

Memorandum for General RFP Configuration

To: Vendor with current valid proposal for General RFP #3617 for Telecommunications Equipment and Services

From: David L. Litchlitter 

CC: ITS Project File Number 36960

Date: March 11, 2010

Subject: Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 36960 for the procurement and installation of AVAYA equipment for the Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU)

Contact Name: Paula Conn

Contact Phone Number: 601-359-4411

Contact E-mail Address: Paula.Conn@its.ms.gov

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) is seeking the hardware and services described below on behalf of the Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). Our records indicate that your company currently has a valid proposal on file at ITS in response to General RFP #3617 for Telecommunications Equipment and Services. Our preliminary review of this proposal indicates that your company offers products, software, and/or services that may meet the requirements of this project; therefore, we are requesting your configuration assistance for the components described below.

1. GENERAL LOC INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1 Beginning with Item 2, label and respond to each outline point as it is labeled in the LOC.
- 1.2 The Vendor must respond with "ACKNOWLEDGED," "WILL COMPLY," or "AGREED" to each point in the LOC including the attached *Standard Purchase Agreement*, (Attachment C), as follows:
 - 1.2.1 "ACKNOWLEDGED" should be used when a Vendor response or Vendor compliance is not required. "ACKNOWLEDGED" simply means the Vendor is confirming to the State that he read the statement. This is commonly used in sections where the agency's current operating

environment is described or where general information is being given about the project.

1.2.2 “WILL COMPLY” or “AGREED” are used interchangeably to indicate that the Vendor will adhere to the requirement. These terms are used to respond to statements that specify that a Vendor or Vendor’s proposed solution must comply with a specific item or must perform a certain task.

1.3 If the Vendor cannot respond with “ACKNOWLEDGED,” “WILL COMPLY,” or “AGREED,” then the Vendor must respond with “EXCEPTION.” (See instructions in Item 9 regarding Vendor exceptions.)

1.4 Where an outline point asks a question or requests information, the Vendor must respond with the specific answer or information requested in addition to “WILL COMPLY” or “AGREED”.

1.5 In addition to the above, Vendor must provide explicit details as to the manner and degree to which the proposal meets or exceeds each specification.

2. GENERAL OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

ITS is seeking the AVAYA equipment listed in Attachment A, *Product List and Cost Proposal Form*. This equipment will be installed at Mississippi Valley State University, Sutton Hall currently under renovation at the University in Itta Bena, Mississippi. Funds for this procurement are provided through the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management (BOB).

3. PROCUREMENT PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Date
Release of LOC	Thursday, March 11, 2010
Deadline for Vendors’ Written Questions	Monday, March 15, 2010, 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
Addendum with Vendors’ Questions and Answers	Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Proposals Due	Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
Proposal Evaluation	Wednesday, March 31-Friday, April 2, 2010
Notification of Award	Monday, April 5, 2010
Contract Negotiations	Monday, April 5-Friday, April 16, 2010
Installation	Completed by Friday, May 7, 2010
Acceptance	Thirty days from completed installation

4. STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING

- 4.1 The Vendor must provide pricing for all hardware and installation for the proposed solution.
- 4.2 Proposed equipment must be new from the manufacturer and qualify for warranty and maintenance services.
- 4.3 Vendor must be aware that ITS reserves the right to make additional purchases at the proposed prices for a six (6) month period.
- 4.4 It is the State's intention that the hardware ships to MVSU at 14000 Highway 82 West, Itta Bena, Mississippi 38941 to the attention of Edgar Bland so that installation is completed on or before May 7, 2010.
- 4.5 Vendor acknowledges that if awarded, it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, Section 71-11-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp2008), and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Vendor will agree to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State.

Vendor acknowledges and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi.

Vendor acknowledges that violating the E-Verify Program (or successor thereto) requirements subjects Vendor to the following: (a) cancellation of any state or public contract and ineligibility for any state or public contract for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to Vendor by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. Vendor would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit.

- 4.6 From the issue date of this LOC until a Vendor is selected and the selection is announced, responding Vendors or their representatives may not communicate, either orally or in writing regarding this LOC with any statewide elected official,

state officer or employee, member of the legislature or legislative employee except as noted herein. To ensure equal treatment for each responding Vendor, all questions regarding this LOC must be submitted in writing to the State's Contact Person for the selection process, no later than the last date for accepting responding Vendor questions provided in this LOC. All such questions will be answered officially by the State in writing. All such questions and answers will become addenda to this LOC. **Vendors failing to comply with this requirement will be subject to disqualification.**

4.6.1 The State contact person for the selection process is: Paula Conn, Technology Consultant, 301 North Lamar Street, Suite 508, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 601-359-4411, Paula.Conn@its.ms.gov.

4.6.2 Vendor may consult with State representatives as designated by the State contact person identified in 4.6.1 above in response to State-initiated inquiries. Vendor may consult with State representatives during scheduled oral presentations and demonstrations excluding site visits.

4.7 Subject to acceptance by ITS, the Vendor acknowledges that by submitting a proposal, the Vendor is contractually obligated to comply with all items in this LOC, including the *Standard Purchase Agreement*, Attachment C if included herein, except those listed as exceptions on the *Proposal Exception Summary Form*. If no Proposal Exception Summary Form is included, the Vendor is indicating that he takes no exceptions. This acknowledgement also contractually obligates any and all subcontractors that may be proposed. Vendors may not later take exception to any point during contract negotiations.

