information to the existing building control system schedules.
2.	Electrical use and demand history – 3 years	Efficiency Vermont and BGS	Contractor will obtain from BGS and/or Efficiency Vermont representative before first site visit for each building.
3.	Fuel use (oil, gas, propane, wood, etc.) – 3 years’ history	BGS	Contractor will obtain before first site visit for each building.
4.	Building mechanical and electrical plans	BGS (When Available)	BGS provides access to most recent documents for contractor.
5.	Lighting Schedule	BGS	Contractor will review existing schedule and update with field verification. Audit report will include updated schedule with rated wattage, run hours and recommended replacement.
6.	Sequences of operations	Owner (When Available)	Contractor reviews documentation of sequence before first site visit and verifies that sequence is as described during site visit.
7.	Building control systems points list (DDC System sensors, data points and set points)	BGS and Contractor (collaborate with Control Company if necessary).	Contractor shall work with BGS to verify reliability of system points that are integral to the functional performance of system being monitored and/or controlled.
8.	Prior studies and/or energy audits	BGS	Owner provides copies.

9.	Mechanical equipment information including fan and pump curves	Contractor	Contractor shall obtain all equipment model and serial numbers. BGS will help provide information not readily available from manufacturers.
10.	Maintenance programs O&M manuals Training programs Capital improvement programs	BGS	Contractor interviews Owner representative to obtain information and status of these programs

The Contractor shall return all information obtained or developed during the investigation to BGS in an organized format at the conclusion of study effort.

2. Site Assessment:

Perform site visits and testing to examine and verify the status and operation of systems related to energy consumption associated with the building including building envelope, water usage, HVAC (boilers, chillers, pumps, VFDs, exhaust / supply fans, central air handlers, roof top units, energy recovery equipment, terminal units, heat pumps, valves, etc.), lighting (interior, exterior lighting, and controls), energy management system (including schedules), and controls sequence of operations relative to design. BGS will provide a knowledgeable escort to accompany the contractor during the site visits. BGS will help coordinate with contractor and building occupants for activities that may disrupt occupants' standard schedules such as blower door test, light level testing, installation of energy meters, etc. when necessary.

3. Deliverables:

The Contractor will prepare a report documenting the building systems, energy usage, performance issues, major findings, and a master list of all ECMs found during the investigation period. The master list shall include the name of the system or equipment, a description of the problem or deficiency, recommended solutions, cost for implementation, and estimates for energy savings. These recommendations shall be listed in order of cost magnitude; Low/no cost improvements with a simple payback equal to or less than 2 years, improvements with a simple payback greater than 2 years. All energy savings calculations must be provided for review.

A. Breakdown of energy source and end use:

Documentation of existing baseline systems and equipment and corresponding identified ECMs. Describe all major systems, equipment and controls and a description of how they are controlled and when equipment operates. Note if the current operation should be changed and why.

B. Analysis of existing BGS Programs:

Review and provide an overview of maintenance, training, and capital improvement programs and how these programs can integrate ECMs.

C. Summary of building related documentation:

Coordinate and consolidate existing facility and systems documentation that is available, including drawings, O&M manuals, sequence of operations, and any other applicable information that may help BGS operate their buildings more efficiently.

D. Building Controls System Information:

Document the building control system manufacturer(s), model numbers, latest software upgrades, assessment of the accuracy of available sequences of operations, points list and trending capability and capability for remote monitoring. Provide a list of issues found while reviewing or obtaining this information and all recommendations necessary to improve the controls systems.

4. Analysis of Energy Conservation Measures:

A. Implementation Cost Estimate: The estimated cost of labor and materials to fully implement the measure.

B. Annual Energy Impacts: The energy impact calculation estimates the change in annual electrical (kWh), water (kgal), fuel and/or renewable energy usage for a given measure.

- C. Annual Energy Cost Impact: The cost impact calculation values the water, energy and demand changes at current customer rates due to implementation of measures.
 - D. Operations and Maintenance cost impacts: Estimated change in O&M costs expected to result from the measure. For instance, changing out a motor prior to the end of its useful life will result in expected O&M savings at the end of that equipment's useful life.
 - E. Training recommendations to ensure energy efficiency improvements persist over the life of the measure.
 - F. All calculated kWh savings, KW coincidence peak savings, MMBtu savings/increase and other savings associated with ECMs, estimates must be provided in Excel format or similar with all assumptions identified, quantified, and referenced (see "Exhibit 2" below).
 - G. After the report has been submitted to BGS a follow-up meeting with BGS, Contractor and a representative of Efficiency Vermont shall occur to discuss findings of the report. If BGS and/or Efficiency Vermont find the report to be inadequate, the Contractor must update the report as requested and send report to BGS to be reviewed. When BGS is satisfied with the report, Contractor must send package including organized building information to the Owner with instructions to retain such data for future use.
5. Purchasing Entities:

This Contract may be used by (a) all departments, offices, institutions, and other agencies of the State of Vermont and counties (each a "State Purchaser") according to the process for ordering and other restrictions applicable to State Purchasers set forth herein; 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 as authorized under 29 V.S.A. § 902 (each an "Additional Purchaser"). 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 is to make its own determination whether this Contract is consistent with its procurement policies and regulations.

