

# Early Childhood Quality and Supports 2024 Request for Applications (RFA)

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Application Due Date: May 24, 2024

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## **General Information**

#### **Background**

Under the authority of T.C.A. § 49-1-1101, the Tennessee Department of Education ("State") inspects and approves childcare programs subject to the **Rules of the State Board of Education**, **Chapter 0520-12-01**, **Standards for School Administered Child Care Programs**. This includes issuing certificates of approval for those childcare programs that meet the childcare standards of the Board.

Under T.C.A. § 49-1-1102, a child care program is defined as, "any place or facility operated by any person or entity that provides child care for children in a before or after school based program operated by a local board of education pursuant to § 49-2-203(b)(11), a public school administered early childhood education program, a church affiliated program operated pursuant to § 49-50-801, or a federally funded early childhood education program such as a Title I program, a school-administered head start or an even start program, state-approved Montessori school programs and a program operated by a private school as defined by § 49-6-3001(c)(3)(A)(iii)."

#### **Procurement Purpose**

The State is seeking five (5) contractors to serve the State of Tennessee. Contracts will be awarded for a term of two (2) years. The breakdown of these contracts are as follows:

#### East Tennessee:

- 1) Hamblen County:
  - One (1) contractor at 20 hours/week for up to 1,040 total hours/year.
- 2) Hamilton County:
  - One (1) contractor at 20 hours/week for up to 1,040 total hours/year.
- 3) Knox County:
  - One (1) contractor at 35 hours/week for up to 1,820 total hours/year.

#### Middle Tennessee:

- 4) Davidson County:
  - One (1) contractor at 20 hours/week for up to 1,040 total hours/year.
- 5) Sumner County:
  - One (1) contractor at 20 hours/week for up to 1,040 total hours/year.

As requested by the State, contractors shall conduct health and safety monitoring in accordance with Rules of the State Board of Education, <u>Chapter 0520-12-01</u>, <u>Standards for School-Administered Child Care</u> on school-administered childcare programs.

See the attached pro forma contract that includes a detailed scope of services. This substantially represents the contract document that the awarded contractors must sign.

#### **Communications**

Applicants <u>must</u> direct communications concerning this request for applications to the following person designated as the solicitation coordinator:

Kayla Michaud, Procurement Coordinator Tennessee Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> floor Nashville, TN 37243 Kayla.michaud@tn.gov

## **Review Process**

All complete application packages received by the State on or before the application deadline will be reviewed by the State's Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning, to determine if they meet the State's mandatory requirements. Those deemed acceptable will be forwarded to a peer review committee. The committee will provide each application with a technical merit score based on the review criteria and rubric and hold interviews with acceptable applicants. During the interview, applicants will be asked to complete a performance task involving the Standards for School-Administered Childcare. Technical merit scores will serve as the foundation for contract award decisions. The State has the sole discretion to determine the acceptability of applications.

The State reserves the right not to award all contracts. **All awards are subject to the availability of funds. Contracts are not final until the contract is executed.** 

### Schedule

Event	Time (Central Time Zone)	Date
RFA Released		April 1, 2024
Application Deadline	4:00PM CT	May 24, 2024
Scheduled Interviews / Score Performance Task		June 3 - 14, 2024
Notice of Contract Award		June 17, 2024
Proposed Contract Start Date		July 1, 2024

## **Application Procedures**

The application must be completed and submitted via email to <a href="mailto:kayla.michaud@tn.gov">kayla.michaud@tn.gov</a> by 4:00PM CT on May 24, 2024. Paper copies of this application will <a href="mailto:not">not</a> be accepted.

#### For consideration, responses must include all the following:

- Cover Letter
- Current Resume.
- Name, contact info, and relationship of three professional references.
- Statements of intent highlighting technical qualifications, experience, which position/county to apply for, ability to travel, and ability to commit to required hours.