4.8 Vendor must acknowledge in this item Vendor's understanding that funds for this procurement will be provided through the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management. Upon award, Vendor will be provided by ITS instructions for submitting invoices for payment.

5. FUNCTIONAL/TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 Vendor must provide pricing for the equipment listed in Attachment A, *Product List and Cost Proposal Form*.

5.2 Vendor must detail (by part number and/or description) any items that are functionally equivalent and substituted for the item listed in the table below.

5.3 If any component(s) necessary for operation of the requested system is omitted from Vendor's proposal, Vendor must be willing to provide the component(s) at

no additional cost. This includes, but is not limited to, all cabling, connectors, etc. necessary to render the configuration fully operational.

6. INSTALLATION

- 6.1 Vendor must provide not-to-exceed cost for installation. Installation will include: unpacking, setup, physical installation of the equipment, installation of peripherals, and meeting with MVSU to verify installation requirements.
- 6.2 Vendor must indicate if Vendor personnel or manufacturer personnel will provide the installation. If Vendor personnel, Vendor must provide documentation substantiating authorization to provide installation.
- 6.3 Vendor must detail the installation approach and plan.

7. EQUIPMENT WARRANTY AND POST-WARRANTY MAINTENANCE

- 7.1 Vendors must state the warranty period for each item proposed, during which time maintenance need not be paid. Warranty must include at a minimum parts and labor.
- 7.2 Vendor must provide a brief description of warranty services (include days and hours of coverage, coverage type [onsite, depot], response time, etc.)
- 7.3 Post-warranty maintenance shall be provided directly by AVAYA as the current provider of post-warranty maintenance.

8. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Please be aware that this procurement, in its entirety, is a component of a construction project being managed by BOB. The estimated completion date provided herein is a good-faith estimate based on the current project schedule. Construction delays may occur due to unforeseen circumstances outside of ITS' and the awarded Vendor's control that prevent the Vendor from completing some or all of the obligations for this award by the projected date (e.g., delay in need for delivery of equipment).
- 8.2 ITS acknowledges that the specifications within this LOC are not exhaustive. Rather, they reflect the known requirements that must be met by the proposed system. Vendors must specify, here, what additional components may be needed and are proposed in order to complete each configuration.
- 8.3 Vendor must specify the discounted price for each item.

- 8.4 Freight is FOB destination. No itemized shipping charges will be accepted.
- 8.5 Vendor must provide all technical specifications and manuals (documentation) at the point of sale.
- 8.6 The awarded Vendor must agree to the return of any items not needed or required during or immediately after implementation. Vendor will not invoice BOB for these returned items nor will Vendor charge a restocking fee.
- 8.7 When completing Attachment A, *Product List and Cost Proposal Form*, Vendor must provide a cost for each item, even if the cost is \$0.00. Do not leave any cost fields blank. Though not required, Vendors are encouraged to submit cost information using the MS Excel Spreadsheet that is included as a separate file.
- 8.8 A properly executed contract is a requirement of this LOC. After an award has been made, it will be necessary for the winning Vendor to execute a Purchase Agreement with ITS. A *Standard Purchase Agreement*, Attachment C, has been attached for your review. The inclusion of this Purchase Agreement does not preclude ITS from, at its sole discretion, negotiating additional terms and conditions with the selected Vendor(s) specific to the project(s) covered by this LOC. If Vendor can not comply with any term or condition of this Purchase Agreement, Vendor must list and explain each specific exception on the Proposal Exception Summary Form, Attachment B explained in Item 9 and attached to this LOC. Winning Vendor must be willing to sign the attached Purchase Agreement within 10 working days of the notice of award. If the Purchase Agreement is not executed within the 10 working day period, ITS reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the winning Vendor and proceed to negotiate with the next lowest and best Vendor in the evaluation.
- 8.9 Vendor must provide the state of incorporation of the company and a name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail for the "Notice" article of the contract.

9. PROPOSAL EXCEPTIONS

- 9.1 Vendor must return the attached *Proposal Exception Summary Form*, Attachment B, with all exceptions listed and clearly explained or state "No Exceptions Taken." If no Proposal Exception Summary Form is included, the Vendor is indicating that no exceptions are taken.
- 9.2 Unless specifically disallowed on any specification herein, the Vendor may take exception to any point within this memorandum, including a specification denoted as mandatory, as long as the following are true:

- 9.2.1 The specification is not a matter of State law;
 - 9.2.2 The proposal still meets the intent of the procurement;
 - 9.2.3 A *Proposal Exception Summary Form* (Attachment B) is included with Vendor's proposal; and
 - 9.2.4 The exception is clearly explained, along with any alternative or substitution the Vendor proposes to address the intent of the specification, on the *Proposal Exception Summary Form* (Attachment B).
- 9.3 The Vendor has no liability to provide items to which an exception has been taken. ITS has no obligation to accept any exception. During the proposal evaluation and/or contract negotiation process, the Vendor and ITS will discuss each exception and take one of the following actions:
- 9.3.1 The Vendor will withdraw the exception and meet the specification in the manner prescribed;
 - 9.3.2 ITS will determine that the exception neither poses significant risk to the project nor undermines the intent of the procurement and will accept the exception;
 - 9.3.3 ITS and the Vendor will agree on compromise language dealing with the exception and will insert same into the contract; or,
 - 9.3.4 None of the above actions is possible, and ITS either disqualifies the Vendor's proposal or withdraws the award and proceeds to the next ranked Vendor.
- 9.4 Should ITS and the Vendor reach a successful agreement, ITS will sign adjacent to each exception which is being accepted or submit a formal written response to the Proposal Exception Summary responding to each of the Vendor's exceptions. The Proposal Exception Summary, with those exceptions approved by ITS, will become a part of any contract on acquisitions made under this procurement.
- 9.5 An exception will be accepted or rejected at the sole discretion of the State.
- 9.6 The State desires to award this LOC to a Vendor or Vendors with whom there is a high probability of negotiating a mutually agreeable contract, substantially within the standard terms and conditions of the State's LOC, including the *Standard Purchase Agreement*, Attachment C, if included herein. As such, Vendors whose proposals, in the sole opinion of the State, reflect a substantial number of material