ATTACHMENT B – PAYMENT PROVISIONS

The maximum dollar amount payable under this contract is not intended as any form of a guaranteed amount. The Contractor will be paid for products or services actually delivered or performed, as specified in Attachment A, up to the maximum allowable amount specified on page 1 of this contract.

1. Prior to commencement of work and release of any payments, Contractor shall submit to the State:
 - a. a certificate of insurance consistent with the requirements set forth in Attachment C, Section 8 (Insurance), and with any additional requirements for insurance as may be set forth elsewhere in this contract; and
 - b. a current IRS Form W-9 (signed within the last six months).
2. Payment terms are **Net 30** days from the date the State receives an error-free invoice with all necessary and complete supporting documentation.
3. Contractor shall submit detailed invoices itemizing all work performed during the invoice period, including 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 by the State. All invoices must include the Contract # for this contract.
4. Contractor shall submit invoices to the State in accordance with the schedule set forth in this Attachment B. Unless a more particular schedule is provided herein, invoices shall be submitted not more frequently than monthly.
5. Invoices shall be submitted to the State at the following address: State of Vermont Buildings and General Services Department, 4 Governor Aiken Avenue, Montpelier, VT 05602.
6. The payment schedule for delivered products, or rates for services performed, and any additional reimbursements, are as follows:

	Description	Price
1	0 to 10,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.21
2	10,001 to 20,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.14
3	20,001 to 50,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.07
4	50,001 to 100,000 square feet of building space (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.04
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6	Blower Door Test and Infrared Scanning (\$/ft. ²)	\$ 0.04

** \$2,100 Minimum Fee per building/report

** Minimum Blower Door as add-on \$250

7. This contract can be extended up to two (2) additional 12-month periods with mutual agreement between both parties; if extended:
 - Option Year 1 Increase: Not to Exceed 1.0%
 - Option Year 2 Increase: Not to Exceed 1.0%

**ATTACHMENT C: STANDARD STATE PROVISIONS
FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
REVISED DECEMBER 15, 2017**

1. Definitions: For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. "Agreement" shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.

2. Entire Agreement: This Agreement, whether in the form of a contract, State-funded grant, or Federally-funded grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.

3. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial: This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont. Any action or proceeding brought by either the State or the Party in connection with this Agreement shall be brought and enforced in the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit. The Party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of this court for any action or proceeding regarding this Agreement. The Party agrees that it must first exhaust any applicable administrative remedies with respect to any cause of action that it may have against the State with regard to its performance under this Agreement. Party agrees that the State shall not be required to submit to binding arbitration or waive its right to a jury trial.

4. Sovereign Immunity: The State reserves all immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of the State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. No waiver of the State's immunities, defenses, rights or actions shall be implied or otherwise deemed to exist by reason of the State's entry into this Agreement.

5. No Employee Benefits For Party: The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the State withhold any state or Federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

6. Independence: The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

7. Defense and Indemnity: The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all third party claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The State retains the right to participate at its own expense in the defense of any claim. The State shall have the right to approve all proposed settlements of such claims or suits.

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

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees if the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party or an agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any contrary language anywhere, in no event shall the terms of this Agreement or any document furnished by the Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement obligate the State to (1) defend or indemnify the Party or any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys' fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

8. Insurance: Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the State through the term of this Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed

herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont. Vermont will accept an out-of-state employer's workers' compensation coverage while operating in Vermont provided that the insurance carrier is licensed to write insurance in Vermont and an amendatory endorsement is added to the policy adding Vermont for coverage purposes. Otherwise, the party shall secure a Vermont workers' compensation policy, if necessary to comply with Vermont law.

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

- Premises - Operations
- Products and Completed Operations
- Personal Injury Liability
- Contractual Liability

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

- \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than \$500,000 combined single limit. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Additional Insured. The General Liability and Property Damage coverages required for performance of this Agreement shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, then the required Automotive Liability coverage shall include the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. Coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance.