## **Application Components**

Section of the Application	Page Limit
Cover letter addressed to Misty Moody. The cover letter must include	1 page
the following:	
a. Work History and Achievements	
b. Knowledge of Childcare Standards	
c. Data entry skills	
d. Personal statement stating why individual is the	
best fit.	
Professional Resume	1 page
Three (3) Professional References	3-6 pages
Brief Statement:	1 page
Identified position/county of interest and ability to travel	
Brief Statement:	1 page
Ability to commit to the weekly schedule within hour ranges specified	

# **Attachment A: Scoring Rubric**

#### **Mandatory Requirements**

Applicants meeting the following mandatory requirements will move to the next stage of the application process. The next stage includes an interview and a performance task.

#### **Applicant Name**

#### **Mandatory Requirements**

- 1. Applicant has submitted a complete application by application deadline.
- 2. Applicant has identified position of interest and a brief statement stating their ability to travel within assigned region as required.
- 3. Applicant has experience working in schools or before and after school programs.
- 4. Applicant has provided a brief statement stating they can commit to a weekly schedule of the required hours between the hours of 6:00AM 7:30AM and 3:00PM 6:00PM.

#### **Technical Scoring Section**

A peer review committee, made up of three (3) State employees, will independently evaluate and score the applicant's application, interview, and performance task. Each evaluator will use the following whole number, raw point scale for scoring the Application Components listed below:

1 Point = POOR

3 Points = SATISFACTORY

5 Points = EXCELLENT

The three evaluator scores will be averaged to determine the applicant's FINAL score.

Applicants with the highest averaged score per position/county will\_be offered a contract. Final selections may be adjusted to allow for placement in all positions/counties.

APPLICATION COMPONENT	MAXIMUM POINTS	ASSIGNED POINTS
Cover Letter	5	
Resume	5	
Three (3) Professional References	5	
Interview: The applicant has great interpersonal skills and can maintain conversation throughout the interview.	5	
Interview: Applicant can connect his/her real- life experiences to the contract scope of work.	5	
Performance Task: Applicants' ability to navigate Childcare Standards and make quick decisions determining if a program is in or out of compliance.	5	
Performance Task: Applicants' ability to think outside the box and on the spot on how to support a school that is struggling and out of compliance.	5	
SCORE (maximum possible score =35)		
Evaluator Identification:		

COMPONENT	EXCELLENT	SATISFACTORY	POOR
Cover Letter	The cover letter provides all requested items including work history, knowledge of childcare standards, data entry skills, and personal interest statement.	Cover letter provides some, but NOT ALL the requested items.	The cover letter does not provide ANY information on the requested items.
	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
Resume	Resume shows that applicant has 3 or more years of experience in childcare, compliance monitoring, and/or teaching.	Resume shows that the applicant has 1 to 3 years in childcare, compliance monitoring, and/or teaching.	Resume shows that the applicant has less than 1 year of childcare, compliance monitoring, and/or teaching.
	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
Three (3) Professional	Applicant provided three (3) or	Applicant provided one (1) or two	The applicant did not provide
References	more professional references with required information.	(2) professional references and/or not all required information.	ANY professional references.
	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
Interview:	The applicant has high level	The applicant has some level	Applicants struggled with the
The applicant has great	interpersonal skills and can	interpersonal skills but struggled	questions related to the contract
interpersonal skills and	maintain conversation	to answer some of the questions	scope of work.
can maintain	throughout the entire interview.	related to the contract scope of	
conversation throughout the	(5 Points)	work.	
interview.	(3 FOILIS)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)

Interview:	Applicant was able to relate	Applicant was able to relate (with	Applicant was unable to relate
Applicant can connect	previous work experiences to	prompt) previous work	previous work experiences to
his/her real-life	contractor position.	experiences to contractor	contractor position.
experiences to the job	·	position.	
as contractor.			
	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
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Performance Task:	Applicant was able to navigate	Applicant was able to navigate the	Applicant was able to navigate
Applicants' ability to	the childcare standards to	childcare standards to determine	the childcare standards to
navigate Childcare	determine if a program was in	if a program was in compliance	determine if a program was in
Standards and make	compliance or not 100% of the	or not between 99%-75% of the	compliance or not less than 75%
quick decisions	time.	time.	of the time.
determiningifa			
program is in or out of			
compliance.	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
Performance Task:	Applicant completed	Applicant completed	Applicant completed
Applicants' ability to	performance task with 100%	performance task with 99%-75%	performance tasks with less than
think outside the box	accuracy.	accuracy.	75% accuracy.
and on the spot on			
how to support a	(5 Points)	(3 Points)	(1 Point)
school that is struggling			
and out of compliance.			