exceptions to this LOC, may place themselves at a comparative disadvantage in the evaluation process or risk disqualification of their proposals.

- 9.7 For Vendors who have successfully negotiated a contract with ITS in the past, ITS requests that, prior to taking any exceptions to this LOC, the individual(s) preparing this proposal first confer with other individuals who have previously submitted proposals to ITS or participated in contract negotiations with ITS on behalf of their company, to ensure the Vendor is consistent in the items to which it takes exception.

10. SCORING METHODOLOGY

ITS will use cost to determine the lowest and best proposal.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT PRODUCT AND COST INFORMATION

Please use the attached *Product List and Cost Proposal Form* (Attachment A) to provide cost information. Follow the instructions on the form. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

12. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 **Vendor must deliver the response to Paula Conn at ITS no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. (Central Time).** Responses may be delivered by hand, via regular mail, overnight delivery, e-mail, or by fax. Fax number is (601) 354-6016. **ITS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS.** It is solely the responsibility of the Vendor that proposals reach ITS on time. Vendors should contact Paula Conn to verify the receipt of their proposals. Proposals received after the deadline will be rejected.
- 12.2 If you have any questions concerning this request, please e-mail Paula Conn of ITS at Paula.Conn@its.ms.gov. **Any questions concerning the specifications detailed in this LOC must be received no later than Monday, March 15, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. (Central Time).**

Enclosures: Attachment A, Product List and Cost Proposal Form
Attachment B, Proposal Exception Summary Form
Attachment C, Standard Purchase Agreement

**ATTACHMENT A
 PRODUCT LIST AND COST PROPOSAL FORM**

Company Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____
Contact E-mail: _____

MFG#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	UNIT INSTALLATION COST	EXENDED INSTALLATION COST	WARRANTY PERIOD
113090	ENTERPRISE CONFIG TO QUOTE	1					
199990	PROJECT SYSTEM CONFIGURATI	1					
19999X	INTRICACY LEVEL X - PROJEC	1					
185446	AVAYA COMMUNICATIONS SOLUT	1					
193008	CM S8400 MODEL UPG	1					
165397	IP TRUNK LICENSE 1 P0RT	6					
195311	INTEGRATED CSU RHS	2					
700393770	120A5 CSU MOD RHS	2					
700406101	DS1 LOOPBACK JACK 700A RHS	2					
700417140	ICSU MOD DOC 03-601208	2					
207941	AVAYA AURATM R5 S8400 UPG	1					
195536	RLTY UNIT RDHT ENTRPRS MAJ	1					
212337	IM ASA VAM CLIENT CM LIC A	1					
212487	CC R5 BASIC UPG RFA RELEAS	1					
225201	AURA STD ED R5 101-1000 SN	156					
225213	AURA STD ED R5 101-1000 AD	150					
227272	SAL STDALN GATEWAY LIC R1.	1					
700383326	S SERIES RPLCMNT LINE CORD	130					
700383920	IP PHONE 9640 GRY 9640D01A	20					

MFG#	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	UNIT INSTALLATION COST	EXENDED INSTALLATION COST	WARRANTY PERIOD
226221	RLTY UNIT NUANCE VOCON3200	20					
229395	RLTY PREPAY WINDRIVER VXWO	20					
700395445	120A CSU CABLE 50FT RHS	2					
700406101	DS1 LOOPBACK JACK 700A RHS	1					
700406267	S8300/S8400 CD/DVD ROM DRI	1					
700412976	AWTS RACK MNT KIT RHS	1					
700413172	AWTS NETLINK AVPP 20 RHS	1					
700415557	IP PHONE 1608 BLK	43					
700415573	IP PHONE 1600 SERIES 32B M	4					
700415607	PWR ADPTR POE 1603 IP PHON	43					
700430416	AWTS 3645 WRLS PHONE	10					
700430432	AWTS DUAL CHRGR FOR 3641/3	10					
700430457	AWTS BATTERY STD FOR 3641/	20					
700450190	IP PHONE 1616 BLK C2	44					
700452618	IA770/CMM R5.x UPG MEDIA K	1					
700456270	ADMIN TOOLS 5.2 CD	1					
700458508	IP PHONE 1603SW BLK	43					
700466014	DS1 INTF TN464HP - NON GSA	2					
700476351	AVAYA AURATM R5.2.1 UPG SF	1					
700479439	PROGNOSIS VOIP MONITORING	1					
700409881	HIS HEADSET CBL FOR 1600/9600 PHONES	4					
700428204	SUPRAELITE MONRL NC WRLS - NA	4					
700420276	AWH-55+ WRLS HEADSET W/HSC NA	4					
	Shipping, if applicable						
	TOTAL EXTENDED COST						