Notice of Cancellation or Change. There shall be no cancellation, change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or non-renewal of insurance coverage(s) without thirty (30) days written prior written notice to the State.

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

10. False Claims Act: The Party acknowledges that it is subject to the Vermont False Claims Act as set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 630 *et seq.* If the Party violates the Vermont False Claims Act it shall be liable to the State for civil penalties, treble damages and the costs of the investigation and prosecution of such violation, including attorney's fees, except as the same may be reduced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Party's liability to the State under the False Claims Act shall not be limited notwithstanding any agreement of the State to otherwise limit Party's liability.

11. Whistleblower Protections: The Party shall not discriminate or retaliate against one of its employees or agents for disclosing information concerning a violation of law, fraud, waste, abuse of authority or acts threatening health or safety, including but not limited to allegations concerning the False Claims Act. Further, the Party shall not require such employees or agents to forego monetary awards as a result of such disclosures, nor should they be required to report misconduct to the Party or its agents prior to reporting to any governmental entity and/or the public.

12. Location of State Data: No State data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be processed, transmitted, stored, or transferred by any means outside the continental United States, except with the express written permission of the State.

13. Records Available for Audit: The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or

acquired by the Party in the performance of this agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

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

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

16. Taxes Due to the State:

- A. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
- B. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
- C. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
- D. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

17. Taxation of Purchases: All State purchases must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request with respect to otherwise taxable items.

18. Child Support: (Only applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, he/she:

- A. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- B. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- C. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

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

19. Sub-Agreements: Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont: Section 10 ("False Claims Act"); Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections"); Section 12 ("Location of State Data"); Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and

Americans with Disabilities Act"); Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State"); Section 18 ("Child Support"); Section 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities"); Section 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment"); Section 30 ("State Facilities"); and Section 32.A ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds").

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

21. Copies: Party shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that all written reports prepared under this Agreement are printed using both sides of the paper.

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

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

23. Conflict of Interest: Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.

24. Confidentiality: Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq.

25. Force Majeure: Neither the State nor the Party shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligations under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay shall have been wholly or principally caused by acts or events beyond its reasonable control rendering performance illegal or impossible (excluding strikes or lock-outs) ("Force Majeure"). Where Force Majeure is asserted, the nonperforming party must prove that it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate or minimize such cause of delay or damages, diligently pursued performance of its obligations under this Agreement, substantially fulfilled all non-excused obligations, and timely notified the other party of the likelihood or actual occurrence of an event described in this paragraph.

26. Marketing: Party shall not refer to the State in any publicity materials, information pamphlets, press releases, research reports, advertising, sales promotions, trade shows, or marketing materials or similar communications to third parties except with the prior written consent of the State.

27. Termination:

A. Non-Appropriation: If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the State (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, and in the event Federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from State revenues.

B. Termination for Cause: Either party may terminate this Agreement if a party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement, and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after delivery of the non-breaching party's notice or such longer time as the non-breaching party may specify in the notice.

C. Termination Assistance: Upon nearing the end of the final term or termination of this Agreement, without respect to cause, the Party shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to facilitate any transition required by the State. All State property, tangible and intangible, shall be returned to the State upon demand at no additional cost to the State in a format acceptable to the State.

28. Continuity of Performance: In the event of a dispute between the Party and the State, each party will continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement during the resolution of the dispute until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

29. No Implied Waiver of Remedies: Either party's delay or failure to exercise any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall not impair any such right, power or remedy, or be construed as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy. All waivers must be in writing.

30. State Facilities: If the State makes space available to the Party in any State facility during the term of this Agreement for purposes of the Party's performance under this Agreement, the Party shall only use the space in accordance with all policies and procedures governing access to and use of State facilities which shall be made available upon request. State facilities will be made available to Party on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with no warranties whatsoever.

31. Requirements Pertaining Only to Federal Grants and Subrecipient Agreements: If this Agreement is a grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds:

- A. **Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** The Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.
For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.
- B. **Internal Controls:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- C. **Mandatory Disclosures:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.

32. Requirements Pertaining Only to State-Funded Grants:

- A. **Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** If Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State-funded grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.
- B. **Good Standing Certification (Act 154 of 2016):** If this Agreement is a State-funded grant, Party hereby represents: (i) that it has signed and provided to the State the form prescribed by the Secretary of Administration for purposes of certifying that it is in good standing (as provided in Section 13(a)(2) of Act 154) with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, or otherwise explaining the circumstances surrounding the inability to so certify, and (ii) that it will comply with the requirements stated therein.

(End of Standard Provisions)