## **Attachment B: Pro Forma Contract**

The *Pro Forma* Contract details the State's requirements:

- Scope of Services and Deliverables (Section A);
- Contract Period (Section B);
- Payment Terms (Section C);
- Standard Terms and Conditions (Section D); and,
- Special Terms and Conditions (Section E).

The *pro forma* contract substantially represents the document that the successful contractors <u>must</u> sign.

See sample Pro Forma Contract attached below.

# CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CONTRACTOR NAME

This Contract, by and between the State of Tennessee, Department of Education ("State") and Contractor Legal Entity Name ("Contractor"), is for the provision of Early Learning Contractor (FY25 and FY26), as further defined in the "SCOPE." State and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties" to this Contract.

The Contractor is an Individual.

Contractor Place of Incorporation or Organization: Location

Contractor Edison Registration ID #: Number

#### A. SCOPE:

- A.1. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required, described, and detailed below and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by this Contract.
- A.2. <u>Definitions.</u> For purposes of this Contract, definitions shall be as follows and as set forth in the Contract:
  - a. <u>DHS' e-Licensing System</u> data system that houses Tennessee childcare data. This system represents both DHS regulated childcare programs and DOE schools that offer preschool services and school-age before/aftercare programs.
  - b. <u>Early Childhood Quality and Supports</u> name given to field staff that are responsible for monitoring School-Administered Childcare programs in accordance with T.C.A. 49-1-1101-1108 and State Board of Education (SBE) Rule, Standards for School-Administered Childcare, Chapter 0520-12-01.
  - c. <u>School-Administered Childcare</u> any childcare or preschool opportunity for children six weeks-5 years or K-12<sup>th</sup> grade that is run by a public or private school.
- A.3. As requested by the State, the Contractor shall conduct health and safety monitoring on assigned School-Administered Childcare programs as follows:
  - a. Participate in up to five (5) days of onboarding training with the State's regional directors.
  - b. Shadow an assigned State program evaluator for a minimum of five (5) business days, completion of which is required prior to providing monitoring services.
  - c. Conduct all monitoring in accordance with the Rules of the State Board of Education, Chapter 0520-12-01, Standards for School Administered Child Care Programs.
  - d. Participate in weekly 1:1 check-in with assigned regional director.
  - e. Participate in regional team meetings two (2) times per week.
  - f. Participate in Early Childhood Quality and Supports training regarding monitoring, including monthly webinars and in-person meetings.
  - g. Visit all assigned schools a minimum of twice per year:
    - 1) August-December: Announced visit
    - 2) January-May: Unannounced visit
    - 3) Summer programs: Additional visits both announced and unannounced
  - h. Maintain accurate and detailed Outlook calendar that provides the number of programs visited each week.
  - Maintain accurate and updated files on all School-Administered Childcare programs including copies of visits, annual reports, complaints, follow-up visits, and any additional paperwork associated with the program.
  - j. Complete required documentation concerning visits.
  - k. Enter data on all visits within ten (10) calendar days into DHS' e-Licensing system.

- Maintain detailed documentation logs on all activities (including completion of monitoring activities and reports), schedules, travel time, and communication logs in accordance with specifications provided by the State. The Contractor shall submit this documentation on the last business day of each month.
- m. Notify assigned regional director within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving a complaint through the Department of Human Services complaint hotline and schedule joint investigation within forty-eight (48) hours.
- A.4. All work products developed or produced by the Contractor under this Contract shall constitute "works made for hire: or have similar status under relevant intellectual property law. The State shall have full, final, and perpetual ownership rights to all work products or other content and materials provided by the Contractor for the State under this Contract.
- A.5. All work products developed or produced by the Contractor under this Contract are subject to final approval by the State. The Contractor shall make any revisions requested by the State on a timeline approved by the State.
- A.6. To the extent applicable, the Contractor shall comply with the State's Acceptable Use Policy, Network Access Rights and Obligations, found here:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/documents/fa\_policies/Acceptable%20Use%20Policy.pdf.