**ATTACHMENT B
PROPOSAL EXCEPTION SUMMARY FORM**

ITS LOC Reference	Vendor Proposal Reference	Brief Explanation of Exception	ITS Acceptance (sign here only if accepted)
(Reference specific outline point to which exception is taken)	(Page, section, items in Vendor's proposal where exception is explained)	(Short description of exception being made)	

**ATTACHMENT C
STANDARD PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**PROJECT NUMBER 36960
PURCHASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
INSERT VENDOR NAME
AND THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
AS CONTRACTING AGENT FOR THE
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
ON BEHALF OF
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

This Purchase Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered into by and between INSERT VENDOR NAME, a INSERT STATE OF INCORPORATION corporation having its principal place of business at INSERT VENDOR ADDRESS (hereinafter referred to as "Seller"), and Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services having its principal place of business at 301 North Lamar Street, Suite 508, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 (hereinafter referred to as "ITS"), as contracting agent for the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Buildings, located at 501 North West Street, Suite 1401-B, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 (hereinafter referred to as "BOB"), on behalf of Mississippi Valley State University located at 14000 Highway 82 West, Itta Bena, Mississippi 38941 (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser"). ITS, BOB and Purchaser are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "State".

WHEREAS, Purchaser, pursuant to Letter of Configuration Number 36960 dated INSERT DATE (hereinafter referred to as "LOC"), based on General Request for Proposals ("RFP") No. 3617, requested proposals for the acquisition of certain equipment and software (hereinafter referred to as "Products") as listed in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, Seller was the successful proposer in an open, fair and competitive procurement process;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual understandings, promises, consideration and agreements set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 TERM OF AGREEMENT

1.1 This Agreement will become effective on the date it is signed by all parties and will continue in effect until all tasks required herein, including any post warranty maintenance/support

specified in Exhibit A, have been completed. Seller agrees to complete all tasks required under this Agreement, with the exception of warranty service, on or before the close of business on May 7, 2010, or within such other period as may be agreed to by the parties.

1.2 This Agreement will become a binding obligation on the State only upon the approval of the project by BOB's Public Procurement Review Board, receipt of Award Letter by Seller, and the issuance by ITS of the CP-1 Acquisition Approval Document.

ARTICLE 2 FURNISHING OF EQUIPMENT

2.1 Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Seller agrees to provide and Purchaser agrees to buy as needed, the Products listed in the attached Exhibit A and at the purchase price set forth therein, but in no event will the total compensation to be paid hereunder exceed the specified sum of \$INSERT AMOUNT unless prior written authorization from ITS has been obtained. Upon approval of BOB, Purchaser shall submit a notice to proceed to Seller which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The parties agree that Purchaser reserves the right to adjust the quantities of purchases based upon the availability of funding or as determined necessary by Purchaser. Seller guarantees pricing for a period of six (6) months days from the effective date of this Agreement. In the event there is a national price decrease of the Products bid during this time, Seller agrees to extend the new, lower pricing to Purchaser.

2.2 The Products provided by Seller shall meet or exceed the minimum specifications set forth in the LOC, General RFP No. 3617 and the Seller's Proposals in response thereto.

ARTICLE 3 DELIVERY, RISK OF LOSS, INSTALLATION AND ACCEPTANCE

3.1 Seller shall deliver the Products to the location specified by Purchaser and pursuant to the delivery schedule set forth by Purchaser.

3.2 Seller shall assume and shall bear the entire risk of loss and damage to the Products from any cause whatsoever while in transit and at all times throughout its possession thereof.

3.3 Seller shall complete installation of the Products pursuant to the requirements set forth in the LOC. Seller acknowledges that installation shall be accomplished with minimal interruption of Purchaser's normal day to day operations.

3.4 Seller shall be responsible for replacing, restoring or bringing to at least original condition any damage to floors, ceilings, walls, furniture, grounds, pavements, sidewalks, and the like caused by its personnel and operations during the installation, subject to final approval of ITS. The repairs will be done only by technicians skilled in the various trades involved, using materials and workmanship to match those of the original construction in type and quality.

3.5 Seller shall be responsible for installing all equipment, cable and materials in accordance with all State, Federal and industry standards for such items.

3.6 Purchaser shall accept or reject the Products provided by Seller after a ten (10) day testing period utilizing testing criteria developed by Purchaser. During the acceptance period, Purchaser

shall have the opportunity to evaluate and test the Products to confirm that it performs without any defects and performs pursuant to the specifications set forth in the LOC and General RFP No. 3617. Purchaser shall notify Seller in writing of its acceptance of the Products.

3.7 In the event the Product fails to perform as stated above, Purchaser shall notify Seller. Seller shall, within two (2) working days and at Seller's sole expense, correct the defects identified by Purchaser or replace the defective Product. Purchaser reserves the right to return the defective Product to Seller at the Seller's expense and to cancel this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 TITLE TO EQUIPMENT

Title to the equipment provided under this Agreement shall pass to Purchaser upon its acceptance of the equipment.

ARTICLE 5 CONSIDERATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

5.1 Once the Products have been accepted by Purchaser as prescribed in Article 3 herein, Seller shall submit an invoice for the cost and shall certify that the billing is true and correct. Services will be invoiced as they are rendered. Seller shall submit invoices and supporting documentation to Purchaser electronically during the term of this Agreement using the processes and procedures identified by the State. BOB agrees to pay Seller in accordance with Mississippi law on "Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies", Sections 31-7-301, et seq. of the 1972 Mississippi Code Annotated, as amended, which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the State within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the invoice. Seller understands and agrees that Purchaser is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency. Payments by state agencies using the Statewide Automated Accounting System ("SAAS") shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by the State. These payments by SAAS agencies shall be deposited into the bank account of the Seller's choice. No payment, including final payment, shall be construed as acceptance of defective Products or incomplete work, and the Seller shall remain responsible and liable for full performance in strict compliance with the contract documents specified in the article herein titled "Entire Agreement".

5.2 Acceptance by the Seller of the last payment from the BOB shall operate as a release of all claims against the State by the Seller and any subcontractors or other persons supplying labor or materials used in the performance of any work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 WARRANTIES

6.1 Seller represents and warrants that Seller has the right to sell the equipment and license the software provided under this Agreement.

6.2 Seller represents and warrants that Purchaser shall acquire good and clear title to the equipment purchased hereunder, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

6.3 Seller represents and warrants that each unit of equipment delivered shall be delivered new and not as "used, substituted, rebuilt, refurbished or reinstalled" equipment.

6.4 Seller represents and warrants that it has and will obtain and pass through to Purchaser any and all warranties obtained or available from the licensor of software or the manufacturer of the equipment.

6.5 Seller represents and warrants that all equipment provided pursuant to this Agreement shall, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of each item of equipment, be free from defects in material, manufacture, design and workmanship. Seller's obligation pursuant to this warranty shall include, but is not limited to, the repair or replacement of the equipment at no cost to Purchaser. In the event Seller cannot repair or replace an item of equipment during the warranty period, Seller shall refund the purchase price of the equipment, and refund any fees paid for services that directly relate to the defective hardware.

6.6 Seller represents and warrants that the Products provided by Seller shall meet or exceed the minimum specifications set forth in the LOC, General RFP No. 3617 and Seller's Proposals in response thereto.

6.7 Seller represents and warrants that all software furnished shall be free from material defects for a period of ~~SPECIFY WARRANTY PERIOD~~ after acceptance and will function in accordance with the specifications as stated in the LOC, General RFP No. 3617 and the Seller's Proposals in response thereto. If the software does not function accordingly, Seller shall, at no cost to Purchaser, replace the software or refund the fees paid for the software and for any services that directly relate to the defective software.

6.8 Seller represents and warrants that there is no disabling code or lockup program or device embedded in the software provided to Purchaser. Seller further agrees that it will not, under any circumstances including enforcement of a valid contract right, (a) install or trigger a lockup program or device, or (b) take any step which would in any manner interfere with Purchaser's use of the software and/or which would restrict Purchaser from accessing its data files or in any way interfere with the transaction of Purchaser's business. For any breach of this warranty, Seller at its expense shall, within five (5) working days after receipt of notification of the breach, deliver Products to Purchaser that are free of such disabling code, lockup program or device.

6.9 Seller represents and warrants that the software, as delivered to Purchaser, does not contain a computer virus. For any breach of this warranty, Seller, at its expense, shall, within five (5) working days after receipt of notification of the breach, deliver Products to Purchaser that are free of any virus and shall be responsible for repairing, at Seller's expense, any and all damage done by the virus to Purchaser's site.

6.10 Seller represents and warrants that its services hereunder shall be performed by competent personnel and shall be of professional quality consistent with generally accepted industry standards for the performance of such services and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this Agreement. For any breach of this warranty, the Seller shall, for a period of ninety (90) days from performance of the service, perform the services again, at no cost to Purchaser, or if Seller is unable to perform the services as warranted, Seller shall reimburse Purchaser the fees paid to Seller for the unsatisfactory services.

6.11 Seller represents and warrants that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act, Section 71-11-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp2008), and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. The term "employee" as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State of Mississippi. As used herein, "status verification system" means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. Seller agrees to maintain records of such compliance and, upon request of the State, to provide a copy of each such verification to the State. Seller further represents and warrants that any person assigned to perform services hereunder meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws of the State of Mississippi. Seller understands and agrees that any breach of these warranties may subject Seller to the following: (a) termination of this Agreement and ineligibility for any state or public contract in Mississippi for up to three (3) years, with notice of such cancellation/termination being made public, or (b) the loss of any license, permit, certification or other document granted to Seller by an agency, department or governmental entity for the right to do business in Mississippi for up to one (1) year, or (c) both. In the event of such termination/cancellation, Seller would also be liable for any additional costs incurred by the State due to contract cancellation or loss of license or permit.

6.12 Seller represents and warrants that the system provided pursuant to this Agreement will pass both internal security audits and independent security audits. For any breach of the preceding warranty at any time during which the system is covered by warranty, maintenance and/or support, Seller shall, at its own expense and at no cost to Purchaser, remediate any defect, anomaly or security vulnerability in the system by repairing and/or replacing any and all components of the system necessary in order for the system to be secure.

6.13 Seller represents and warrants that no official or employee of Purchaser or of ITS, and no other public official of the State of Mississippi who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of the project shall, prior to the completion of said project, voluntarily acquire any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. The Seller warrants that it has removed any material conflict of interest prior to the signing of this Agreement, and that it shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its responsibilities under this Agreement. The Seller also warrants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such known interests shall be employed.