- A.7. All data, information and metadata collected by the Contractor, furnished by the State or LEAs to the Contractor, or collected by the Contractor in the course of the performance of work under this Contract shall be and remain the property of the State (unless otherwise specified by the State), and the Contractor shall neither have nor acquire any rights, title, interest or licenses therein by virtue of this Contract, excepting only a limited license to use the data for purposes reasonably required for the performance of duties under this Contract and subject to confidentiality law, policy, and requirements with respect to the data. Use of State data for any purpose, including research, not explicitly stated herein must be submitted for State review and approval.
- A.8. <u>Warranty</u>. Contractor represents and warrants that the term of the warranty ("Warranty Period") shall be the greater of the Term of this Contract or any other warranty generally offered by Contractor, its suppliers, or manufacturers to customers of its goods or services. The goods or services provided under this Contract shall conform to the terms and conditions of this Contract throughout the Warranty Period. Any nonconformance of the goods or services to the terms and conditions of this Contract shall constitute a "Defect" and shall be considered "Defective." If Contractor receives notice of a Defect during the Warranty Period, then Contractor shall correct the Defect, at no additional charge.

Contractor represents and warrants that the State is authorized to possess and use all equipment, materials, software, and deliverables provided under this Contract.

Contractor represents and warrants that all goods or services provided under this Contract shall be provided in a timely and professional manner, by qualified and skilled individuals, and in conformity with standards generally accepted in Contractor's industry.

If Contractor fails to provide the goods or services as warranted, then Contractor will re-provide the goods or services at no additional charge. If Contractor is unable or unwilling to re-provide the goods or services as warranted, then the State shall be entitled to recover the fees paid to Contractor for the Defective goods or services. Any exercise of the State's rights under this Section shall not prejudice the State's rights to seek any other remedies available under this Contract or applicable law.

A.9. <u>Inspection and Acceptance</u>. The State shall have the right to inspect all goods or services provided by Contractor under this Contract. If, upon inspection, the State determines that the goods or services are Defective, the State shall notify Contractor, and Contractor shall re-deliver the goods or provide the services at no additional cost to the State. If after a period of thirty (30)

days following delivery of goods or performance of services the State does not provide a notice of any Defects, the goods or services shall be deemed to have been accepted by the State.

#### B. TERM OF CONTRACT:

This Contract shall be effective for the period beginning on July 1, 2024 ("Effective Date") and ending on June 30, 2026 ("Term"). The State shall have no obligation for goods delivered or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.

#### C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- C.1. Maximum Liability. In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Contract exceed WRITTEN DOLLAR AMOUNT (\$AMOUNT) ("Maximum Liability"). This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.
- C.2. <u>Compensation Firm</u>. The payment methodology in Section C.3. of this Contract shall constitute the entire compensation due the Contractor for all goods or services provided under this Contract regardless of the difficulty, materials or equipment required. The payment methodology includes all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Contractor.
- C.3. <u>Payment Methodology</u>. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment methodology for goods or services authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Section C.1.
  - a. The Contractor's compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of goods or services as set forth in Section A.
  - b. The Contractor shall be compensated based upon the following payment methodology:

Goods or Services Description	Amount (per compensable increment)
Monitoring School-Administered Childcare in accordance with T.C.A. 49-1-1101-1108 and SBE rule Standards for School-Administered Childcare, Chapter 0520-12-01.	\$28.85 per hour; MAXIMUM of X hours per week

C.4. <u>Travel Compensation.</u> Compensation to the Contractor for travel, meals, or lodging shall be subject to amounts and limitations specified in the current "State Comprehensive Travel Regulations." All travel must be pre-approved by the State. The Travel Compensation "Not To Exceed Amount" for the contract Term is ten thousand dollars and zero cents (\$10,000.00).

The Contractor must include (in addition to other invoice requirements of this Contract) a complete itemization of requested travel compensation and appropriate documentation and receipts as required by the "State Comprehensive Travel Regulations."