6.14 The Seller represents and warrants that no elected or appointed officer or other employee of the State of Mississippi, nor any member of or delegate to Congress has or shall benefit financially or materially from this Agreement. No individual employed by the State of Mississippi shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or to any benefit that may arise therefrom. The State of Mississippi may, by written notice to the Seller, terminate the right of the Seller to proceed under this Agreement if it is found, after notice and hearing by the ITS Executive Director or his/her designee, that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts, jobs, or otherwise were offered or given by the Seller to any officer or employee of the State of Mississippi with a view toward securing this Agreement or securing favorable treatment with

respect to the award, or amending or making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract, provided that the existence of the facts upon which the ITS Executive Director makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in any competent court. In the event this Agreement is terminated under this article, the State of Mississippi shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Seller as it would pursue in the event of a breach of contract by the Seller, including punitive damages, in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled at law or in equity.

ARTICLE 7 INFRINGEMENT INDEMNIFICATION

Seller represents and warrants that neither the hardware, replacement parts nor software, their elements or the use thereof violates or infringes upon any copyright, patent, trademark, servicemark, trade secret or other proprietary right of any person or entity. Seller, at its own expense, shall defend or settle any and all infringement actions filed against Seller or Purchaser which involve the hardware, software or other items provided under this Agreement and shall pay all settlements, as well as all costs, attorney fees, damages and judgment finally awarded against Purchaser. If the continued use of the products for the purpose intended is threatened to be enjoined or is enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction, Seller shall, at its expense: (a) first procure for Purchaser the right to continue using such products, or upon failing to procure such right; (b) modify or replace them with non-infringing products, or upon failing to secure either such right, (c) refund to Purchaser the purchase price or software license fees previously paid by Purchaser for the products Purchaser may no longer use. Said refund shall be paid within ten (10) working days of notice to Purchaser to discontinue said use.

ARTICLE 8 EMPLOYMENT STATUS

8.1 Seller shall, during the entire term of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent contractor. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall it be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

8.2 Seller represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who shall be qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of Purchaser. Seller shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees, and it accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation, and any other withholdings that may be required. Neither Seller nor employees of Seller are entitled to state retirement or leave benefits.

8.3 Any person assigned by Seller to perform the services hereunder shall be the employee of Seller, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employee. Purchaser may, however, direct Seller to replace any of its employees under this Agreement. If Seller is notified within the first eight (8) hours of assignment that the person is unsatisfactory, Seller will not charge Purchaser for those hours.

8.4 It is further understood that the consideration expressed herein constitutes full and complete compensation for all services and performances hereunder, and that any sum due and payable to

Seller shall be paid as a gross sum with no withholdings or deductions being made by Purchaser for any purpose from said contract sum.

ARTICLE 9 BEHAVIOR OF EMPLOYEES/SUBCONTRACTORS

Seller will be responsible for the behavior of all its employees and subcontractors while on the premises of any Purchaser location. Any employee or subcontractor acting in a manner determined by the administration of that location to be detrimental, abusive, or offensive to any of the staff and/or student body, will be asked to leave the premises and may be suspended from further work on the premises. All Seller employees and subcontractors who will be working at such locations to install or repair Products shall be covered by Seller's comprehensive general liability insurance policy.

ARTICLE 10 MODIFICATION OR RENEGOTIATION

This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement signed by the parties hereto, and any attempt at oral modification shall be void and of no effect. The parties agree to renegotiate the Agreement if federal and/or state revisions of any applicable laws or regulations make changes in this Agreement necessary.

ARTICLE 11 AUTHORITY, ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS

11.1 In matters of proposals, negotiations, contracts, and resolution of issues and/or disputes, the parties agree that Seller represents all contractors, third parties, and/or subcontractors Seller has assembled for this project. The Purchaser is required to negotiate only with Seller, as Seller's commitments are binding on all proposed contractors, third parties, and subcontractors.

11.2 Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement or its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties' respective successors and assigns.

11.3 Seller must obtain the written approval of Purchaser before subcontracting any portion of this Agreement. No such approval by Purchaser of any subcontract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of Purchaser in addition to the total fixed price agreed upon in this Agreement. All subcontracts shall incorporate the terms of this Agreement and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that Purchaser may deem necessary.

11.4 Seller represents and warrants that any subcontract agreement Seller enters into shall contain a provision advising the subcontractor that the subcontractor shall have no lien and no legal right to assert control over any funds held by the Purchaser, and that the subcontractor acknowledges that no privity of contract exists between the Purchaser and the subcontractor and that the Seller is solely liable for any and all payments which may be due to the subcontractor pursuant to its subcontract agreement with the Seller. The Seller shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever arising as a result of

Seller's failure to pay any and all amounts due by Seller to any subcontractor, materialman, laborer or the like.

11.5 All subcontractors shall be bound by any negotiation, arbitration, appeal, adjudication or settlement of any dispute between the Seller and the Purchaser, where such dispute affects the subcontract.

ARTICLE 12 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of Purchaser to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of monies in the applicable IHL and State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund, as provided for by the Mississippi State Legislature via the sale of state general obligation bonds for the cost of this capital improvement. If the funds anticipated for the fulfillment of this Agreement are not forthcoming, or are insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds, or if there is a discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were available to Purchaser for the payments or performance due under this Agreement, Purchaser shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement, without damage, penalty, cost or expense to Purchaser of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination. Purchaser shall have the sole right to determine whether funds are available for the payments or performances due under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 TERMINATION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, as follows: (a) upon the mutual, written agreement of the parties; (b) If either party fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice unless the breach is cured within said thirty (30) day period; (c) Purchaser may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part without the assessment of any penalties upon thirty (30) days written notice to Seller if Seller becomes the subject of bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or (d) Purchaser may terminate the Agreement without the assessment of any penalties for any reason after giving thirty (30) days written notice specifying the effective date thereof to Seller. The provisions of this Article do not limit either party's right to pursue any other remedy available at law or in equity.

ARTICLE 14 GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and venue for the resolution of any dispute shall be Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. Seller expressly agrees that under no circumstances shall Purchaser or ITS be obligated to pay an attorneys fee, prejudgment interest or the cost of legal action to Seller. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall affect any statutory rights Purchaser may have that cannot be waived or limited by contract.

ARTICLE 15 WAIVER

Failure of either party hereto to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants and conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of any similar right or

power hereunder at any subsequent time or of any other provision hereof, nor shall it be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement. A waiver by the State, to be effective, must be in writing, must set out the specifics of what is being waived, and must be signed by an authorized representative of the State.

ARTICLE 16 SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Agreement is prohibited by the laws of the State of Mississippi or declared invalid or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law provided that the State's purpose for entering into this Agreement can be fully achieved by the remaining portions of the Agreement that have not been severed.

ARTICLE 17 CAPTIONS

The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provision or section of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18 HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, Seller shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect and exonerate Purchaser, ITS and the State, its Board Members, officers, employees, agents and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, costs and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever, including without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, attorney fees and claims for damages arising out of or caused by Seller and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees, or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19 THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION

Seller shall notify Purchaser in writing within five (5) business days of Seller filing bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings or within five (5) business days of its receipt of notification of any action or suit being filed or any claim being made against Seller or Purchaser by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement and/or which may affect the Seller's performance under this Agreement. Failure of the Seller to provide such written notice to Purchaser shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and the Purchaser may, at its sole discretion, pursue its rights as set forth in the Termination Article herein and any other rights and remedies it may have at law or in equity.

ARTICLE 20 AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT

Seller warrants that it is a validly organized business with valid authority to enter into this Agreement; that entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual or other agreement of any kind, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, or prospective legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 21 NOTICE

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by electronic means provided that the original of such notice is sent

by certified United States mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or overnight courier with signed receipt, to the party to whom the notice should be given at their business address listed herein. ITS' address for notice is: Mr. David L. Litchliter, Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, 301 North Lamar Street, Suite 508, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Purchaser's address for notice is: Mr. Edgar Bland, Director of Information Technology, Mississippi Valley State University, 14000 Highway 80 West, Itta Bena, Mississippi 38941. The Seller's address for notice is: **INSERT VENDOR NOTICE INFORMATION**. Notice shall be deemed given when actually received or when refused. The parties agree to promptly notify each other in writing of any change of address.

ARTICLE 22 RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS

Seller shall establish and maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and such other records as may be necessary to reflect its performance of the provisions of this Agreement. The Purchaser, ITS, any state or federal agency authorized to audit Purchaser, and/or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have unimpeded, prompt access to this Agreement and to any of the Seller's proposals, books, documents, papers and/or records that are pertinent to this Agreement to make audits, copies, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions at the State's or Seller's office as applicable where such records are kept during normal business hours. All records relating to this Agreement shall be retained by the Seller for three (3) years from the date of receipt of final payment under this Agreement. However, if any litigation or other legal action, by or for the state or federal government has begun that is not completed at the end of the three (3) year period, or if an audit finding, litigation or other legal action has not been resolved at the end of the three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until resolution.

ARTICLE 23 INSURANCE

Seller represents that it will maintain workers' compensation insurance as prescribed by law which shall inure to the benefit of Seller's personnel, as well as comprehensive general liability and employee fidelity bond insurance. Seller will, upon request, furnish Purchaser with a certificate of conformity providing the aforesaid coverage.

ARTICLE 24 DISPUTES

Any dispute concerning a question of fact under this Agreement which is not disposed of by agreement of the Seller and Purchaser shall be decided by the Executive Director of ITS or his/her designee. This decision shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to the parties. Disagreement with such decision by either party shall not constitute a breach under the terms of this Agreement. Such disagreeing party shall be entitled to seek such other rights and remedies it may have at law or in equity.

ARTICLE 25 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Seller shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all Purchaser policies and procedures, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, policies and procedures as now existing and as may be amended or modified. Specifically, but not limited to, Seller shall not discriminate against any employee nor shall any party be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement because of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin or disability.

ARTICLE 26 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Seller shall notify Purchaser of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients. If such conflict cannot be resolved to Purchaser's satisfaction, Purchaser reserves the right to terminate this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27 SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

By entering into this Agreement with Seller, the State of Mississippi does in no way waive its sovereign immunities or defenses as provided by law.

ARTICLE 28 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

28.1 Seller shall treat all Purchaser data and information to which it has access by its performance under this Agreement as confidential and shall not disclose such data or information to a third party without specific written consent of Purchaser. In the event that Seller receives notice that a third party requests divulgence of confidential or otherwise protected information and/or has served upon it a subpoena or other validly issued administrative or judicial process ordering divulgence of such information, Seller shall promptly inform Purchaser and thereafter respond in conformity with such subpoena to the extent mandated by state and/or federal laws, rules and regulations. This Article shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement, shall continue in full force and effect, and shall be binding upon the Seller and its agents, employees, successors, assigns, subcontractors, or any party or entity claiming an interest in this Agreement on behalf of or under the rights of the Seller following any termination or completion of this Agreement.