C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section C.3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

Jake Hedgecock, Early Learning Operations and PDG Grant Manager Tennessee Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243

Jake.Hedgecock@tn.gov
(629) 261-5460

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):
  - (1) Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
  - (2) Invoice date;
  - (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
  - (4) Customer account name: Tennessee Department of Education/Office of Academics
  - (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer);
  - (6) Contractor name;
  - (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
  - (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);
  - (9) Contractor remittance address;
  - (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;
  - (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
  - (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each good or service invoiced;
  - (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
  - (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.
- b. Contractor's invoices shall:
  - Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section C;
  - (2) Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
  - (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes: and
  - (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.
- c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements of this Section C.5.
- C.6. <u>Payment of Invoice</u>. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or other matter. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of goods delivered, any part of the services provided, or as approval of any amount invoiced.
- C.7. <u>Invoice Reductions</u>. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that is determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract, to not constitute proper compensation for goods delivered or services provided.
- C.8. <u>Deductions</u>. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.

- C.9. <u>Prerequisite Documentation</u>. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.
  - a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
  - The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form.
     The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the
     Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

#### D. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.
- D.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective Party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or email address as stated below or any other address provided in writing by a Party.

The State:

Misty M. Moody, Assistant Commissioner of Early Learning Tennessee Department of Education Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Pkwy. Nashville, TN 37243 Misty.Moody@tn.gov

The Contractor:

Contractor Contact Name & Title Contractor Name Address Email Address (###) ###-####

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effective upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

D.3. <u>Modification and Amendment</u>. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.

- D.4. <u>Subject to Funds Availability</u>. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.
- D.5. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.
- D.6. <u>Termination for Cause</u>. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"),the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any Breach Condition and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
- D.7. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- D.8. <u>Conflicts of Interest</u>. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.
  - The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.
- D.9. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.10. <u>Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants</u>. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the

state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.

- a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation by submitting to the State a completed Attestation (accessible through the Edison Supplier Portal) and included at Attachment A, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
- b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semiannually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
- c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
- d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
- e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
- D.11. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D.12. <u>Monitoring</u>. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.13. <u>Progress Reports</u>. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.14. <u>Strict Performance</u>. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
- D.15. <u>Independent Contractor</u>. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party

to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.

- D.16 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless from any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.
- D.17. <u>Limitation of State's Liability</u>. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. The State's total liability under this Contract (including any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Maximum Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
- D.18. Limitation of Contractor's Liability. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Maximum Liability amount detailed in Section C.1. and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for: (i) intellectual property or any Contractor indemnity obligations for infringement for third-party intellectual property rights; (ii) any claims covered by any specific provision in the Contract providing for liquidated damages; or (iii) any claims for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or acts or omissions that result in personal injuries or death. For clarity, except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Section, Contractor's indemnification obligations and other remedies available under this Contract are subject to the limitations on liability set forth in this Section.
- D.19. <u>Hold Harmless</u>. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.

In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

- D.20. <u>HIPAA Compliance</u>. The State and Contractor shall comply with obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding privacy (collectively the "Privacy Rules"). The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
  - a. Contractor warrants to the State that it is familiar with the requirements of the Privacy Rules, and will comply with all applicable requirements in the course of this Contract.

- b. Contractor warrants that it will cooperate with the State, including cooperation and coordination with State privacy officials and other compliance officers required by the Privacy Rules, in the course of performance of the Contract so that both parties will be in compliance with the Privacy Rules.
- c. The State and the Contractor will sign documents, including but not limited to business associate agreements, as required by the Privacy Rules and that are reasonably necessary to keep the State and Contractor in compliance with the Privacy Rules. This provision shall not apply if information received or delivered by the parties under this Contract is NOT "protected health information" as defined by the Privacy Rules, or if the Privacy Rules permit the parties to receive or deliver the information without entering into a business associate agreement or signing another document.
- d. The Contractor will indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any violation by the Contractor or its subcontractors of the Privacy Rules. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of protected health information, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any fines, penalties, or damages paid by the State because of the violation.
- D.21. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, et seq., the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System ("TCRS"), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, et seq., accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of "employee/employer" and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.
- D.22. <u>Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration.</u> The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
- D.23. <u>Debarment and Suspension</u>. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:
  - a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
  - b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
  - d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its

- principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded, disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.
- D.24. Force Majeure. "Force Majeure Event" means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred, and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees for the affected obligations until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.
- D.25. <u>State and Federal Compliance</u>. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor's performance of this Contract.
- D.26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 408.
- D.27. Entire Agreement. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
- D.28. <u>Severability</u>. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
- D.29. <u>Headings</u>. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
- D.30. <u>Incorporation of Additional Documents</u>. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:
  - a. any amendment to this Contract, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments;

- b. this Contract with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below), which includes Attachment A;
- c. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking this Contract;
- d. the State solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for this Contract:
- e. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award this Contract; and
- f. the Contractor's response seeking this Contract.
- D.31. <u>Iran Divestment Act.</u> The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.
- D.32. <u>Insurance</u>. Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage as specified in this Section. The State reserves the right to amend or require additional insurance coverage, coverage amounts, and endorsements required under this Contract. The State reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time. If Contractor loses insurance coverage, fails to renew coverage, or for any reason becomes uninsured during the Term, Contractor shall immediately notify the State.

The insurance obligations under this Contract shall be: 1—all the insurance coverage and policy limits carried by or available to the Contractor; or 2—the minimum insurance coverage requirements and policy limits shown in this Contract; whichever is greater. Any insurance proceeds or policies in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and minimum required policy limits, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the State. No representation is made that the minimum insurance requirements of the Contract are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain, at a minimum, the following insurance coverage(s) and policy limits.

- a. Automobile Liability Insurance
  - 1) In the event that the Contractor (1) owns, leases, or otherwise operates an automotive vehicle and (2) intends to use such vehicle in furtherance of their Contractual duties or for regular or periodic transportation onto State property for the purposes of performing the Contractor's duties under the Terms of this Contract, then the Contractor shall provide to the State proof of the Contractor's automobile liability insurance policy. Such automobile liability insurance policy shall maintain limits not less than the minimum liability limits established by the relevant authority under which said vehicle is licensed. Such verification is required whether or not the State intends to reimburse the Contractor for mileage.
  - 2) If the Contractor DOES NOT (1) own, lease, or otherwise operate an automotive vehicle or (2) WILL NOT operate or otherwise employ a personal vehicle in furtherance of their contractual duties or for regular or periodic transportation onto State property for the purposes of performing the Contractor's duties under the Terms of this Contract, then the Contractor shall provide to the State a letter signed by the Contractor certifying as to the above. In the event that such situation changes over the course of the Term of this Contract as described in provision 1) above, the Contractor shall inform the State and provide proof of automobile liability insurance before such time as the Contractor shall use such vehicle in furtherance of their Contractual duties or for regular or periodic transportation onto State property for the purposes of performing the Contractor's duties under the Terms of this Contract.

- D.33. Major Procurement Contract Sales and Use Tax. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-39-102 and to the extent applicable, the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors shall remit sales and use taxes on the sales of goods or services that are made by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors and that are subject to tax.
- D.34. <u>Confidentiality of Records</u>. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- D.35. <u>Boycott of Israel.</u> The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and covenants that it will not, for the duration of the Contract, engage in a Boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-119.
- D.36. Prohibited Contract Terms. The prohibited contract terms and conditions enumerated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that the inclusion of a term or condition prohibited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-515, shall be null and void and the Contract shall be enforceable as if the Contract did not contain such term or condition.
- D.37. Equal Opportunity. The Contractor agrees as follows:
  - a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:
    - (1) Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising;
    - (2) Layoff or termination;
    - (3) Rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and
    - (4) Selection for training, including apprenticeship.

The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- b. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
- c. If the State approves any subcontract, the subcontract shall include paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

In addition, to the extent applicable the Contractor agrees to comply with 41 C.F. R. § 60-1.4, as that section is amended from time to time during the term.

#### E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- E.1. <u>Conflicting Terms and Conditions</u>. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract's other terms and conditions.
- E.2. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act & Tennessee Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act. The Contractor shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. 1232(g)) and its accompanying regulations (34 C.F.R. § 99) ("FERPA"). The Contractor warrants that the Contractor is familiar with FERPA requirements and that it will comply with these requirements in the performance of its duties under this Contract. The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the State, as required by FERPA, in the performance of its duties under this Contract. The Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all education records and student information. The Contractor shall only use such records and information for the exclusive purpose of performing its duties under this Contract. The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

The Contractor shall also comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-701, et seq., known as the "Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act," and any accompanying administrative rules or regulations (collectively "DATAA"). The Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all records containing student and de-identified data, as this term is defined in DATAA, in any databases, to which the State has granted the Contractor access, and to only use such data for the exclusive purpose of performing its duties under this Contract.