28.2 With the exception of any attached exhibits which are labeled as "confidential", the parties understand and agree that this Agreement, including any amendments and/or change orders thereto, does not constitute confidential information, and may be reproduced and distributed by the State without notification to Seller. ITS will provide third party notice to Seller of any requests received by ITS for any such confidential exhibits so as to allow Seller the opportunity to protect the information by court order as outlined in ITS Public Records Procedures.

ARTICLE 29 EFFECT OF SIGNATURE

Each person signing this Agreement represents that he or she has read the Agreement in its entirety, understands its terms, is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the parties and agrees to be bound by the terms contained herein. Accordingly, this Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted in favor of or against the State or the Seller on the basis of draftsmanship or preparation hereof.

ARTICLE 30 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND WORK PRODUCTS

All data, electronic or otherwise, collected by Seller and all documents, notes, programs, data bases (and all applications thereof), files, reports, studies, and/or other material collected and prepared by Seller in connection with this Agreement, whether completed or in progress, shall be the property of Purchaser upon completion of this Agreement or upon termination of this Agreement. Purchaser hereby reserves all rights to the databases and all applications thereof and to any and all information and/or materials prepared in connection with this Agreement. Seller is

prohibited from use of the above described information and/or materials without the express written approval of Purchaser.

ARTICLE 31 NON-SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYEES

Seller agrees not to employ or to solicit for employment, directly or indirectly, any of the Purchaser's employees until at least one (1) year after the expiration/termination of this Agreement unless mutually agreed to the contrary in writing by the Purchaser and the Seller and provided that such an agreement between these two entities is not a violation of the laws of the State of Mississippi or the federal government.

ARTICLE 32 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

32.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes and replaces any and all prior negotiations, understandings and agreements, written or oral, between the parties relating hereto, including all terms of any unsigned or "shrink-wrap" license included in any package, media or electronic version of Seller-furnished software, or any "click-wrap" or "browse-wrap" license presented in connection with a purchase via the internet. The LOC, General RFP No. 3617 and Seller's Proposals in response thereto are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

32.2 The Agreement made by and between the parties hereto shall consist of, and precedence is hereby established by the order of the following:

- A. This Agreement signed by both parties;
- B. Any exhibits attached to this Agreement;
- C. LOC;
- D. General RFP No. 3617 and written addenda, and
- E. Seller's Proposals, as accepted by Purchaser, in response to the LOC and General RFP No. 3617.

32.3 The intent of the above listed documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the services by the Seller. The documents are complementary, and what is required by one shall be binding as if required by all. A higher order document shall supersede a lower order document to the extent necessary to resolve any conflict or inconsistency arising under the various provisions thereof; provided, however, that in the event an issue is addressed in one of the above mentioned documents but is not addressed in another of such documents, no conflict or inconsistency shall be deemed to occur by reason thereof. The documents listed above are shown in descending order of priority, that is, the highest document begins with the first listed document ("A. This Agreement") and the lowest document is listed last ("E. Seller's Proposals").

ARTICLE 33 SURVIVAL

Articles 6, 7, 14, 18, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, and all other articles, which by their express terms so survive or which should so reasonably survive, shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 34 DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Seller certifies that neither it nor its principals: (a) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency; (b) have, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property; (c) are presently indicted of or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state anti-trust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property, and (d) have, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transaction (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

ARTICLE 35 NETWORK SECURITY

Seller and Purchaser understand and agree that the State of Mississippi's Enterprise Security Policy mandates that all remote access to and/or from the State network must be accomplished via a Virtual Private Network (VPN). If remote access is required at any time during the life of this Agreement, Seller and Purchaser agree to implement/maintain a VPN for this connectivity. This required VPN must be IPSec-capable (ESP tunnel mode) and will terminate on a Cisco VPN-capable device (i.e. VPN concentrator, PIX firewall, etc.) on the State's premises. Seller agrees that it must, at its expense, implement/maintain a compatible hardware/software solution to terminate the specified VPN on the Seller's premises. The parties further understand and agree that the State protocol standard and architecture are based on industry-standard security protocols and manufacturer engaged at the time of contract execution. The State reserves the right to introduce a new protocol and architecture standard and require the Seller to comply with same, in the event the industry introduces a more secure, robust protocol to replace IPSec/ESP and/or there is a change in the manufacturer engaged.

ARTICLE 36 STATUTORY AUTHORITY

By virtue of Section 25-53-21 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, as amended, the Executive Director of ITS is the purchasing and contracting agent for the State of Mississippi in the negotiation and execution of all contracts for the acquisition of information technology equipment, software, and services. The parties understand and agree that ITS as contracting agent is not responsible or liable for the performance or non-performance of any of Purchaser's or Seller's contractual obligations, financial or otherwise, contained within this Agreement.

For the faithful performance of the terms of this Agreement, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned representatives.

**State of Mississippi, Department of
Information Technology Services, on
behalf of the Mississippi Department of
Finance and Administration, Bureau of
Buildings, on behalf of Mississippi Valley
State University**

INSERT VENDOR NAME

By: _____
Authorized Signature

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Printed Name: David L. Litchliter

Printed Name: _____

Title: Executive Director

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A