Any instances of unauthorized disclosure of data containing personally identifiable information in violation of FERPA or DATAA that come to the attention of the Contractor shall be reported to the State within twenty-four (24) hours. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless State, its employees, agents and representatives, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, or causes of action that may arise, accrue, or result to any person or entity that is injured or damaged as a result of Contractor's failure to comply with this section.

Personally Identifiable Information. While performing its obligations under this Contract, E.3. Contractor may have access to Personally Identifiable Information held by the State ("PII"). For the purposes of this Contract, "PII" includes "Nonpublic Personal Information" as that term is defined in Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 or any successor federal statute, and the rules and regulations thereunder, all as may be amended or supplemented from time to time ("GLBA") and personally identifiable information and other data protected under any other applicable laws, rule or regulation of any jurisdiction relating to disclosure or use of personal information ("Privacy Laws"). Contractor agrees it shall not do or omit to do anything which would cause the State to be in breach of any Privacy Laws. Contractor shall, and shall cause its employees, agents and representatives to: (i) keep PII confidential and may use and disclose PII only as necessary to carry out those specific aspects of the purpose for which the PII was disclosed to Contractor and in accordance with this Contract, GLBA and Privacy Laws; and (ii) implement and maintain appropriate technical and organizational measures regarding information security to: (A) ensure the security and confidentiality of PII; (B) protect against any threats or hazards to the security or integrity of PII; and (C) prevent unauthorized access to or use of PII. Contractor shall immediately notify State: (1) of any disclosure or use of any PII by Contractor or any of its employees, agents and representatives in breach of this Contract; and (2) of any disclosure of any PII to Contractor or its employees, agents and representatives where the purpose of such disclosure is not known to Contractor or its employees, agents and representatives. The State reserves the right to review Contractor's policies and procedures used to maintain the security and confidentiality of PII and Contractor shall, and cause its employees, agents and representatives to, comply with all reasonable requests or directions from the State to enable the State to verify or ensure that Contractor is in full compliance with its obligations under this Contract in relation to PII. Upon termination or expiration of the Contract or at the State's direction at any time in its sole discretion, whichever is earlier, Contractor shall immediately return to the State any and all PII which it has received under this Contract and shall destroy all records of such PII.

The Contractor shall report to the State any instances of unauthorized access to or potential disclosure of PII in the custody or control of Contractor ("Unauthorized Disclosure") that come to the Contractor's attention. Any such report shall be made by the Contractor within twenty-four (24) hours after the Unauthorized Disclosure has come to the attention of the Contractor. Contractor shall take all necessary measures to halt any further Unauthorized Disclosures. The Contractor, at the sole discretion of the State, shall provide no cost credit monitoring services for individuals whose PII was affected by the Unauthorized Disclosure. The Contractor shall bear the cost of notification to all individuals affected by the Unauthorized Disclosure, including individual letters and public notice. The remedies set forth in this Section are not exclusive and are in addition to any claims or remedies available to this State under this Contract or otherwise available at law. The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

addition to any claims or remedies available to this State under this Contract or otherwise available at law. The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract. E.4. State Furnished Property. The Contractor shall be responsible for the correct use, maintenance, and protection of all articles of nonexpendable, tangible personal property furnished by the State for the Contractor's use under this Contract. Upon termination of this Contract, all property furnished by the State shall be returned to the State in the same condition as when received, less ordinary wear and tear. Should the property be destroyed, lost, or stolen, the Contractor shall be responsible to the State for the fair market value of the property at the time of loss. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:** CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE DATE PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR SIGNATORY (above) TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

LIZZETTE REYNOLDS, COMMISSIONER DATE

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

#### ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:	82226
CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:	TBD
EDISON VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	TBD

The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.

#### **CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE**

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY

**DATE OF ATTESTATION**